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Beverages — Potations — Drinkables

THE original food provided for man, and perhaps all he needed to drink, was in the fruit, which is still his best food. At any rate, nothing was said about drink; and there are some who claim that if one eats plenty of fruit he will not need to drink at all.

However, one drink at a bubbling spring was probably enough to convince Adam that water is a good drink; in nature the lower animals drink nothing else, except milk. God provided Hagar with water to drink, and miraculously sustained 2,000,000 people in a rainless land for forty years, causing streams of life-giving waters to break out wherever they were needed.

The Scriptures fail to record that any "health authorities" chlorinated the waters as they issued from the rocks at Sinai. That, at least, permits us to inquire if these people who insist on putting so many carloads of hydrochloric acid and other chemicals into public drinking water are absolutely sure that they are doing the wise and necessary thing. Chlorine causes fever.

The chlorination of water is a great industry. It is now done automatically. A clever device automatically increases or reduces the chlorine according to the amount of pollution in the stream. There is no contention that the surface waters which drain barnyards and swamps are drinkable; but it is oxygen that such waters need, not chlorine.

The first chlorination of a public water supply was at Lincoln, England. It is claimed that in this instance a typhoid death rate of 17 per 100,000 was reduced to 1 per 100,000 by this means, and that chlorination of water "keeps it sweet and pleasant to taste and smell". Maybe so, but—?

New York city has an unusually good water supply; one of the best anywhere, we think. The water comes from the Catskill mountains, more than 100 miles away, and is brought under the Hudson river and down along the eastern hills in one of the finest aqueducts ever constructed.

New Hampshire is one of the most beautiful and healthful sections of the United States. The city of Dover, in that state, has an excellent water supply, yet a young woman secured a verdict giving her damages because, after she was made ill from drinking from a certain faucet, a worm was ejected from the pipe. And somehow we all feel as if she was entitled to something.

Billions of Little "Critters"

Magnifying a drop of water a million times is said to show that every bit of water we drink is inhabited by cannibal microbes that make war upon one another constantly. At the New York Museum of Natural History is a glass device, which took four years to make, which shows, on a tremendously enlarged scale, what some of these little sinners look like. Some are minute plants which, nevertheless, are meat-eaters and set net-like traps for wandering microbes that are so small they cannot be seen by us when we pour them by the billions down our necks.

While those who ought to know tell us that many of these little savages are good for us, yet somehow we would just as soon take ours clear, more especially as we are also told that, when treated with ozone, water can be delivered crystal clear free from bacteria and with a very low organic content. Electricity converts oxygen into ozone.

The method by which drinking water is electrically purified is well understood, and quite widely used. Sometime, when the bankers are all through with piling up service charges for the electric companies to load over on the rest of mankind, and their honest successors are interested in seeing what they can do to make the world a better place in which to live, all public drinking water will be ozonized, and safe for everybody.

Oddly enough, one of the safest drinking waters is that supplied on shipboard. It comes

from the briny deep. It is boiled; the steam rises through pipes to the distiller, which consists of coils with cold water running over them. This condenses the steam; result, fresh pure water.

The first public filter was constructed for the Chelsea Water Company, London, in 1829. This filter is still in use; no doubt it is so constructed that it can be frequently cleaned. A dirty filter is worse than no protection. Humans owe it to the lower animals to see that they have good, pure water to drink. The old oaken bucket was better before it became moss-covered. Too much water (most people do not drink enough) is supposed to carry off too many of the salts of the body.

Other Early Drinks of Man

Cain and Abel drank milk to their mother's delight, and most little folks from that time to this have followed their example. Somebody made the discovery that cows' milk, goats' milk, ewes' milk, asses' milk and mares' milk are good to drink. Abraham served milk, probably cows' milk, to his guests at the plains of Mamre. His descendants were promised that they should come into a land "flowing with milk".

The statement is made that for families spending as much as 20 cents per person per day for food, milk at 10 cents a quart is considered a good investment. Some dietitians preach and practice the milk diet most enthusiastically, while others claim that milk should not be much used by adults. Jesus did not mention it; Paul says it is food for babes, later put away.

Buttermilk is, by some, considered an excellent summer drink, but is detested by others. A gentleman who could never bear it had a daughter that sipped it from a spoon with keenest relish when she was but a few days old. Some children that sicken on sweet milk thrive on buttermilk. It is supposed to act as a cleansing agent, for those who can drink it.

Wine from the Days of Noah

Wine has been with us from the days of Noah (and quite probably from the days of Adam), and will be with us forever, and it was not and is not unfermented grape juice that is referred to. The Scriptures grant its reasonable use, but decry its abuse. The perfect man will have perfect judgment in this and in every other respect.

Jacob, blessing Judah, foretold "Darker—his eyes than wine" (Genesis 49:12, *Rotherham*); God himself prophesied, "I will bring again the captivity of my people . . . and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof." (Amos 9:14) Wine was poured out as a drink offering to Jehovah God. (Exodus 29:40) It "maketh glad the heart of man" (Psalm 104:15); and it is even said that it "cheereth [both] God and man". (Judges 9:13) In each of these instances it is fermented grape juice that is referred to; in most instances, it was but slightly alcoholic.

In the New Testament we have the well known facts that Jesus' first miracle was the turning of water into wine, that He was called a winebibber, that He used wine at His last meal on earth and asked to be remembered with wine; we have Paul's advice to Timothy to use wine instead of water with his meals, and his advice to the aged women not to be given to *much* wine, showing that it was all right for the old ladies to take a little nip now and then, if they did not overdo it.

There are numerous cautions in the Scriptures respecting its use. The high priest might not drink it when he went into the presence of the Lord. Jehovah God mentions that in the wilderness He gave His people neither wine nor strong drink. There is the statement that "wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; and whosoever reeleth thereby is not wise". (Proverbs 20:1, *A.R.V.*) Nazarites were not to drink grape juice, fermented or unfermented, nor to eat fresh grapes or dried. (Numbers 6:3, 4, *A.R.V.*) It is said of John the Baptist that he drank no wine nor strong drink. However, he admitted that he was unworthy to unloose Jesus' shoelatchet, and Jesus did drink, moderately. Of that there is not the least question.

The Detached Viewpoint

The detached viewpoint of those that are not interested in this subject one way or the other must be ours, and we are glad that it is so. It is like the profession of the winetaster. This man, so it is said, uses no stimulants of any kind, no matter how mild, uses no tobacco, and does not drink any of the wines that he tastes. He takes a little wine in his mouth, decides what it is, and then spits it out.

Formerly, wine was generally made by dancing barefoot on the grapes. It is the skins that give the color to the wine. Even to this day in France, the principal wine country of the world, the skins are not allowed to come to the top of the vat. Whenever they give signs of so settling, a man completely naked is let down into the

vat to force them under again. Before the man can be let down in, the carbon dioxide and other gases have to be fanned away until the air is pure enough for the man to descend.

The hotter and drier the summer, the better the wine produced, because the natural sugar content is greater. That is why certain districts produce certain kinds of wines which cannot be produced as well in any other climate. If the weather in a certain season does not suit the wine growers of Burgundy, then no wine that is produced that year is sold as Burgundy wine. The various wines of which one hears, Champagne, Bordeaux, etc., come from certain carefully delimited districts bearing those names.

The French Take It Seriously

The French take the wine business seriously, as the Germans do beer, and as the Scotch and Irish do whisky. There is the French Academy of Wine; its business is to popularize wine, and especially French wine, and to make it for other people what it is to Frenchmen, their "second blood", so called.

One job of the French Academy is to try to persuade the people of more northern climes to give up their hard drinks and come over to milder ones. French children are given wine with their meals from infancy, and are taught of it in school days. The workman will often drink a quart at a meal. France produces almost as much wine as the rest of the world put together.

Wine consumption in France is tending to decrease, in spite of the efforts of the Academy to have it used instead of tea and coffee and the other alcoholic drinks. In Paris the number of arrests for drunkenness is more than double that of New York city, in proportion to population.

Corks were first used in champagne bottles in 1682. Previous stoppers were made of hemp soaked in oil. Some wine was recently discovered sealed with a double seal, and known to be 800 years old; it had disintegrated and was unfit to drink. By the use of high voltage electric current wine is now ripened in one day, giving it the aroma of a product twenty years old. "Century-old" sherry can be produced in a few hours' time. It is claimed that some wines, notably delicate sherries and port, are affected by ocean voyages.

Wine is the greatest Italian industry. In Italy wine has been sold for five cents a quart and fed to horses, mixed with their oats; mixed with water it is the family drink. Once a year, in the town of Marino, free wine is served for an hour in the vintage season. Great crowds gather for the celebration.

The most famous of wines is Tokay, 200 years old, priced at $15 to $100 or more a bottle. A man must reverently worship his stomach who can afford to buy it. At one feast, in the Middle Ages, in the home of Archbishop Neville, it is recorded, there were consumed 13,000 dozen bottles of wine and 75,000 gallons of ale; some must have loved their bellies then too, and had big ones at that.

In the eyes of the law cider is wine, and Americans in recent years have been jailed and fined heavily for making and selling cider. Loganberry wine is made on a considerable scale in British Columbia. Rice wine has been made in Japan for 2,000 years. The American statesman Thomas Jefferson held that the widespread and general use of wine and beer was the only alternative of the whisky-drinking so general in his day.

The recipe for unfermented grape juice is as follows: 10 pounds of ripe Concord grapes, 1 cup water, 2 pounds sugar. Add the water to the grapes and heat until stones and pulp separate. Strain. Then add sugar and heat to boiling point. Be sure sugar is well dissolved. Seal while hot. This recipe makes one gallon.

Beer Is Another Old Drink

Beer is another old drink; it was made of barley in Egypt in the time of Moses. It was also made in Babylon. In the reign of Rameses III of Egypt 466,303 jugs of beer were used for sacrificial purposes, libations to heathen deities. The brewers then (as they have been many times since) were priests. "Yuletide" originally meant "Aletide", so it is claimed. At that time presents of malt were made to the priests with which to brew the beer.

In the days of Tacitus, writing in the first century of the Christian era, beer was a common drink in Germany, and it still is. It is defined as a liquor that has not undergone distillation. In 1914, it is claimed, enough beer was drunk in the United States to fill a ditch three feet wide and six feet deep running from New York to Seattle.

Beer trucks have reappeared upon the streets, and booze joints formerly operated secretly now have open doors and signs to attract visi-

tors. New York state is to have 7,000 drink emporiums, and was treated to the spectacle of three state senators demanding of the liquor board ten licenses each as their share of the graft. The pretzel business is booming.

The effort of some to work up an appetite for the product of the brewer's art was retarded slightly by the published discovery of 59 dead rats in one vat of a bootleg brewery, and the information coupled with it that the fishing of dead rats out of the vats is a part of brewery routine. The rats go wild over the smell of the malt, they fall into the vat, and sink to the bottom. After three days they swell and rise to the top, when they are skimmed out. The bitter, piquant taste enjoyed by some is traced to the vats that have not been skimmed.

Beer racketeers are said to be still dumping their beer at $36 a barrel and telling proprietors who could buy better at less than half the price that they must take it and like it. Hesitancy or opposition means crepe and flowers, candles and holy water.

Britain is now drinking more milk than beer. There is a wide demand there for a certain compound of malt and hops, which is sold with dried yeast in a separate container. Following instructions, the purchaser produces a nonalcoholic beer; but, if allowed to stand for a time, it gets as authoritative as may be desired, and produces correspondingly devastating results.

Brandy—Whisky—Gin—Rum

Brandy, whisky, gin and rum are all practically one and the same thing. They are all distillates of spirituous liquors: brandy, of wine; whisky and gin, of grain; rum, of molasses. The percentage of alcohol by weight runs from around 40 percent to 55 percent. Nobody has ever claimed that it does anyone any good to drink any of this stuff; it is drunk for the effect it creates.

There are all kinds of combinations and modifications of the foregoing, and under a great variety of names. Grog is rum and water; toddy is rum, hot water and sugar; switchel is rum, water, molasses and vinegar; applejack is a name for apple brandy. The general effect of a small quantity of alcohol is to dull the finer faculties of the mind, while a large amount puts it out of commission altogether.

Cocktails are combinations of some or all of the spirits named in this subhead, along with lemon, orange, cherry, sardine, olive, sugar, and such other things as the bartender can guess at to make it interesting. Some or all of these are mixed with ice, and swallowed. It is an American habit and is filling Europe with dismay, where it is accused of being the direct cause of many motor accidents.

Prohibition caused the drinking in America of much denatured alcohol, anti-freeze liquids, Jamaica ginger, patent medicine, and anything else that had alcohol in it. In the state of Kentucky twelve deaths occurred, and in three states more than 5,000 persons were made desperately ill by Jamaica ginger drinks containing creosote and carbolic acid; the government got the guilty parties. Many were blinded by drinking wood alcohol abominations.

Chile and Peru have a national beverage called chicha. Old women sit around a tub; they rapidly chew mouthfuls of maize and spit it into the tub. At length the tub is filled; water is added, and the mixture is left to ferment in the sun. Sounds as if it might be good—for those who like it!

The reaction time of a normal-individual automobile driver is one-fifth of a second. In that time he sees an emergency, weighs the possibilities, decides what to do, and applies the decision through his muscles to the brake, clutch, steering wheel or other mechanism. Reaction time is doubled by two ounces of whisky, which is considered an average drink. In other words, a drinker of hard liquor is handicapped by 14 feet 8 inches if he is going 50 miles an hour. This may cause his death, and has often caused the death of many others besides.

The Caffeine Drinks

How can a man whose nerves will not permit him to drink the mildest stimulant of any sort have a kind word to say for even the caffeine drinks, coffee, coca cola, tea? And yet, without a doubt, almost every subscriber of *The Golden Age* drinks one or more of these delectable but nerve-wrecking beverages. We don't like to offend anybody; but you may as well know the truth, and so we start you off with a quotation from the *Encyclopedia Americana:*

If coffee is mixed with milk or cream, it gives a certain amount of nutritive matter: but its action is usually due to the volatile oils, and to the caffeine contained. The volatile oil, like others in this class, stimulates peristalsis; but taken too often and in too large quantities the oil contributes to the causation of a certain amount of gastric indigestion. The more deli-

cate the aroma of the coffee the less the oil, and the better from this standpoint. The action of caffeine is more complex. So far as coffee drinking is concerned, the action of caffeine is that of a cardiac stimulant, a nerve-muscle excitant, a diuretic and a cerebral excitant. Thus it may cause a sense of undue fullness in the blood vessels. It almost invariably causes a slight muscular tremor, which is noted in those who use their hands for fine work, as artists, for example. It causes an increased flow of urine, and tends to prevent sleep. Time, custom, usage, dose and the individual's reaction all modify these general laws; but these reactions occur, although none of them may be of sufficient grade to make the observer cognizant of the action. Thus many people are not kept awake by coffee. They have probably habituated themselves and require larger doses. Hot coffee is one of the best heart tonics known, and it is sometimes administered in large quantities in cases of shock, opium poisoning, pneumonia, etc. Coffee is also valuable in many types of headache and in many cases of nausea. Its excessive use leads to great muscular irritability, gastritis, restlessness and sleeplessness. It is held by many medical men that the effects of coffee as a beverage are wholly bad. They say that the caffeine in the coffee, or in other vegetable substances—tea, coffee, kola, guarana and maté, or Paraguay tea—is a stimulant to the brain, nerves, heart and kidneys. In small doses it helps to resist fatigue, increases mental power and promotes excretion of urine. Large doses or continued use, however, tend to make a person nervous, to induce irritability of the heart, with considerable depression, and to upset the stomach. The mildest results of an overdose are a tendency to wakefulness, but there are recorded a number of deaths from heart failure due to its employment in large doses.

Gemaledie and the Whirling Dervishes

The use of coffee as a beverage had its origin with Gemaledie, the mufti of Aden, Arabia. He had learned of the drug in Abyssinia, across the strait from Aden, and asked the whirling dervishes to use it so that they might keep awake longer in their whirling in honor of the Devil and in dishonor of God. They took to it like a duck to water. This was about A.D. 1500.

In A.D. 1511, having already discovered that coffee drinking is a mild form of intoxication, the Mohammedan General Conference at Cairo ordered its use discontinued, but they struck a snag. The sultan of Egypt in the meantime had become a coffee fiend; so they had to back up and reverse themselves and recommend coffee as a gift from Allah. Theologians are like that. Coffee is from the original Arabic name for it, *Gahwah.*

The world's first coffeehouse was opened in Constantinople, in 1554; it had become popular in Venice by 1616; it is heard of in France in 1640, and at Oxford University, England, in 1649. In a little while there were 3,000 coffeehouses in London; they became gambling centers, and in 1675 Charles II ordered every British coffeehouse closed and imprisoned several of the proprietors. The places were subsequently reopened as clubs, and thus originated the famous London clubs, the centers of wit and literature of the eighteenth century. At first the coffee was served in bowls.

The year before the World War Germany drank 412,000,000 pounds of coffee; France, 220,000,000 pounds; and the United States, 990,000,000 pounds. The French are responsible for introducing coffee into the Western world. They introduced the plant into French Guiana and from there it was carried to Brazil, which now produces more than half the world's crop. The Arabs carried it into Java and the East Indies.

Coffee Is Still a Drug

Coffee has no food value; it is a drug. Originally used by the whirling dervishes to keep them awake, it still keeps people awake, if that is what they want. High blood pressure and coffee drinking go together. A cup of coffee contains twice as much uric acid as the same amount of urine. The 2.5 grains of caffeine in the usual cup of coffee produces hardening of the arteries, damages the liver, kidneys and digestion, and causes nervous headaches. But you just go right ahead and drink it if you want to; all we are doing is telling you about it.

Coffee relieves light headache on the same principle that opium relieves pain. Rest and sleep are the true restoratives of man, not stimulants. When sufficient rest and sleep are not secured to insure recuperation, drugs only delay the day of settlement. Proper food gives strength; stimulants produce only weakness. The sleep produced by fatigue is sweet and restful; that produced by opiates is of little value. Tobacco does not cure nervousness; it causes it. Coffee weakens the heart muscles.

Two or three cups of coffee three times a day produce muscular tremors, nervousness, anxiety, apprehension, palpitation of the heart, vertigo, heartburn, dyspepsia, constipation, insomnia, and emaciation. Victims of the habit, if deprived of it, suffer from languor, prostration, restlessness and craving. Swear off completely for one week, to find out if you are a coffee drug

addict. After that, if you still want to drink it, go right ahead. Drinking coffee, it is said, makes one a deep thinker; maybe you want to be a deep thinker.

Vienna reports a case of a man who had become a coffee drunkard. The child of an alcoholic drunkard, he inherited an abnormal thirst, which he tried to assuage with coffee. At forty years of age he was drinking 25 pints of coffee a day, with milk, and consuming 90 pounds of coffee beans annually. He applied to a medical clinic for assistance in breaking his inconvenient and expensive habit.

More About Caffeine Effects

Health Culture is a good little magazine devoted to telling the truth about how to take care of one's body. In an article on "Coffee—A Drug" R. M. Sterrett, M.D., has this to say:

"The first hour after the habitual morning cup of coffee seems to be filled with an unusual sense of mental power and physical well-being. But when the reaction sets in, according to a careful observer, 'that representation of artificially exalted vital energy is gone, then there gradually creeps on a yawning drowsiness and greater inactivity than in the ordinary state, the movements of the body become more difficult than formerly, all excessive gaiety of the previous hour changes to obtuseness of the senses. If, in the first hours, an agreeable warmth pervaded the frame, this fictitious vital spark now gradually becomes extinguished, a shivering sensation is felt, the hands and feet become cold.' There is no doubt that the continued and excessive use of coffee, in many individuals, leads to inflammation of the kidneys, on account of caffeine. This overstimulation of the kidneys can result in but one thing, sooner or later, unless the individual happens to have unusual powers of resistance—i.e., in Bright's disease."

The same writer shows that not only does caffeine at first whip the heart and kidneys into increased activity, but there follows an increased exhaustion and weakness, nervous confusion and incoherence of thought. The excessive use of coffee in Oriental countries is believed to be responsible for many cases of blindness. It is known to cause tinnitus aurim (whistling sensations) and transient deafness; also throbbing of the temples. Children that are taught to drink coffee "fly to pieces" without provocation.

A person who is accustomed to use strong coffee is likely to suffer from headache if he takes for breakfast a cup of coffee which is weaker than usual. The coffee drinker must have his full dose every morning, or he suffers. A coffee headache is an exhaustion headache, similar to that suffered from being long without sleep. Coffee, like strychnine, abolishes fatigue.

Tired All the Time?

Are you tired all the time, except when under the influence of coffee or some other caffeine-containing drug, and do you have a headache unless you have your caffeine the first thing in the morning? Well, you are a caffeine addict, and the best thing you can do is to take no stimulant of any kind for at least a week, so you can study yourself and see how you are. Don't think we are trying to get you to stop drinking coffee. Not at all. You keep right on drinking it till they come with the long box and the camp chairs. All we want to do is to tell you about it; and, besides that, we are not prophesying how long it will be before they drive up with the box.

There have been numerous experiments in colleges and prisons to find out what the effects of coffee are. The New Haven *Journal-Courier* had an article intended to show that coffee does not promote sleeplessness. Believing their point established, they wound up with the following, which proves exactly the reverse:

"Who has not enjoyed a great book after a refreshing cup of coffee? And who has not, far, far into the night rejoiced that the beverage has given a tired mind the stimulation it has needed for concentration? Let us sing, therefore, the praises of the amber cup when quaffed at night."

Many people who think they are buying ground coffee are truly getting some of that, but may also be getting peas, beans, wheat, rye, chicory, brown bread, pilot bread, charcoal, dried pellets or date stones. The average New York restaurant uses a coffee that is 15 percent chicory, and it is said that the men like it better than the real coffee they get at home.

The Swedes are the world's champion coffee drinkers; they average 600 cups apiece per year; Americans next, with 500 cups. The British drink tea instead; evil-minded Americans abroad have said that the reason why the British do not drink more coffee is that they do not know how to make it. This doubtful compliment to the good sense of the British loses its value when we come to the subject of their particular caffeine-drink—tea. Coffee drinking in the United States is on the increase.

Brazil the Coffee Center

The so-called "coffee berry" is really the seed of the coffee fruit; there are usually two seeds in each pod, but sometimes only one. The growing and harvesting of coffee costs about 7c per pound. The green coffee is put up for shipment in sacks of 132 pounds, so that the cost of a sack is roughly around $10. Brazilian coffee is strong, highly flavored.

Brazil produces 69 percent of the coffee of the world, the crop for 1930-1931 being estimated at 25,000,000 sacks. In that year, in order to stabilize the market, the Brazilian government destroyed by fire or dumped into the sea about 12,000,000 sacks. Efforts to make illuminating gas from the low-grade coffee destroyed were not altogether satisfactory.

Whisky is now made from fermented coffee-fruit pulp.

The milder coffees of Colombia and Central America are much in demand for blending with the Brazilian coffees. Nine-tenths of the Colombian product goes to the United States for that purpose. The odd statement is made that the finest Costa Rican coffee is in such demand in America that it cannot be had in Costa Rica itself but has to be reimported from the United States, to be had free from adulteration.

Kora coffee, grown on Kora, Hawaii, is renowned for its fine flavor, being mild and mellow, and is used also in the United States for blending purposes. Colombia, Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, all together, produce about 4,000,000 bags a year, of which one-half is Colombian.

It is said that there is a coffee grown on Grand Comoro Island, off South Africa, which contains no caffeine. It is also said that in interior Venezuela there is a bean called Amazona which is very similar to coffee and is likewise without caffeine. We hope to see these caffeineless coffees take the place of all others in due time.

Meantime, let coffee-lovers who must avoid caffeine take heart. Kaffee Hag, not so very palatable, has much of the caffeine removed, and Sanka, very palatable, very delicious, has almost all of it removed. It is made, so it is claimed, from the finest Mocha and Java coffee, and, while it costs more at first than ordinary coffee, it costs less in broken nerves in the end.

How to Make Good Coffee

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology spent three years and $40,000 finding out how to make good coffee. Wisely they recommend a coffeepot of glazed earthenware, china, glass or agateware. They did not recommend aluminum coffeepots; neither do we; we are not in cahoots with undertakers.

A man in the coffee business all his life tells us that the only safe way to make it is to have it ground fresh each time; put the ground coffee in a bag of ordinary Nainsook cloth and pour boiling water through it; it must never be allowed to boil; it should not be steeped; it should be served and drunk at once. Stale coffee loses its flavor and is not good for use.

Cafe au Lait, a popular French beverage, is made by mixing an equal amount of boiling-hot coffee and boiling-hot milk.

In Brazil the coffee is served, so it is claimed, "black as night, bitter as gall, and hot as hell." Rudyard Kipling wrote back from Brazil to England that he had to go to Brazil to taste coffee for the first time.

The Joint Coffee Trade Committee of the United States recommends that coffee be drunk without cream, milk or sugar. (And, to be honest, it tastes like nectar that way to a man who does not dare to drink it.)

The Caffeine in Coca Cola

Coca Cola syrup contains more than a grain of caffeine to the ounce. Believing that the country would be better off without this caffeine drink, the United States government is said to have sued, attempting to have its manufacture and sale declared illegal, but the suit was lost on a technicality, and it is being marketed at the rate of $40,000,000 annually.

It is claimed that the Coca Cola habit fastens upon its victims like a dope, and that those ensnared by it lose their efficiency and endurance and become senile prematurely. Pennsylvania has a state beverage law which prohibits the sale of cereal beverages to which caffeine has been added. If properly worded, such a law would exclude the sale of Coca Cola in that state, if we understand the matter correctly.

How to Make Caffeine

The encyclopedia tells how to make caffeine. It says: "For commercial purposes it is commonly prepared from tea dust. This is heated for an hour with four times its weight of boiling water, and then mixed with its weight in lime, and dried. The caffeine is dissolved out with boiling chloroform." In other words, the little

old teapot on the back of the stove is making caffeine right along; and so we come naturally to the subject of tea.

We have to handle this subject carefully, as we have so many British subscribers, and so we start out with a quotation from a good Britisher, Dr. W. E. Dixon, editor of the *New Zealand Health Journal.* That ought to be good; surely he won't say anything to offend the tea-drinkers:

One cup of tea usually contains more than a grain of caffeine, so that the average tea-drinker consumes five to eight grains of caffeine daily. The continual use of caffeine produces mental irritability, digestive troubles and physical depression. These effects can be produced by six to seven grains of caffeine daily. . . . Such persons are possessed of quick perception and acute sensibility, but are so responsive to external impressions that the common affairs of life tend to become a burden.

Ahem! Doctor Dixon is a bit savage after all; so we come back home and take a quotation from the little *Health Culture* magazine. Perhaps our British cousins will like this one better:

If a person consumed an average number of cups of strong tea (with milk) daily, he would partake, in one month, of enough liquid leather to make a pair of shoes. The tannin in tea hardens the lining of the stomach and bowels, inducing serious disorders. Tea hardens the food eaten, delays and diminishes the digestion of gummy substances. Tea, meat and eggs, are disastrous food combinations. The harder it is to give up tea drinking, the more its influence of narcotic action, shown by headaches and other depressing symptoms for the first few days of effort to abandon the tea habit. If tea be consumed immoderately, it leads to nervous agitation, muscular tremors, a sense of prostration, and palpitation of the heart. Tea checks digestion; therefore the error of the usual tea, bread and butter, scones, and cakes. Tea and coffee poisons owe their influence to their narcotic properties. Tea tasters suffer from head troubles, tremors, eye disorders, heart weakness and dyspepsia. Tea, especially strong Indian tea, is a cause of constipation. One pound of tea contains about two ounces of tannin, a powerful astringent, the same as the oak bark used by tanners to harden the skins of animals, in the process of manufacturing leather.

No, that is worse than the other. Well, here is a nice friendly quotation from the *Argus Supplement,* an Australian publication. It is an article recommending the use of tea, but it contains this, and those who think something of the one and only gullet they have may well consider it:

Good tea can do nothing but good, provided it is not allowed to stand sufficiently long to permit of the extraction from it of the harmful tannin. That tannin is most deleterious is shown by the prevalence of cancer of the gullet in Australia, where the habit was to stew tea in a "billy" or kettle for hours, and to drink it all day long. The result of this was the tanning of the lining membrane of the gullet, whose leathery consistence opposed the free passage of food, and the consequent chronic irritation resulted in the frequency of cancer in this situation.

Chin Nung and the Teapot

Chin Nung, Chinese poet, who lived 2400 B.C. [?], is credited with having brewed the first tea. If the date is correct, he was contemporaneous with Noah, and it is held by some that Noah at one time lived in China. The different qualities and colors of tea all come from the same shrub; it all depends upon the fineness of the leaf, and what is done with it afterward.

The shrubs are picked thirty times in a season, and last for thirty years, when they must be replaced by new. The bud produces the finest tea, and the farther the pickers go away from it, the poorer the grade. Leaves picked in the early morning have better flavor than if picked later in the day. Tea grown at 5,000 feet above sea level is superior to that grown on lower levels. The word "tea" is a Chinese word. The Chinese scent their most expensive teas by exposure to the jasmine, rose, gardenia or sweet-scented olive. An average yield of tea is 400 pounds per acre.

Tea was used in Arabia in 850, in Venice in 1559, in Holland in 1610, in England in 1615, and in America in 1650. The first tea house was opened in England in 1657; the price of tea at that time was $30 to $50 a pound. The tea was infused in bulk and kept in barrels to be drawn like beer, when it was warmed for use. In 1664 Queen Catherine, wife of Charles II, received a gift of tea from the East India Company; she liked it, introduced it into society, and it has been the fashionable English drink from that time to this.

In the manufacture of green tea the older leaves, deficient in color, are treated with Prussian blue, indigo or soapstone. Prussian blue, though very poisonous, is useful in paints and dyes, and if a person wishes to dye his insides it is good for that purpose. Indigo and soapstone are doubtless as good as Prussian blue; it all depends on what use one wishes to make of his insides. We are not knocking green tea; we are just telling about it.

The Tea-Tippling Tunisians

Before the World War there was no tea drunk in Tunis, but, as the Tunisians pitched in and helped the French in that conflict, it was thought they were entitled to everything the 'Christians' have, and so tea was brought in. It does not seem to be an unmixed blessing. A report in the Paris *Times* says:

"Addiction to the beverage is now widespread among the people. It has led to the institution of 'tea parties', at which the whole night is spent. In studying the pathological effects of such excessive tea-drinking, Dr. Dinguizli noted harm done to the nervous system and to the blood, a general enfeeblement, eye troubles, and even a diminution in the birth-rate. Many natives, he reports, reach a condition where their craving for tea is so imperative that they sell their belongings and their tools in order to procure it and, in many instances, take to thieving."

It is claimed that half the people of the globe are now tea-drinkers, and the habit is growing. Twenty years ago Britain consumed annually 6½ pounds of tea per head of population; the annual consumption is now between nine and ten pounds. Britain is the premier tea-drinking nation.

The United States ranks fifth among the nations in the per capita consumption of tea. The United Kingdom drinks six times as much tea as it drinks coffee, while the United States drinks sixteen times as much coffee as it drinks tea. Australia shows a great preference for tea; Canada a slight preference. Tea imports into France have doubled in the last two years.

How to Make Good Tea

To have good tea, use fresh water and bring it quickly to a boil. Stale water is tasteless. Pour the boiling water over the dry tea leaves and let it stand not more than 1½ minutes. This absorbs all the delicate oils that give the tea its flavor, dissolves out enough tannic acid to give it a little tang, and takes out about four-fifths of the caffeine contained. Longer infusion gives more tannic acid, at the expense of the volatile oils.

In central Asia, in and around Bokhara, everybody carries his own brand of tea around with him, and, after drinking his tea, eats the tea leaves, which are considered a tempting and irresistible delicacy. Sikh soldiers boil tea leaves, sugar and milk and water together until of the consistency of soup. In Thibetan monasteries tea is highly regarded because it promotes wakefulness. Tea buttered and thickened with oatmeal or barley serves the Mongolian tribesman for both meat and drink.

Tea tasting, like wine tasting, is a recognized profession. In the United States seven men gather about a revolving table laden with cups, long-handled spoons and samples of tea. They determine the exact standards for the seven grades of tea imported into the United States. Once a year also the tea buyers embark for China and Japan on their regular buying trip, to get the choice of the spring pickings.

Britain has one tea taster, Miss Margaret Irving, who every day samples 300 different teas. It is said that she can appraise the value of them within a fraction of a cent a pound. Dried tea leaves have such great absorptive powers that they quickly take up flavors of other foods, no matter what they are, when exposed to them.

The Chinese are such lovers of ginseng tea that last year they imported from the United States more than 250,000 pounds, for which they paid $8 per pound. Only the roots of the plant are used for this tea, which, as a drink, is not highly regarded in this country.

Besides sassafras tea, which is a half drink and half medicine, the United States has a local tea, Cassina, which is much relished in and around Charleston, S. C. South America has a tea called maté, or Paraguay tea, of which 5,000,000 pounds are exported from Paraguay to other countries of South America. There is no demand, however, for this drink elsewhere. All of these teas have caffeine content, except the sassafras. Alfalfa tea is an excellent drink to which no objection of any kind can be raised.

Sodas and Other Soft Drinks

Joseph Priestley invented artificial aeration of water, in 1772, and sodas were soon on sale in Geneva and London. In 1807 a Philadelphia man added fruit juice as a flavor, and that was the beginning of the great soft-drink industry in America that now disposes of 11,000,000,000 bottles annually. It is calculated that into these bottles go 5,000,000 pounds of fruit acid, 1,000,000 gallons of flavoring extract, 250,000 tons of sugar, and 50,000 pounds of artificial coloring matter. How can one get his intestines of the right color unless he does something about it? we ask you.

Soda water gushes in an unending stream out of the bosom of Mount Shasta, California, and the train stops long enough that all the passen-

gers can have a free swig. Maybe there is a "service charge" by now, but there used not to be. At Altheide, Germany, soda water is so abundant that it is used for street sprinkling.

Carbonated water forms copper salts when it comes in contact with copper piping, and such salts are frequently found in connection with soda fountains; they are of benefit only to doctors and undertakers. Saponin, used to make foam on certain soft drinks, when introduced into the blood has the power to destroy the red blood corpuscles.

Fruit and Vegetable Juices

What the human family needs to have to keep well are fruit and vegetable juices. It is claimed that a child has never been known to have infantile paralysis if the nursing mother drank fruit juices in place of milk. Orange juice is captured sunlight; so is lemon juice; so is grapefruit juice; so is tomato juice. If you want to get well and stay well, these are the things to drink. They can be taken separately or together, in hot water or cold.

You don't have to stop there, for the Lord has filled the world with fruit, and in season and out there are fruit juices that may be made, from grapes, currants, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, loganberries, pineapples, peaches, pears, apricots and bananas; and that is not the half of them. In some of these instances the juice is obtained by forcing the pulp through a potato ricer or coarse sieve. How about cider, in its season? Figco, a California drink made from figs, is a wonderful health drink.

Fruit juices, like fruits, are rich in the salts of sodium and potassium and increase the alkalinity of the blood and tissue fluids. The amount of food material in these juices is very large; nearly all of them, bulk for bulk, are of a food value comparable to milk. Strained honey in hot water makes an excellent drink.

And then there are the vegetable juices, oatmeal water, sauerkraut juice, onion juice, or pot liquor of any kind. Beet juice, celery juice, spinach juice, parsley juice; these are the things to drink. Licorice water makes a nice drink; so does mint. How about chocolate or cocoa? Why kill yourself with alcoholic or caffeine drinks when you can have an almost limitless number of fruit and vegetable drinks, inexpensive and ready to your hand, which will keep you in excellent physical condition?

Another Despicable Fraud

AS THE Devil's kingdom gathers momentum for its final plunge into oblivion, those who have given themselves over to their evil master's control do meaner and ever meaner things, being egged on thereto by Gog and his confederates. The latest and one of the most despicable forms of fraud to come to light is set out in the following letter from one of Jehovah's witnesses at Beloit, Wisconsin, addressed to Judge Rutherford:

"I am writing to give information that I believe you would wish to know. There are impostors in our territory using your name and soliciting money. They say they represent Judge Rutherford and the radio station over which your lectures are given. They ask for a contribution of one dollar and give nothing in return. They do not carry books or any literature from the Bible House. I also understand that your books are sold at the doors for a price not in accordance with instructions from the Watch Tower headquarters. How will the people know we are the true representatives? Should we show our permit and authorization card? I am requesting our workers to carry this card with them whenever they are in the service. Would appreciate a reply. Under the sharpshooter arrangement we have a splendid class of young people who are waking up to the Kingdom privileges and take part in the witness work. The book *Preparation* is wonderful, and in the first two days we disposed of nearly all the supply assigned to us. We assure you of our prayers and support in this thrilling work."

We were not privileged to see the personal reply which Judge Rutherford made to the foregoing letter, but we do have from him his consent to publish the following official warning:

ANYONE soliciting money in behalf of the Society, its president or anyone connected with the Society, is doing wrong, and let all persons take notice that such persons are wholly unauthorized by the Society. Those engaged in the work of witnessing to the truth by means of the publications are authorized to do that work, but no one is authorized to go about and solicit money upon the pretext that he represents the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY or its president.

Kingdom Announcements by Judge Rutherford

JEHOVAH'S kingdom is the most important thing ever to come to this planet. That kingdom is now here and functioning, in the midst of its enemies, while the kingdom of Satan is falling in ruins before the eyes of all.

Judge Rutherford stands out as a spokesman for the kingdom of God. Just at present he is engaged in a series of Kingdom announcements that are of greatest importance. More than 200 radio stations are cooperating in getting these before the American radio audience, by electrical transcription.

The first of these announcements, of which there are six, was given over more than 125 stations on December 31. (See the list published on back page of our last issue.*) Since then the interest in these has increased and more stations are coming in on the arrangement.

These announcements are being made on Sundays, 28 at 10:00 o'clock; 10 stations at 10:30; 8 at 1:00 and 4:00; 7 at 12:00 and 12:30. Other popular hours are 9:30, 11:30, 6:30 and 7:00. Call up your radio station and find at what time these addresses will be broadcast.

The following are the Kingdom announcements yet to be given. These are of paramount importance. Gather in your friends and neighbors and let them hear what may mean for them all the difference between life and death.

January 7 THE TRUE GOD
14 THE MIMIC GOD
21 WHY SERVE JEHOVAH
28 VALUE OF KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

February 4 CAN THE WORLD BE RECOVERED?

After you have listened to each of these addresses, if you have been blessed and comforted and helped by them, why not telephone or write the radio station that has been instrumental in bringing you this blessing and tell them in your own words how much you appreciated it? There are plenty of people always glad to knock Judge Rutherford with the radio people; why not be one of those who will do something to help them see the good they are really accomplishing by broadcasting these Kingdom announcements?

*Nearly every station in the United States was invited to broadcast this program, with pay. Many of the leading stations responded that they would gladly broadcast it in the public interest but had to refuse because they feared the "power" which they were told would be used 'to utterly ruin' them. Much of this "power" comes from Vatican City, near Rome.

Priests Took Back the Money They Paid to Judas

NOBODY should be surprised that the priests took back the money they paid to Judas for the betrayal of the Lord. Priests are like that. We have a good illustration of how much principle they have, in a deal that they gave the Portland *Oregonian.*

The *Oregonian* is a stickler for freedom of speech and of the press, so it says. In numerous cartoons it ridiculed the Protestant clergy for their prohibition activities; it was careful never to ridicule the Catholic clergy. It owns two radio stations, KGW and KEX.

These two stations, KGW and KEX, at one time broadcast Judge Rutherford's lectures. Suddenly the 'stickler for freedom of speech and of the press' stopped the broadcasting of Judge Rutherford's lectures from either of them. The reason advanced was that Judge Rutherford had criticized and ridiculed the clergy. It seems that it makes a great deal of difference to the *Oregonian* who it is that exercises his freedom of speech with regard to the clergy, and which kind of clergy is discussed.

When the broadcasting was discontinued, it was hinted to the *Oregonian* management that they were probably doing this at the instance of the clergy. With that fine "sense of honor" which all men have come to recognize as inherent in Big Business concerns, they protested that such is not at all the case. They were just doing this of their own accord.

And then, when Judas tried to fix it up with his guilty conscience, and asked the priests to keep their mouths shut, and when, if they had even the remotest grain of decency in their make-up, they would not have exposed him to the world, see what they did, in the following dispatch published in the *Catholic Universe Bulletin,* Cleveland, Ohio. See how they have shown the management of the *Oregonian* as parties to their infamy, and begging them to keep still about it, and yet they go ahead and publish it, so that all may know what really happened. All can now see that the management of the *Oregonian* betrayed their real friends, and the friends of the people, and sold out to a bunch of

hypocritical priests; then they lied about it, and when, in shame, they begged the priests to keep their infamy silent, they had to witness the following dispatch openly published:

"Portland, Ore., Nov. 11. — Following protests lodged by the Rose City Sodality Conference and the Catholic Young People's Society, stations KGW and KEX have discontinued the Judge Rutherford broadcasts. Announcement of the decision to withdraw the program from the air was made to the Catholic groups in a letter signed by Larry Allen, assistant manager of the Oregonian Radio Service. The letter follows: 'Undoubtedly you will be interested in knowing that the Judge Rutherford transcriptions have been discontinued over both KGW and KEX. The reasons for discontinuing these broadcasts shall be kept private. If our stations have created any ill-will, we are indeed very sorry. However, you must understand that the trial and error method is our best guide in finding out what the public likes and what it dislikes.' "

K. P. Loop, of Oregon, writing to Paul R. Heitmeyer, manager of the Oregonian Radio Service, at Portland, said succinctly:

"Evidently the Catholics felt so good over this victory that they could not keep this letter of Mr. Allen's 'private'. However, they showed Mr. Allen some consideration in that they sent it a long way from home to give it publicity. Many are asking why Judge Rutherford is not being heard over KGW any more, and now we can give them the *real* reason."

Mr. Loop did not like to leave Mr. Allen feeling that he had been neglected in his ministrations, and so he said also to him:

"I really feel that down in the hearts of both you and Mr. Heitmeyer you feel ashamed of the actions you have had to take; but the pressure is too strong, and in order to hold your jobs you have had to give in, as good jobs like you have are not so easy to find these days."

The *Oregonian* will now, no doubt, favor its readers with some thrilling demands for freedom of speech and of the press, backed up by powerful cartoons of Judas in the guise of a publisher, driving a bargain with a gent dressed in a black nightshirt, and decked out with a three-story crown, and giving Judas about as raw a deal as a more or less honest and more or less courageous and more or less truthful publisher ever got.

Oregonian Bedfellows

Duties of Conservation Camp Chaplains

THE ten Roman Catholic priests on the Pacific coast that have been made chaplains of the Citizens' Conservation Corps forest camps in that region will not be overworked. In addition to drawing down pay from Uncle Sam for five years as first lieutenants in the regular army, all they will have to do is to say mass once a week, preach a general sermon which is supposed to be good for everything from an itching scalp to ingrowing toenails, and have charge of the leisure time of all the boys in the camp.

Bricks at $5 Each

BUSINESS being dull, and the church being $2,621.22 in the red, the rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter at Kenilworth, Illinois, got fifty bricks and bricked up the front door, stating that parishioners must use the side door until they bought the bricks across the front door at $5 per brick. This helped business and in a short while the $250 was raised. The pastor was so tickled that he is alleged to have said, "I have made it one of the finest churches in the country, and I won't let it slip if I have to build ten brick walls." What a wonderful training this man is getting for his future work! He will be disappointed, however, if and when he gets into the honest business of bricklaying, to find that bricklaying jobs are hard to get, and the work is hard and dirty and dangerous. And he won't be paid $5 a brick then, either.

Gradually Coming to the Overalls Idea

THE Charlotte *Observer* of October 18 contains the following dispatch from Spartanburg which sets forth part of an idea we have been advocating for a long time:

"Three preachers will wear overalls when they appear in their pulpits in this section tomorrow. The Rev. J. E. McKinney and the Rev. R. P. Lamb of Chesnee and the Rev. J. J. Boone of State Line have formed a group of 50 charter members who will wear overalls 'to church, to school, to work and at all other times except special occasions.' Membership includes the ministers, school teachers, merchants, physicians and representatives of other walks of life. The group hopes to boost the price of cotton."

Nuns May Teach in "Godless" Schools

THE "pope" has denounced American public schools as godless sinks of iniquity. The attorney general of Colorado has just decided that nuns may teach in the public schools of that state and that school boards may lease Roman Catholic parochial school buildings for public school purposes.

The Bishop's Anxiety

THE bishop of Johannesburg has issued an appeal to the people not to disturb their clergy before eleven o'clock, ostensibly so that they can have time for Bible study. Why bother them at eleven, or at all? When given an apportunity to learn something of what the Bible teaches, their anger knows no bounds. The Lord said, "Let them alone."

Arranged for One Day of Peace

A YEAR ago "Ambrose", otherwise Pope Pius XI, arranged for one day of peace between the Catholic countries Bolivia and Paraguay, over their struggle for possession of the Gran Chaco oil fields. It began at midnight December 24, and lasted until midnight December 25. On the understanding that 'he has all power in heaven, earth and hell', as indicated by the triple tiara which at times rests on his brow, seems as if he might have lengthened this reign of peace on earth, good will to men, a little. Both Bolivia and Paraguay are members of the League of Nations, and are by its provisions solemnly pledged not to engage in war, and the rest of the League is solemnly pledged not to permit them to do so, even if they so desire.

Sure an' McCarthy Fixed It for Pat

UNDER the heading "Priest Guilty in Rum Case" the Washington *Times* said: "The Rev. Patrick F. Murphy, of St. Mary's Catholic church, Fairfax Station, Va., yesterday was fined $50 and costs and given 30 days in jail in the Fairfax circuit court on a charge of transportation and possession of liquor. *But Judge Walter T. McCarthy suspended sentence.* Commonwealth's Attorney Wilson M. Farr, of Fairfax county, was excused from prosecuting Father Murphy because of personal interest. Lawrence Douglas, of Arlington county, was appointed. Father Murphy was arrested last week by Sheriff John B. Dowden near Ilda." All this happened while it was still illegal to carry liquor (½ gallon this time) in an automobile.

Fainters Invade the Churches

REGULAR collection-box business has been interfered with recently in Brooklyn churches. A couple of experts enter a church as the benediction is pronounced. One faints and the other speaks in his behalf and solicits contributions. The scheme worked all right in several churches, until a physician present examined the man who had fainted, and found that he was faking, whereupon the fainter and the orator both fled, and the jig was up.

"Golden Hour of the Little Flower"

WE HAVE a card which explains how for $1.00 for each enrollment Catholics, Protestants and Jews may enroll their departed loved ones with Reverend Charles E. Coughlin, Woodward at 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan. If you enroll one it is $1; if two it is $2; if three it is $3; if four it is $4, and if five it is $5. We can see how it is a golden hour for the man who gets the $1, $2, $3, $4 or $5, but it is not just clear what the Little Flower gets or what she has to do with it, anyway. Suppose, now, that we send in five names of our non-Catholic friends, why do we have to send $5 to the Little Flower? and what do they get for it? And we are disturbed because we cannot send this $5 direct to the Little Flower, but have to send it to Mr. Coughlin. Maybe before we invest in $5 worth of this we ought to get a quarter's worth, or 10c worth, just for a sample.

"This Rat Hole Called a Priest's House"

HAVE pity on Reverend S. J. Kelly, S.S.J., St. Peter Claver's church, P. O. Box 925, San Antonio, Texas. He wants money to build a new house and says, "The enclosed is a picture of the house I am compelled under obedience of my superior to live in. I must get out of this rat hole before cold weather sets in. My superior contributes nothing toward a new house. I must raise this money the best way I can. This is fifteen years of criminal neglect. Time and again priests were obliged to give up and go home to regain health that was lost in this rat hole called a priest's house." Seems as if a man who can write like that should not be compelled to live in a rat hole, but maybe he was only joking when he referred to his comrades that way. Probably the best way out of it would be to quit and go into some honest line of work, like digging ditch or working on a railroad section.

Church Will Try Christianity for Three Months

THE Riverside Avenue Christian church, Jacksonville, Florida, decided that during the three months June, July and August it would not mention finances. The notice printed in the paper said encouragingly:

Feeling that the public desired one place where they could get away from the discussion of money, and money campaigns, the church plans to make every service spiritual. Outside of the usual collection, which will be received without any pleas or announcements, there will be nothing but worship in the services of the Riverside Avenue Christian church, during June, July and August.

Who Did She Think Was Driving the Truck?

THE mental confusion into which people plunge themselves when they try to fasten upon Jehovah God the responsibility for accidents and calamities was well illustrated in Buffalo when Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, prominent prohibition leader, said: "When I took up the morning paper and read that Doctor Hibben (former Princeton president) had been killed in an automobile accident, I had a startled feeling that it was a beer truck that hit him. By his ardent support of the wet cause, he was one of those who helped put these very trucks on the road. Then suddenly the court of divine justice inflicted its penalty." It would be an interesting experience to hear a good lawyer question Mrs. Peabody as to just who she thought was driving the beer truck on the day of the accident.

The Physicians Have Some Employment

DOCTOR BAIRD, of Toronto, sent us a couple of items. The first was a note from F. M. Lyster, pioneer witness. It was written from the Sherbrooke jail. That all seems regular; he was following the example of the Lord and the apostles, preaching the gospel from door to door, and the priests and preachers had him locked up. They were afraid, if he kept on, someone might learn something and it would interfere with their business. The second item throws light on the first. It was a clipping from the Toronto *Globe* expressing some surprise that last year the ministers of Ontario secured 400 liquor permits while the physicians of the province secured only 241. The explanation is very simple; the physicians have something to do, but the other persons, having no regular employment, have to resort to expedients to while away the time.

Seems that the Reverend Also Lied

IT SEEMS that the Jonesboro "reverend" who shot and killed the janitor of his church fibbed a little. After he was locked up he said he had fired in self-defense because the janitor had first fired at him. We don't seem to find any passage like that in the Bible, but, be that as it may, when the police searched the body of the janitor they found his gun had not been fired, and the janitor, before he died, also claimed that he had not fired at all. The "reverend" must have been excited, for he shot the janitor three times and another man once. He said he did not know how many times he fired. "Reverends" who murder their fellow men should be very particular to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about such experiences.

Johnny Lovell Full of Hell

THE Abilene (Texas) *Reporter* contained a nine-inch advertisement stating that Johnny Lovell, 'Evangelist,' would preach the next Sunday morning on "When the Devil Played Hell". The advertisement thoughtfully includes the statement: "Lovell is noted for being full of Hell and the Devil too—this will be a 'Spontaneous Combustion' of both." In the absence of definite information to the contrary we will hope that Rev. Lovell had procured Judge Rutherford's book *HELL: What is it? Who are there? Can they get out?* and that he used it as the basis of his discourse. Otherwise, we should be bound to assume that the writer of the advertisement had an intimate personal acquaintance with "Reverend" Lovell and wrote what he did out of a full heart, eager to express the truth.

$249 Worth of Prayers

AN ITEM in a Wisconsin paper mentions that in the recent special session of the state legislature "two hundred and forty-nine dollars' worth of prayer was given the legislators. Local clergymen are paid $3 for each opening of the daily sessions with prayer". Probably the reporter who said that this $249 worth of prayer went to the legislators is correct. We feel quite certain it never went anywhere else. 'Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet and shut the door,' still remains in force. Still, if in these times of unemployment a class of people who have no regular occupation can take over $3.00 in cash for two minutes of prayer addressed to the legislators, who are we that we should complain? No doubt they need the money.

Timberlake Far Richer than Crœsus

MAYBE you did not know that in Oklahoma there is a man named Timberlake who is far richer than Crœsus ever was, but it is so. He wrote in recently, and in his letter said: "I am nothing but an old Cherokee Indian; I have got nothing, but Jesus is mine." Ah! if Crœsus had but been able to say that, how rich he would have been! The old Cherokee has nothing but that which is nearest to the heart of Jehovah God, the Owner of all there is.

In a Chiropractic Hospital

MILDRED R. COONS, pioneer, says: "Although I am still not able to witness from door to door, I have wonderful opportunities here in the sanitarium. On April 5 a girl who was a mental wreck in the psychopathic hospital stopped in for an adjustment. She was on her road to the Gulf to drown herself when she saw the chiropractic sign. After the doctor gave her an adjustment he invited her to come into my room to talk with me. She stayed for about two hours and, by Jehovah's grace, I was permitted to tell her about the Kingdom blessings, and, of course, about the two great organizations. She left, assuring me that she would not take her life. On May 31 she called back just as happy as she could be, saying the adjustment and her talk with Jehovah's witness saved the day for her. And she is to be released from the psychopathic hospital next week. No doubt she will 'get into the chariot'."

The Frenzied Efforts of Religionists

THE editor of the Lynchburg *News* observes: "The effort sometimes is frenzied to make it appear that Abraham Lincoln was an orthodox Christian, though sometimes when forced to the wall recourse is had to the dubious argument that he wasn't an atheist. And now there are those seeking to minimize the expressions on religion of Thomas Edison, who has just died. Church conferences seek to claim him for their own by adopting resolution expressing a sense of loss at his death, when, though science and invention may have lost, it is clear that religion has lost nothing. Others do as is done in the case of Lincoln, reach out to pluck at least one little brand from the burning and proclaim him not an atheist but a deist—something of a believer anyway. All this suggests the presence of fear that if a great man does not believe in the Christian religion the Christian religion loses, that the influence of one man can in measure at least counteract that of Christ himself. It is not reassuring to the waverers, but just the reverse. A faith that has to be thus buttressed is not impressive."

Why, Mary!

SAYS Mary V. Day, of West Virginia: "A dog has a kennel off by itself, a little parsonage of its own, provided by others. It is housed in that kennel, kept warm, fed and chained to a certain post, so it cannot get loose. It has certain bounds it can travel. It is greedy for food and barks for more. Each dog must bark to suit his owner or he will be disposed of. There are different kinds of dogs, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Lutheran, Catholic, too numerous to mention. Some bring high prices, running up into the thousands. There are poodle dogs, lapdogs and bulldogs. When a dog gets game up a tree, the elders come around with collection boxes, shake the tree, and get what may chance to fall. There are sheep-killing dogs. 'Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing.' 'Beware of dogs.' A dog has an easy time of it, but he must wear a collar with D.D. on it or the dog-catcher will get him, and it is only a step from that to frankfurters."

Judge Jones, of Versailles, Is Dead

WITH a shadow of legality, but without a shadow of justice, one of Jehovah's witnesses, a Russian, was fined $10 at Glassport, Pa., for doing the witnessing Jehovah God commanded him to do. The next Sunday the town was served by something like 100 workers, without interference. At the trial the magistrate was warned that all who interfere with Jehovah's kingdom are marked for death. The case went on appeal to Judge Thomas C. Jones, of Versailles. In the face of overwhelming evidence in favor of the accused one, Judge Jones sustained the verdict of the lower court. A few weeks later, while entertaining friends at dinner, he was found dead on the lawn of his home. The account says: "His death was unexpected." In view of the fact that we are now living in the Judgment Day, we can but wonder at this, and the question naturally arises if he may not have died as a result of the adverse judgment of Jehovah God upon his judicial handling of this case.

Limiting Production of Cotton

THE plan to limit the production of cotton threatens to throw out of employment some 200,000 tenant farmers, affecting a million people, leaving them without a means of livelihood and aggravating the problem of unemployment.

Serious Situation in Colorado

REFERRING to the relief situation in Colorado, in which state 60,000 families require assistance to get through the winter, Governor Ed. C. Johnson recently said, "We are sitting on a keg of powder that may be touched off at any minute."

Giving Rather than Dumping

FARMERS have been dumping the milk of "strike-breaking" opposers. Another policy is now being given consideration. Walter M. Singler, president of the Wisconsin cooperative milk pool, one of the prime advocates of the strike, says that strikers will deliver milk free in an attempt to break the market for strike opponents' products.

Price of Milk in New York State

NEW YORK state's milk control board fixes the retail price of milk sold in that state. A Rochester grocer found he was making so much money that with every bottle of milk he gave away a loaf of bread and still made money. The state had him arrested and fined $5, and the grocer is confused to know why he cannot give away bread that belongs to him to anybody to whom he sees fit. The case will go to the United States Supreme Court. The farmers of New York state get next to nothing for their milk.

About Mount Ararat

MOUNT ARARAT is of volcanic origin. Its top, above 14,500 feet, is clad in eternal snows, but, as the sides are of porous lava formation, there are no streams running down to its base. In the moist season sheep graze part way up the mountainside, but in the dry season it does not support life in any form. Even the birds leave it. It is difficult of ascent. On the lower slope are the ruins of the village of Arguri, believed to be the oldest village in the world. It was destroyed by a volcanic eruption in 1840. Armenians declare that when Noah came down from the top of Ararat with his family he settled in Arguri, and there planted his first grape vine.

Can You Use a Buffalo or a Bear?

CAN you use a buffalo or a bear as a pet in your home? If so, all you have to do is to write to the superintendent of Yellowstone Park, Wyoming, tell him whether you want a full-grown one or a baby, and of which sex, and he will send it right on. You have to pay something like $70 for getting your pet to Gardiner, Montana. After that, it will be up to you.

Farmers Puzzled

FARMERS are puzzled about the plan which restricts production and pays them for the reduced efficiency. Government checks are being sent to farmers in areas where there has been trouble, and this advance indication of the government's intention to do something for the farmer has temporarily served to quiet matters in the troubled area.

Race Horses Openly Doped

DESPITE rules perpetually barring from the track any person found guilty of doping a horse, and despite the fact that the use of heroin and cocaine for that purpose is illegal, and that doped horses are thereby ruined, a federal investigation shows that doping is done openly at almost every race track in the country, and heroin and cocaine can be obtained almost anywhere for the purpose, on short notice and for low prices.

Building an Electric Hotbed

AN ELECTRIC hotbed is built by removing the topsoil and laying a heating cable back and forth across the bed, with the strands six or seven inches apart. The heating cable is about the diameter of a lead pencil and covered with lead, so as to give off a maximum of heat without deterioration in an appreciably moist soil. About six inches of soil are placed over the cable and the hotbed is ready for use. In some instances a thermostat is installed at the edge of the bed and the temperature is thus automatically controlled. The heat of manure is constant and dissipates in six weeks. Electricity can be turned on and off, and the results are better. In a California nursery devoted to the growing of young palm trees the rooting time has been cut down from three months to two months, and the percentage of rooting plants has increased from 65 to better than 90 by using the electric hotbed.

Thanksgiving to Baal

AN EDITORIAL in the Altoona *Citizen* says: "In view of the determination of statesmen at the London conference to diminish production, accompanied by inward satisfaction over the injury to Canada's wheat crop, perhaps this year's Thanksgiving proclamation will include an expression of thanks to Baal: 'Wherein it has pleased His Satanic Majesty the Devil, mindful of the interests of the true worshippers of money power, to destroy much of Canada's bountiful harvest, it has been decided to dedicate one special day of thanksgiving to the Prince of Darkness.'"

Price of Tobacco

THE cost of the production of tobacco to the farmer is 12 cents a pound, and the farmers around Danville, Virginia, are much disappointed because the prices they received for their crop this year were less than 13 cents. In other districts the prices were from 17 cents up to 30 cents. It looks as if all the profits in the tobacco business go to the men who have debauched the women and disgraced the nation by billboard advertising that misrepresents the most beautiful and attractive women as being interested in one of the filthiest and most dangerous habits to which the human race is subject. The farmers of Danville did not get for their tobacco one-tenth, and perhaps not one-twentieth, what the tobacco merchant receives for the same amount of the filthy weed.

Activities of the Farm Bureau

IT WILL be a surprise to some to learn, not merely that the Farm Bureau claims the most powerful lobby in Washington (that, in itself, is quite believable), but that, for a consideration, the Farm Bureau representatives have been acting as propagandists for the National Electric association, the National Lumberman's association, the Portland Cement association, the Copper, Brass Research association and the National Automobile association. It seems that the attempt to get the Steamship Owners' Association as another client ($100,000 contribution being the consideration) fell down, because the steamship owners could not see where they were going to get that amount of benefit. The testimony indicates that this industry flourished in the reign of the late lamented Mr. Hoover, in 1930.

Would Be Willing to Try It

DISPATCHES from Hollywood give the names of twenty-six movie stars that receive wages of from $2,500 to $15,000 per week. Most farmers do not know whether they could live on such wages, but would be willing to try it for one week, just to see.

North Dakota Embargo on Wheat

AS A PROTEST against what it considers the unfair treatment of the farmer, the state of North Dakota has put an embargo on shipment of wheat out of the state. The claim is made that present prices are below the cost of production. The aim sought by the embargo is to arouse public sentiment in the east, to see that the farmer gets a fair deal. The farmer thought the New Deal would suddenly give him a rise of about 180 percent in the price of his wheat, but the price stubbornly refuses to rise, because of the unprecedentedly large surplus of 350,000,000 bushels carried over from last year. Looks as if the government would have to do the same thing with the wheat that it did with the pigs. The desperate desire of the wise ones to produce a scarcity of everything or even of something is appreciated, and may work some time, but it does not work yet.

Plan to Wipe Out South African Mortgages

A PLAN to wipe out South African farm mortgages by a huge Government loan is receiving serious consideration. During the first year the farmer would pay the bondholder 3½ percent and the Government would pay the bondholder 2½ percent; in the second year the Government would contribute 2 percent, the third year 1½ percent, the fourth year 1 percent, and the fifth year ½ percent. From the sixth year on a scheme would come into effect under which the farmer would contribute, in addition to 3½ percent interest, 1 percent toward redemption of capital, and the state 1 percent for the same purpose. At the end of 48 years the transaction would be complete. The only ones objecting to this plan are admitted to be the great estates that all can now see have entirely too much to say about how mankind shall be governed. Let them shrink a little, if all are to be advantaged thereby. In the end such a plan would be good for the big fellows themselves. In Armageddon all the big estates will be wiped out, anyway.

No Shoes in Three Years

A GOVERNMENT relief worker in the coal camps of West Virginia reports many cases of children who have had no shoes for three years.

Dope on the Pacific Coast

IT IS claimed that now, since the poppy fields of Jehol passed into the hands of the puppet state of Manchukuo, morphine is for the first time being smuggled into Pacific coast ports from the Far East. This menace of dope is one of the most ominous that the nation faces.

Dad Got His Job

RATHER gleefully a lad playing ball on an empty lot told an investigator at Gastonia, N. C., that his dad had gotten his job away from him, at the cotton mill. Dad gets $14.50 per week where the lad used to get $6, and the merchants of Gastonia correspondingly rejoice.

Women Who Wish to Go Blind

WOMEN who wish to go blind, and who have been heading in that direction by having their eyelashes painted with aniline derivatives and preparations containing silver nitrate, will be denied that privilege henceforth in New York city. Such eyelash preparations have been banned, and those who offer them for sale henceforth will be prosecuted.

Homesteads for the Unemployed

FOLLOWING a similar plan, found successful in Germany, the government will undertake the homesteading of 200 unemployed families near Morgantown, West Virginia. The homes will cost $2,000 each, and will each have two to four acres of land suitable for gardening, poultry raising and the growing of fruit. Payments will be extended over 20 years, and rates of interest will be made low.

Youngest Gang of Criminals

THE youngest gang of criminals was discovered in Denver. They had a ten-year-old chief and a seven-year-old queen. They met regularly in a garage to plan and discuss their thefts. At length they broke into a church, drank the sacramental wine, smashed a $750 stained-glass window, and wrecked an expensive clock and other furniture; all of which led to their undoing.

3,600,000 Have Gone Back to Work

OF THE 13,689,000 Americans who were out of work in March, 3,600,000 had gone back to work by the end of September. This leaves 10,089,000 still unemployed, and it is not seen how work can be provided for them except by a further shortening of the hours of the working week.

The Disappearing Gold Standard

THE gold standard is just naturally disappearing. Of the gold produced since Columbus discovered America more than half has disappeared. Perhaps a third of the total has gone to India, to be hoarded; some has been buried with the dead, while a huge sum, many, many, hundreds of millions of dollars' worth, lies on the floor of the ocean and will probably lie there forever.

General Johnson's Verdict

REFERRING to the leaders of finance and their utterances, General Johnson said, "Back East, from the financial rabbit warren . . . you hear, 'Let us alone and we'll fix it . . .' They are the same old voices and the same old words. They learn nothing and forget nothing. In view of what they have done to this country, it is the most impudent and audacious chorus ever chanted."

Starvation or Taxation

IN *The World Tomorrow* Kirby Page, under the heading "Starvation or Taxation", shows that during the past six years, if incomes and inheritances had been even moderately limited, the total that would have been available for public relief would have exceeded fifty billion dollars. The position is taken that no person should be permitted to receive an inheritance in excess of $100,000, or receive an annual income in excess of $20,000.

New York's Polite Daylight Robbers

PROBABLY no city has a more polite or efficient force of daylight robbers than New York. At Fifth avenue and Thirty-fifth street, while thousands were passing in front of a jewelry store, they cut a triangular piece of glass out of a show window and made off with it and eight thousand dollars' worth of diamonds and jewelry besides. A traffic cop standing within twenty feet was not disturbed or interfered with in any way.

Texas Statesmen Find New Industry

SEVERAL Texas statesmen have discovered a new industry. They have found that they can sell state jobs at a good profit, and some of them have taken in as much as $2,000 at a time in their new enterprise. The taxpayers are not so sure that this new statesmanship is all that it should be, and are investigating.

Sane Indians Held as Insane

MORE than a score of sane Indians, it is reported, are imprisoned in the insane asylum at Canton, S. Dak., under sickening and intolerable conditions. In some instances persons who are now and always have been sane have been confined for years because of some slight difficulty at a school or on a reservation. Straitjackets have been used on the sane. When the federal government sought to close the institution, a local judge granted an injunction, to keep the funds in the community.

Species of Postage Stamps

THE *Heroldo de Esperanto* says that from the year 1840, when the first postage stamps appeared in England, up until now, there have been manufactured 56,913 kinds of postage stamps. Of this number, 17,200 were from Europe, 13,500 from America, 12,150 from Africa, 10,500 from Asia and 3,557 from Australia. The greatest number of postage stamps to date have been issued by Nicaragua, which has brought out 1,183 different species. Hungary follows, with 1,036, and Colombia, with 1,020 species.

Statistics of Crime in the U. S. A.

THE criminal army of the United States, embodying 400,000 citizens, of whom 120,000 are assassins, is three times the size of the regular army. It commits 12,000 murders a year, 3,000 kidnapings, 100,000 assaults, and 50,000 robberies. It burglarizes 40,000 homes and other places and burns more than 5,000 of them. It has built up a dope traffic of more than two billion dollars a year, or five times what it cost to build the Panama canal. The annual crime bill is $13,000,000,000 a year, which is more than three times the cost of the federal government. The industry of racketeering in the United States is now larger than the motor-vehicle, meat-packing, and steel works and rolling-mill business, which, next in line, are the three largest industries in the country.

Law of Conspiracy

SECTION 19 of the Federal Penal Code reads as follows:

"If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same, or if two or more persons go in disguise on the highway, or on the premises of another, with intent to prevent or hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured, they shall be fined not more than $5000.00 and imprisoned not more than ten years, and shall, moreover, be thereafter ineligible to any office or place of honor, profit or trust created by the constitution or laws of the United States."

Tardy Justice in Illinois

KNOWING who the real murderers were, a Rockford (Illinois) lawyer allowed his client, an innocent man, to be convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for a crime he did not commit. The man skipped to New Orleans, and while he was there the guilty confessed the crime and were sentenced to prison terms. The innocent man, improperly defended and improperly convicted, returned to Rockford and after four years succeeded in having his lawyer haled into court, with the result that the lawyer must pay $29,250 in damages. It is not often that a mere citizen can obtain any justice in this world, and least of all may he expect to do so when he gets into difficulties with a crooked lawyer.

Japanese Goods Dumped for Price of Raw Cotton

F. E. SKINNER, of India says:

"A few weeks ago there was an article in our local paper which I wish I had sent to you, but, in substance, the article showed the following, which I know to be actual facts: That Japan is, in spite of tariff walls, selling cotton piece goods in Bombay at the price of raw cotton. This is the cause of the greatest wail Bombay has heard for a long time from the mill-owners. Furthermore, that a Japanese concern did erect a mill in Bombay some time ago and had to close down because of the heavy losses incurred. These are actual facts. The reason for this 'unfair competition' is believed to be that Japan's policy for unemployment relief is to subsidize industry to enable them to dump their goods in foreign markets at a price which cuts out all fear of competition."

Contracting Spiral of World Trade

A FRIEND in Spain has sent in a diagram showing the contracting spiral of world trade. In the shape of a spider web, with the circles getting smaller and smaller it shows world trade month by month from January, 1929, to March, 1933; in four years world trade shrank from $5,352,000,000 to $1,788,000,000—a shrinkage of 66⅔ percent.

Untermyer's Tribute to Morgan & Co.

IN AN address before the University Club, at Los Angeles, Samuel Untermyer, New York's most famous lawyer, paid his compliments to the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Company in the following words:

"In some respects J. P. Morgan & Company has been a valuable asset to the country, but in others it has been a staggering liability. I have tried to visualize what financial and industrial America would be today without it or a like instrumentality. It is difficult; it would be minus most of its colossal waterlogged ventures that have cost our investing public the loss of many billions of dollars and would probably also be minus the curse of our own tragic participation in the war and its tragic aftermath from which we are still suffering and will long continue to suffer."

The Two Best Cashiers

IT IS well known that the heavyweights of Big Business are overstuffed and the hay with which they are packed projects from every seam. They sometimes get confidential with their stenographers. One such young lady was highly amused by the following incident. She lives in a southern state and recently wrote us as follows:

"The cashier of an insurance company here, after taking dictation from the boss, was told that she was the best cashier he ever had, excepting one during the World War. He said that while he and almost everyone else were out selling Liberty Bonds to help the Government, this cashier was out selling Russell's books knocking the Government. One day he searched the cashier's desk and found some of the books. He said: 'Of course, I asked him to resign.' The one who took his place could not do the work nearly so well. He went on to say that the work was carried on by some Judge Rutherford, but that 'we finally got him into prison'. Then he quickly changed the subject and dismissed her. This cashier has Judge Rutherford's books and is now subscribing for *The Golden Age*."

Penn Yan Helps the Small Electric User

PENN YAN (New York) municipal electric lighting and power plant has endeared itself to all men by making a reduction of 28 percent for the first 500 kilowatts used for power. Hitherto all public utilities have granted their biggest reductions to the largest users; this is the first time that definite and intelligent steps have been made to do something for the small user. Penn Yan, if we remember correctly, occasionally gives its patrons a month's electric service free of charge.

Why Keep Morgan in Hot Water?

FERGUS FALLS, Minnesota, buys its electricity from the Otter Tail Power Company for 1½c per kilowatt hour and then distributes it over the city and sells it to the consumers at 3.4c per kilowatt hour. We suppose, if there are any newspapers in Fergus Falls (population 10,000) that are owned by representatives of any of the Morgan interests, they must be greatly distressed that this is not all in private hands, i. e., in Morgan hands, but somehow the people feel content to get their juice at half the usual rates. And, besides, they don't want half the sums they pay for electricity to go to Morgan. It would be just that much more income he would have to conceal the next time he makes up his income tax sheets. Why keep the man in hot water?

The Bootlegging of Insurance

H. E. COFFEY, of Texas, says: "It seems to me some interesting information could be given on the insurance 'racket' just now. I know that life insurance agents selling old line 20-payment policies, in order to make sales, are offering prospects 50 percent and more of their commission. The agent gets from 75 percent to all of the first premium. At least one business man stands in with an agent and for only a few dollars has his life insured in old line companies for a good many thousands. He changes to a different company every year and never pays any but the first premium—he doesn't pay that, only the fractional sum the agent must pay in to the company. Just as the prohibition law is evaded, just as gasoline is bootlegged to evade heavy tax, so there are insurance bootleggers violating all kinds of laws and getting by. I know of just one such bootlegger who has cost old line companies several thousands and has never been apprehended or questioned."

Champagne from Grapefruit

MEN experienced in the wine business are in Florida planning to transform second- and third-grade oranges and grapefruit into champagne. The juice is distilled, one part becoming a hot-cake syrup, another a cordial, another a sweet after-dinner drink, and another a champagne.

Lemonade-Antimony Poisonings

SEVENTY employees in a factory at Newcastle-on-Tyne were poisoned after drinking lemonade which had been standing in enamel vessels. Subsequent experiments showed only one brand of enameled vessels in which lemonade could be safely let to stand; in all others it dissolved the antimony in the enamel.

In the Making of Sugar

IN THE making of sugar the syrup is cleared of its color, and therefore of its valuable minerals, by lime or carbon dioxide; then it is heated, which destroys its valuable organic contents; then it is treated by phosphoric acid or milk of lime to make it more white; then it is treated with albumen from the slaughterhouses, filtered through animal charcoal and bleached with blue water, and by the time it is ready for the market it is about the worst excuse for food that could be put into the human stomach; and the low-grade sugars are even worse than the high-grade ones.

Vivisection in England

IN ENGLAND, since 1915, Parliament has granted upward of 1,536,000 pounds sterling for vivisection purposes. Referring to the experiments conducted at Cambridge University under these grants, Dr. G. F. R. Searle, himself of Cambridge, said: "If it were not law that protected these gentlemen, they would very quickly find themselves in prison. If it were known how much was done this way in Cambridge, the public, now refused admission, would make their way in with sledge hammers." Dr. Gordon Stables, referring to the same experiments, said: "The difficulty lies not in proving that such horrors are taking place day and night in public and private laboratories—for we medical men, at any rate, are behind the scenes—but in getting the people to listen to such revelations."

Nineteen Burned to Death Daily

NINETEEN persons are burned to death daily in fires in the United States; and $1,095,000 in property is destroyed every day by the devouring element.

Health Insurance in Britain

HEALTH insurance is now 21 years of age in Britain. Fifteen million men and women, their employers and the government, cooperate to provide medical and dental care; during convalescence the insured may rest in a sanitarium. Lloyd George claims that England's health insurance legislation conferred upon millions the greatest alleviation of risks and sufferings of life that Parliament ever conferred upon any people.

Fishbein and the Quack

DR. FISHBEIN, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Society,* urging women to expel quacks from their list of speakers, said: "My wife brought home to me a club program on which was listed one of the worst quacks in the country. We succeeded in having him removed from the program." We have had people write us that they think Fishbein himself is one of the worst quacks in the country, and we can but wonder how he would take it if some who feel like that succeeded in having him deprived of his right to express himself. Does the American Medical Association claim the right to censor or prevent health talks by others not members of that association?

The Tender-hearted, Affectionate Guinea Pig

GUINEA pigs are timid by nature and very affectionate to people who are kind to them. When a vivisector is about to begin the death tortures of a guinea pig, to get the best results he does all possible to secure the love and confidence of the little fellow before strapping him on the death board. A surgeon kept one in his office for several weeks, petted it, fed it with sugar, and allowed it to play around every day. It would even climb into the doctor's chair, scale up to his shoulder and snuggle next to his ear. When the time came for him to torture it he kept up a gentle, carefully modulated caressing tone, and the poor little fellow took it all as a matter of course until he died. Another guinea pig, not so treated, died of fright as soon as he was strapped on the torture board.

Events in Canada *By Our Canadian Correspondent*

Radio Commission Under Fire

EVER since the Canadian Radio Commission, at the instigation of the clergy class, violated every rule of justice and banned Judge Rutherford's inspiring lectures from the air, it has been under continual adverse criticism from people of all walks of life throughout Canada. Under the caption "Radio Commission Under Fire", the *Owen Sounder* says:

At a Derry Day celebration in Guelph, Monday—Derry Day, is one of the anniversaries sacred in the heart of every Orangeman—considerable attention was given to the Canadian Radio Commission. The Orangemen evidently do not like the Radio Commission—in which attitude they are not alone.

One of the speakers at Guelph is reported as saying that the Commission is a one-sided affair; that neither its personnel nor its policy is representative of the views of the citizens of Canada who pay the license fees and the salaries of the Commissioners. He criticized as "an unhappy choice" the appointment of the chairman, Mr. Hector Charlesworth, who in a book he published a few years ago proved his prejudice against the ideals which Orangemen as Protestants believe in and cherish. "The radio programmes," he said, "are apparently designed to promote the false claim that French is an official language in every department of life in this country. The Commission is evidently a subservient one, using the air and our money for the promotion of racial and sectarian propaganda which is disliked and resented by the vast majority of the people of Canada."

We are not directly interested in the doings of the Radio Commission; but we remember what a scrap there was in the House of Commons over its formation and the appointment of its members, especially the chairman. The Opposition speakers objected to the appointments as purely political and were not backward in voicing their fear that the Commission might be used, in time of need, as a wing of the government, to broadcast only one side of the questions before the electors.

We remember, too, that the Commission came in for some severe criticism when it bluntly—even rudely—refused to allow lectures by representatives of the International Bible Students' Association to go on the air from any Canadian station. The reason for the Commission's stand in that case was not far to seek, as the chairman, while editor of Toronto *Saturday Night,* had printed a vicious attack on the leader of the Association a few months before, when the latter was speaking in Toronto.

We are not holding any brief for either the Bible Students' Association or the Loyal Orange Association; but it certainly does look as if there is something not just as it should be about the Radio Commission. With complaints coming from two so different sources—the reason given for shutting the I.B.S.A. off Canadian air was that it was preaching sedition and attacking the clergy; the very name of the Loyal Orange Association sufficiently indicates its stand for loyalty and religion—it appears that there is something wrong. It may, of course, be just another example of the old saying that "when both sides are abusing the referee he's doing about right"; but that is not going to satisfy those who are complaining—who represent quite a large body of citizens. (After all, when you come to boil them down, both sets of complaints amount to this—that the Radio Commission is a prejudiced body, not giving the people what they want, but only what it thinks they should want.)

We have never thought Canada needed a Radio Commission any more than a cat needs a spare tire; but since there is one, our conception of its functions would be the provision of programmes—always, of course, within the bounds of decency—to suit everyone, so far as possible. Needless to say it is impossible to please everybody; but that is the advantage of radio—you can turn it off if you do not like what is coming over, or switch to some other station. The Commissioners should remember that they are there to serve a large and widespread clientele, including all sects, creeds and political views. If they are not doing that—and apparently they are not—then it is time for a change in personnel.

But—here is the sticker—who is going to make the change? It almost looks as if this is another case of having to await a change of government. And perhaps that might be another case of "out of the frying pan into the fire". Maybe the Government will appoint a commission to investigate the Radio Commission—chance here to give someone a job and spend some more of the people's money.

Analysis of Canadian Population

The London *Times* contains the following interesting comment from its Ottawa correspondent concerning the matter of Canadian population. It says:

Each decennial census serves as a reminder that the problem of population is of paramount interest to the Canadian people, who need such reinforcements as economic conditions permit, if they are to make profitable use of their unoccupied spaces and vast physical equipment. Almost equal interest is taken in the story which the census tells of changes in the ratio of the different racial stocks which have gone to form the nation. The French Canadians, for instance, with their keen particularism, are always anxious to learn whether they are holding their own; they were acutely disappointed by the results of the first two censuses taken in the present century.

The most recent census, taken in June, 1931, has been recorded in a Bulletin which shows that the Brit-

ish elements in Canada now have cause for anxiety about their numerical position. Its tables disclose that Canadians of British race, with 5,381,071 out of the total population of 10,376,786, still retain a numerical superiority over the aggregate of other races. The French come next, with 2,927,990. There are 473,554 Germans, 225,113 Ukrainians, 156,726 Hebrews, 145,503 Poles, 122,911 Indians, 98,173 Italians, 93,283 Norwegians, and 88,418 Russians.

It is an ominous fact, in which advocates of Imperial migration will find useful argument, that the numerical preponderance of the British stock is by this latest evidence steadily shrinking. In 1901 it was 57.3 percent of the total population; in 1911, 54.08 percent; and now, after rising to 55.40 percent in 1921, it has fallen to 51.86 percent, leaving a narrow margin of superiority, which is obviously doomed to disappear before the next census unless a substantial inflow of British immigrants is resumed.

From the Bilingual Standpoint

The *Chronicle-Telegraph* of Quebec speaks also concerning the 1931 census of Canada, but from the standpoint of bilingualism. It says:

In connection with the 1931 Census, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has made an interesting study of bilingualism throughout the country. How far the figures given in a statement recently made public may be regarded as accurate, we do not know. To tell the truth, we are decidedly skeptical because we have reason to know from experience that bilingualism as a matter of opinion and bilingualism as a matter of fact are two altogether different things. There are many people who will claim to be bilingual, if challenged, but who could not substantiate their claim if put to any practical test. And we do not know that the Bureau has based its calculations upon the results of any kind of examination.

. . . .

At all events, this much may be said, that the figures obtained probably do give a certain idea of the general situation; that they are better than nothing and that it was highly commendable of the Bureau to think of collecting them. For whatever they may be worth, here they are:

Of the total Dominion population of 10,376,786, we are told that 6,999,913 are exclusively English-speaking and 1,779,338 French-speaking; while 1,322,370 speak both English and French, and 275,165 speak languages other than French or English.

In Quebec there are 1,615,155 French-speaking citizens; 395,995 English-speaking, and 842,369 who speak both French and English. Ontario has 64,534 French-speaking Canadians and 219,532 who are bilingual. In New Brunswick there is a bigger French-speaking population than in Ontario, the number being 66,255, while in that province there are 74,080 persons who are bilingual.

Nova Scotia has 9,516 French-speaking citizens; Manitoba, 9,280; Saskatchewan, 7,059, and Alberta, 5,747. In Manitoba, 43,379 persons speak both French and English; in Saskatchewan, 44,463, and in Alberta, 32,992. In British Columbia there are only 361 persons speaking French exclusively, but the bilingual population numbers 21,119.

A conclusion to be drawn from the foregoing figures is that the use of the French language is increasing in the West. This probably means that French-Canadians continue to migrate from Quebec, or else that the families who have migrated continue to grow just as they do in this province.

The Kingston Torture Chamber

The revelation concerning the conditions in the Canadian prisons is so appalling that the Press simply will not let the matter drop, much to the sorrow of certain politicians and others who are responsible for the conditions. The Toronto *Daily Star* recently published the following editorial concerning the matter:

The "paddle" which is administered to inmates of Kingston penitentiary who incur the warden's displeasure is a heavy strap with holes in it which not only bruises its victims, but oftentimes rips off pieces of their skin. It is ordered without a public trial of any kind, and in many cases without any medical examination or attendance. The man who is to receive it is blindfolded and stretched on a table—tied and pinioned there so that he cannot move. Sometimes he goes unconscious during the ordeal. A case in point is that of Ernest Snell, who received a paddling in June of 1932, and whose uncontradicted evidence was given in the trial of Murray Kirkland at Kingston in April of this year.

Snell was in the penitentiary under a court sentence of eight years and twenty lashes. In 1931, however, he was examined by the doctor (as is the rule where lashes are to be given in pursuance of a court order) and the doctor found he was not fit to receive them. He has a bad heart. He was accordingly exempted from the lashes, but no such exemption was available when the warden sentenced him to the paddle, an equally severe punishment.

The paddle sentence was imposed because Snell resisted a guard and used abusive language. He told the court that the guard had struck him first and provoked the assault. At any rate, the man whom a medical examiner had declared unfit to receive twenty lashes ordered by a court was sentenced to twenty paddles by the prison warden. Ten were to be deferred and were, as a fact, never imposed, because, presumably, of what happened when the first ten were administered. Examined by Mr. W. M. Nickle, K.C., in the Kirkland trial, Snell told of this experience—of receiving ten lashes but remembering only four:

"Q.—Did you faint? A.—Yes, sir.

"Q.—And when you came to, what were they doing? A.—They were taking the straps off my wrists.

"Q.—You were strapped to the machine? A.—Yes.

"Q.—What effect did that paddle have on your body? A.—I was blue from my knees to my hips.

"Q.—For how long? A.—I have marks yet.

"Q.—Did it break the skin? A.—Yes, sir.

"Q.—When you were taken out of the paddling machine and taken out of your cell, in what condition were your clothes? A.—They were all blood.

"Q.—From the tears in your flesh, I suppose? A.—From the effects of the paddle."

The same witness described being three days in the "hole", where his meals consisted of three slices of bread and a cup of water, his bed a few boards lying on the floor with blankets on them (the hole is below ground level), and where, from eight to eleven in the mornings and from one to four in the afternoons, he was shackled to the bars.

"Q.—Your hands were put through the bars with a bar between and shackled like that? A.—Yes, sir.

"Q.—At about chin level? A.—Round about chin level.

"Q.—And there is a bar in front of you across the gate that keeps your hands in that position? A.—Yes, sir.

"Q.—And so you have got to stand? A.—Yes, sir.

"Q.—For how many days did you stand like that? A.—Three days."

All this was in a Canadian prison in the enlightened twentieth century, and is routine punishment. Nor is Snell's case an isolated one. It is just one of many that emphasize the need for a thorough housecleaning at Kingston and a reform in our prison methods which will bring them into line with a civilized conception of what is due to humankind.

Paddle Worse than the Lash

In a further editorial the same paper, under the caption "The Paddle Worse than the Lash", says:

In the penitentiary reminiscences which he is contributing to the Toronto *Globe,* Dr. O. C. J. Withrow says:

"Though lashes 'by order of the court' require the approval of the prison doctor and his presence at the ceremony, similar punishment by order of the warden requires nothing of the kind. In a few minutes a guard or keeper may have a man paddled with no examination or certification by the physician and without the order of any court. Guards have told me that the lashings 'by order of the court' are never as severe as paddlings by order of the warden."

In a similar series of articles in *Maclean's Magazine,* Mr. Austin Campbell tells what this "paddling" really means. He writes:

"The paddling table is, in fact, just a specially prepared heavy table. The victim is compelled to bend over this (his arms stretched above his head) and his wrists are fastened. His ankles are shackled to the lower framework of the table, and a belt is fixed firmly across his back. His trousers are pulled down and his eyes are blindfolded. The paddle is a strap about three feet long by two inches wide. It is attached to a wooden handle. A series of holes, roughly diamond-shaped, have been cut in the material, and as the strap strikes the flesh these holes break the skin, and, after a few blows, pieces of skin are pulled off by the strap."

In the case which Mr. Campbell describes, a convict was being flogged for refusing to "tell" on a guard who had supplied him with cigarette papers. A doctor was present. After ten strokes the convict still refused to speak. He was given ten more. "This," says the writer, "is the story as told to me by the victim. Other inmates added that after his whipping this man was again confined in the hole, and that night his friends heard him sobbing in pain."

Brogues Made from Twine

Mr. Bennett, the prime minister, when running for election, promised, among other things, to do away with unemployment and to bring prosperity to the country, but things have gone from bad to worse. Under the title "Bennett Brogues Made from Twine" the following article appears in the *Star:*

From "Bennett buggies" made out of the chassis of defunct cars, stricken Saskatchewan farmers have gone on to "Bennett brogues". These are shoes made out of the binder-twine which is used in tying bundles of wheat.

A pair of these "Bennett brogues" was forwarded to Ottawa this week for inspection. One enterprising farmer from near Broadview, Sask., has applied to the patent office here to see if he cannot obtain an exclusive patent. The patent office has replied that if the farmer has a new and distinctive device for making these "Bennett bootees", he can secure such a document, but that it will take considerable research of existing patents to find that out.

Being a drought-stricken wheat-grower, he explained in a letter to Ottawa that he could not afford to go to any considerable expense to secure a patent, but that in any event he plans to go ahead and make shoes of various sizes this winter for sale among his neighbors. The writer, who is a Dane, says he believes he can make them for sale at as little as 50 cents a pair.

The binder-twine shoes are tightly woven into a sort of rough fabric, with a built-up heel and sole. The only material used is binder-twine.

Jehovah the Great Life-Giver

JEHOVAH is the source of life, and He makes abundant provision for the welfare of His creatures. He is the great fountain of life that supplies waters for the health and eternal happiness of those who fear Him and keep His commandments. "The fear of Jehovah is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death." (Proverbs 14:27) Those who come to Him He invites to drink freely of this great fountain of life, and to them the path of life is opened with unmistakable clearness. To have the assurance of the Lord's direction and approval brings joy and great confidence; this also leads to everlasting pleasures. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." At this time, while the world is in great darkness, it is absolutely necessary for the life of the creature that he be guided by the light which comes from above. The Lord strengthens such creatures as search for this light; and those who love Him are fearless in the sight of all that the enemy can bring against them. Those who travel in a dangerous and dark place are careful to have the necessary light, and it is customary to have some means of protection. While these are the usual precautions taken by the ordinary man, the Lord has made provisions for the safety of His people in this precarious time. Those who do not walk in the light of the Lord's truth as it is now being revealed are certain sooner or later to be lost in the woods. For the encouragement of His people at this time the Lord caused to be written, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"—Psalm 27:1.

In order to be pleasing to Jehovah, who is the great Life-giver, it is absolutely necessary that one believe on Him through His Word. This belief must be sincere and should be backed up with confidence and action in His service. Those who love God will diligently seek Him and have the assurance of reward, not for self-gratification, but for promotion of His service. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6) Concerning Abraham it is written, "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God." (Romans 4:20) It is the most reasonable thing to expect, that the creature should have faith in his benefactor who commands all the power in the universe in the accomplishment of His purposes. Those who do have faith will manifest that faith by activity in doing Jehovah's bidding.

In this consideration of the Life-giver it is well to examine some of the scriptures showing how Jehovah gave immortal life to His Son, Christ Jesus, and how by the resurrection of His faithful Son He assures life to all members of the human family who cooperate with God for the purpose of being an everlasting praise to the Creator. It is important at the very outset to recognize that Jehovah by His power raised Jesus from the dead. It was on the day of Pentecost that Peter stood up before the Jews and related how Jehovah God, whom the faithful prophets served, had raised up Jesus from the dead. While the Israelites had been the favored people of Jehovah and had the privilege of serving Him, yet through unbelief they had lost many opportunities to show their devotion to Him. He refers to Jesus "whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it". (Acts 2:24) It was on the day of Pentecost that, by the sending of the holy spirit, Jehovah gave an outward demonstration that Jesus had been raised. The listeners not only saw, but they heard also, for the spirit was manifested by cloven tongues as of fire and as a rushing of a mighty wind; the manner also in which Peter spoke bore evidence of God's power. "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the [holy spirit], he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." (Acts 2:32, 33) The point to be emphasized is that the resurrection and the assurance of life to those who believe were made possible only by Jehovah, the great Life-giver.

Jesus was put to death in the flesh and was resurrected a divine creature. (1 Peter 3:18) God had promised to grant unto Him the divine life, giving Him the power and authority to have *inherent* life. Only divine persons have life within themselves and need nothing to sustain life. Jesus said: "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." (John 5:26) When on earth He was a man. When He was raised from the dead He was the express image of Jehovah

God. "Who being the brightness of his [Jehovah's] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they." (Hebrews 1:3, 4) He was begotten of God's holy spirit at the time of His baptism in the Jordan. He was born as divine at His resurrection. When He was raised from the dead He was both Lord and Christ. (Acts 2:36) *Lord* means one who owns; one who has power and authority, and one whom His followers acknowledge as Master and Lord. *Christ* means the anointed one, the one appointed by Jehovah to carry out His great purpose. So now, being raised from the dead, He is both owner of all things and endowed with power and authority to carry out Jehovah's purpose. The name *Jesus* means Savior of the people. That was His earthly name. It is more particularly associated with Him as the sin-bearer, or one who made his soul an offering for sin, who suffered for us and who bore our sins, the one whom the prophet describes as the "man of sorrows".

When He was raised from the dead Jehovah highly exalted Him and gave Him a name above all other names. He was once a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. Now, resurrected from the dead, He is the exalted One; hence the apostle declares: "Being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the [tree]. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."—Philippians 2:8-11.

God has decreed that since the earth was the scene of Jesus' suffering it shall be the scene of His glory, and all creatures shall bow at the name of Jesus, and that every creature shall confess that Jesus is Christ and is Lord.

On the day Jesus was raised from the dead and on several occasions thereafter He appeared unto His disciples and others who specially loved Him. He did not appear to them in the same body that was crucified; nor with the same clothing in which He was buried. The Scriptural account is that the clothing and a napkin were folded up and laid aside in the tomb. Had He appeared in the same body that was crucified, those who were with Him for three and a half years would have readily recognized Him. Surely Mary would have known Him. He appeared to her as a gardener on one occasion, and only when He spoke her name, in the tone so familiar to her, did she recognize Him. The Scriptural account of His appearing to the disciples and other witnesses is briefly noted as follows:

He appeared on Sunday morning, early in the day of His resurrection, to Mary Magdalene near the sepulcher at Jerusalem.—John 20:11-18.

On the same Sunday morning, to the women returning from the sepulcher.—Matthew 28:9, 10.

On the same Sunday morning, to Simon Peter alone near Jerusalem.—Luke 24:34.

On the same day, to two disciples going to Emmaus, between Jerusalem and Emmaus. —Luke 24:13-21.

On the same Sunday evening, to the apostles (except Thomas) at Jerusalem.—John 20:19-25.

Thereafter He appeared again one week later (Sunday evening) to the apostles, Thomas this time being present, at Jerusalem.—John 20:26-29.

Some days thereafter He appeared on the shores of Galilee to seven of His disciples who had gone back to fishing.—John 21:1-13.

A little later He appeared to the eleven disciples on a mountain near Galilee.—Matthew 28:16-20.

A short time thereafter He again appeared to a company of more than five hundred of His followers, gathered by appointment, in Galilee. —1 Corinthians 15:6.

He again appeared to the apostle James only. —1 Corinthians 15:7.

Then He appeared, for the last time, on the side of the Mount of Olives to His disciples at the time of His ascension.—Luke 24:50, 51; Acts 1:6-9.

The question will arise in the minds of many, Did He appear in a spirit body or a human body? and how did He get the body if it was not the one in which He was crucified? We may be sure that He was not raised from the dead with a human body, because on one of these occasions He appeared to the disciples when they were in a room with the doors fastened.

(John 20:19-26) The only answer is that now, divine, He had the power to create a body and clothing and appear at any time and upon any occasion that He desired. Mary supposed Him to be a gardener; two of the disciples who walked with Him thought He was a stranger in the community. Again, on the sea of Galilee, none of the disciples recognized Him by His body; likewise on other occasions when He appeared unto them. On all these occasions He was recognized by His actions, His words, and the familiar tone of His voice. It was hard to convince Thomas, who declared he must have some more proof; therefore the Lord created a body having in it the marks of the nails, in order that Thomas might be convinced. And when he was convinced, Jesus said to him: "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."—John 20:27-29.

The purpose of Jesus' appearing to the disciples was that the fact might be fully established that He was resurrected and alive. He had the power to create a fleshly body and appear in it and dissolve it at any time; and without doubt when He appeared to His disciples behind locked doors He created the body immediately in their presence and dissolved it when He disappeared. To prove to them that He had a real body of flesh and bones He said to them: "Handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." (Luke 24:39) That was not a spirit body, but a body of flesh. The body with which He ascended on high and which He has in heaven is a glorious body which no man can look upon and live except by the miraculous power of Jehovah. The apostle Paul states: "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians 15: 50, 51) In addition to this, John says: "It doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."—1 John 3:2.

Paul was given a miraculous view of the Lord in glory. As he was journeying to Damascus suddenly there shone about him a light from heaven. He did not see the body of Jesus, but only the light from His glorious body. He heard a voice saying unto him: "I am Jesus." So brilliant was this light that for three days he was blind; and the Lord performed a miracle by removing his blindness. "And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized." (Acts 9:1-19) The apostle Paul afterward relating this incident said: "And last of all he [Jesus] was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time." (1 Corinthians 15:8) Here we have a glimpse of what the glorious body of the Lord is. These facts show that the bodies in which Jesus appeared after His resurrection were neither the body that was crucified nor His glorious spiritual body, but bodies created expressly for the purpose of appearing unto His disciples. Our Lord's human body, the one crucified, was removed from the tomb by the power of God. The Scriptures do not reveal what became of that body, except that it did not decay or corrupt. (Acts 2:27, 31) Had it remained in the tomb it would have been an obstacle in the way of the faith of Jesus' disciples, who were not yet instructed in spiritual things. They were not thus instructed until the giving of the holy spirit at Pentecost. The Scriptures tell us that God miraculously hid the body of Moses (Deuteronomy 34:6; Jude 9); and Jehovah could just as easily have hidden away the body of Jesus. Jesus being resurrected divine, the express image of the Father, we are sure that no man could look upon Him and live. (Exodus 33:20) Christ Jesus the Lord in heaven is a most glorious person, the fairest of ten thousand, altogether lovely, and no human eye has ever seen Him since glorified, except in the vision miraculously given to Paul.

The purpose of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, when understood, is further proof that He was raised divine. As we have seen, the ransom must be provided by a perfect human creature going into death. This ransom price, namely, the value of a perfect human life, must be presented in heaven itself as a sin-offering on behalf of mankind. Unless this were done, the ransom would be of no avail and there would be no purchase of the human race from death and its results. The apostle Paul plainly states that Christ Jesus has entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. (Hebrews 9:24) He is now a great high priest who passed into the heavens, becoming the high priest on behalf of those who come to God through Him. (Hebrews 4:14-16) On the typical atonement day, observed by the ancient Jews once each year, God caused Israel through the priesthood to make a picture of the sin-offering. The high priest appearing in the most holy of

the tabernacle or temple and sprinkling the blood upon the mercy seat was a type of Jesus appearing in heaven itself, presenting the merit of His sacrifice as a great sin-offering. This would have been impossible had not Jesus been resurrected divine.

Afterward Jesus Christ gave unto John a revelation by His angel, which record exists today as the Bible book The Revelation. In that He said: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (Revelation 1:18) *Hell* means the tomb, the grave, the condition of death into which the whole human race has been going for so many centuries. Death is the great enemy, and in due time the Lord will destroy both death and the grave.

As each person comes to a knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and understands and appreciates its purpose his heart is made glad. Only those who are enlightened have yet appreciated the fact that the resurrection of Jesus is one of the strings (fundamental doctrines) on God's wonderful harp. In due time these benefits will be made known to all, and all shall recognize this wonderful truth. After the Lord has finished the selection of the members of His body, which is called the church (Colossians 1:18), then His merit or ransom sacrifice will be presented on behalf of the world of mankind and all obedient ones will reap the benefits of His resurrection. The foregoing scriptures conclusively establish the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the dead.

In Paul's day there were some who denied the resurrection, even as it has been ever since. To meet their argument Paul wrote: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen. And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order; Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's, at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."—1 Corinthians 15:12-26.

Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and His ascension on high, all men are guaranteed one full, fair opportunity to obtain everlasting life. God has made this provision and given this guarantee, as Paul states. "Because he [God] hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." (Acts 17:31) We are now just coming into that 'appointed day', in which the world is beginning to know and soon will know much more about the wonderful benefits resulting from the resurrection of our Lord. In this great day the Lord reigns in glory and soon shall be fulfilled His words: "Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment."—John 5:28, 29, *R.V.*

We see, therefore, on examining the subject Jehovah the Great Life-giver, that the credit and praise for the abundant provision made for all His creatures must be given to the Creator, the great Fountain of Life. As freely as the flowing waters has He provided His Word of truth, which if a man drinks he has life. One appreciating the loving provisions of Jehovah cannot do anything else than serve Him throughout eternity. At the present time the message of life is being heralded as never before. Great are the privileges of even human creatures to share with Jehovah's King and Vindicator in the work of honoring Jehovah and bringing the life-giving waters to the dying race of mankind. We have noted that Jehovah made provision for the salvation of the human family through the death and resurrection of His dear Son, who on ac-

count of His obedience was raised to the divine life and given the power to extend life and its blessings to creatures here on earth. Soon the peoples of earth, liberated from the bondage of the satanic reign, will sing for joy to the praise of the great Life-giver.

"O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth. Say among the heathen, that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth."—Psalm 96.

Only One More Bubble

AT A MEETING of the Detroit conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held at Ypsilanti, Prof. Harry F. Ward, of New York, told the delegates that it is doubtful if the world sees one more period of boom; that if the boom does come it can come only as a result of inflation; and that the final result will be a bigger depression than ever. In other words, he told them that the system of which they are a part is doomed.

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Suggestions on Diet and Health

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IF WE were to believe the extremists—those who carry the food idea beyond the realm of reason and common sense—we should be forced to conclude that human life is maintained, not because of taking food, but in spite of it.

It is true that the human body is the most wonderful piece of mechanism in the world. It can withstand danger from without and damage from within because of its peculiar power to right itself and restore its own fine balances. No machine ever made by the hand of man can do this. No machine can repair its own broken or damaged parts; but the body does this, through the medium of the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat.

These three sources supply the "raw material" from which our bones, blood, brain and brawn are made. If these are not replenished and rebuilt (if the waste is not made good), if the source and quality of supply does not equal the extent of damage, we become sick and diseased.

The processes of repair and replacement of waste and damaged bodily tissue are the processes of changing air, water and food into living cells, and are known as oxidization, digestion and assimilation. We must grant that the supply of air and water is nearly uniform in quality. These elements are abundant everywhere, and of such quality that the system finds no difficulty in absorbing their virtues.

It is therefore a most logical conclusion that in practically every case and condition of sickness and disease, digestion or assimilation are at fault, the eliminative functions being considered subjective to proper digestion and assimilation.

And if we make digestion and assimilation prompt and easy, we shall have succeeded in removing the most general contributing cause of all bodily ailments. That this can be accomplished has been proved in thousands, yes, hundreds of thousands of cases.

It has until very recently been a generally accepted theory that plain and simple foods were best suited to the nourishment of the body and the sustenance of life. But the nutritive value of food does not lie in its plainness, nor yet in its simplicity, as is proved very decisively by chemical analysis of foods and the result of extended study and observation on the part of eminent food specialists. It is further true that the findings of these experts do not always agree in detail; but, in the main, there have been certain facts that all can safely agree upon.

The food question is still in its infancy and we may look for wonderful results from its proper application within the next few years.

Now, food is digested and assimilated and the nutriment is absorbed from it when taken in kind and combination with other foods which agree with it and will digest with it. The idea of loading up the stomach with eatables that merely excite one's appetite and taste good is exactly as ridiculous as trying to develop steam in an engine by filling the fire-chamber with paper. The fact that paper is inflammable does not prove that it will burn properly or give off heat units in sufficient quantity and quality to make it a proper fuel for a locomotive.

And food that "fills you up" and gives you a sense of stomach satisfaction is not necessarily the food that really furnishes nourishment for your nerves, muscles, brain and bones.

We believe that all foods that are nourishing and supply the elements necessary to life are right and good in their place. We do not condemn a single one of them. But it is the object of this treatise on food selection to teach the relative and combined values of different foods —and for this purpose the text is divided into lessons or chapters which will follow in order of their importance.

Give them your best attention, abide by these truths for at least one month, and we believe you will be firmly and for ever converted to the gospel of proper food selection.

Digestibility

In the normal stomach, some foods digest readily; some do not. Some foods will be digested and ready for the processes of assimilation in one hour; others require four or five hours. Now, if two foods, one digestible in one hour and the other in four hours, are taken into the stomach at the same time, the first being digested will lie in the stomach for the remaining three hours until the latter is ready for assimilation. As a result of this delay, the first food putrefies (becomes decomposed) and its nutritive elements are so changed that, instead of being a proper substance for bodily replenishment, it becomes charged with ferments and toxins (poison).

For this reason, care should be taken to eat foods which may be digested in about the same length of time.

In the following list, the letter preceding each of these foods denotes the class of food to which it belongs. It is true that most of the foods belong to more than one class; that is, they contain elements found in several divisions of foods. However, this list takes into consideration the *principal* division to which they belong.

Article of Food	Hours required to digest	Article of Food	Hours required to digest
F Bacon	5	C Beets	3½
F Cream cheese	4½	C Sweet corn	3¼
F Ribs of beef	4	C Potatoes	3
F Sirloin of beef	4	C Sweet potatoes	3
F Ham	4	C Graham bread	3
F Mutton	3½	C Wheat bread	3
F Lamb	3	C Lima beans	2½
F Butter	3	C Oatmeal	2¼
P Skim milk cheese	4½	C String beans	2
P Veal	4	C Peas	2
P Round of beef	3½	C Spinach	2
P Turkey	3	C Cauliflower	2
P Chicken	3	C Milk	2
P Eggs	3	C Asparagus	1¼
P Fish	3	C Rice	1
P Lobster	3	C Tomatoes	1
P Crab	3	A Apples	3
P Clams	2½	A Lemons	2¾
P Oysters	2¼	A Grapes	2½
C Turnips	4	A Grapefruit	2¼
C Carrots	3½	A Pineapples	2
C Cabbage	3½	A Oranges	1¾

F designates that the food is considered a "Fat", and that it is abundant in fat-producing elements. Fats are heat-producers and furnish the elements which supply heat and warmth to the body. Fats are mainly carbonates.

P designates that the food is considered a "Proteid", or muscle-building food. These foods are principally nitrates, being rich in nitrogen.

C designates that the food is considered a "Carbohydrate", or one in which either starches or sugars are more than usually abundant. The carbohydrates include practically all the vegetables ordinarily used for food.

A designates that the food is considered an "Acid food", or one supplying acids. The fruits make up this class.

A Few Suggestions

We have endeavored to keep the following rules and suggestions in as few words as possible, but the subject is so broad and important that we have not been inclined to sacrifice clearness for brevity. We believe it will pay you well to give your most careful attention to the following paragraphs.

So many kinds of food are usually taken at one meal that it is impossible to tell which one disagrees. In fact, it is usually the *combination* or mixture that disagrees, rather than any item of food. Articles of food that would agree perfectly well, taken separately, will produce acute dyspepsia when mixed together.

For this reason a great many moderate and careful eaters are surprised to find along in middle age that their stomachs are "going back on them". A normal healthy stomach will stand a lot of abuse and misuse, but when these errors are kept up for years, there comes a time when the stomach is bound to rebel.

Dr. Carr says: "Do not eat many things at one meal. Make each meal slightly different from the preceding one. Avoid sameness in diet, but court frugality. Many kinds of food introduced into the stomach at one time are sure to be harmful. Many foods are incompatible with others. Taken singly they are wholesome and easily digested. Taken together they disturb the stomach and poison the body. Two or three kinds of food at one meal are enough. Fewer would be better."

Leon Patrick, M.D., says:

"Most of us are feeding wrongly. We take the wrong articles of diet. We eat too much. We eat when there is no need for food, and often in

the wrong way; and the consequence is that we are a disease-ridden people, and are likely to remain so until our ignorance and our sin of gluttony are removed. If we desire to be really healthy, all luxurious living and gluttony must go, and these must be replaced by simplicity of life in all things.

"As a man eats and digests his food, so is he. Biologically considered, man is nothing but a stomach with its appendages—an organized group of organs clustered about his food tube.

"The doctrine that food and dietetic habits are the chief factors in health and disease is not new, having been taught by Plato, 400 B.C. However, the feeding problem has only recently received the scientific consideration which it so justly deserves. Every modern physician considers it his business to understand, as much as possible, all food, not as a faddist, nor as a fanatic, but as a rational creature able to render the greatest good to the greatest number."

We have long since known that it is not what we *eat,* but what we *digest* and *assimilate,* that gives us life with the power to be and to do. But in order to assure proper digestion and assimilation it is imperative that we, as thinking individuals, shall mix a little gray matter with our food. That is to say, we must become informed (for few of us already know) as to what foods are compatible and what foods are not. Foods are simply organized chemical elements, and when properly combined all is harmonious, but when haphazardly indulged in they are destined to undergo decomposition and fermentation, the sequel of which is auto-intoxication in its various manifestations, such as nervousness, headache, neuralgia, emaciation, rheumatism and scores of other diseases that for years past have been charged to other causes.

Ever since we could comprehend the utterances of a kind parent we have been wisely admonished not to eat between meals, while, much to our physical and mental undoing, the haphazard mixing of foods was markedly encouraged, due to an erroneous idea as to the importance of variety.

Variety Not Necessary

It is usually thought desirable and necessary that a great variety be furnished, in order that the appetite be satisfied and the needs of the body economy met. This misapprehension has arisen from the quite universal custom of eating the wrong combinations of foods, and foods which are deficient in nutritive properties. When a simple combination of not more than three or four articles of wholesome food is eaten, the appetite will be stimulated and the nutrition of the body greatly improved. Moreover, it assures certainty of digestion and gives nature a chance to show herself in the beauty of vigorous health.

It is a physiologic fact that man can eat anything a good deal better than he can eat everything. The eminent physiologist, Pavlow, has conclusively proved that, in order to undergo digestion, each food must receive its specific digesting ferment. This fact logically accounts for the digestive confusion that takes place when a conglomerate mixture of food is ingested. The system is quite able to adapt itself to and digest a simple compatible combination, but it never has been and never will be able to effectively handle the ordinary, unmasticated meal to which has been added ice-water, tea, coffee, beer, or wine, instead of the natural digestive fluids of the mouth.

In truth, life is maimed, and but half what it might be, solely on account of preventable sickness and disease. Sound health means living by knowledge, not by chance. To be sick is to acknowledge to the world that you have not been living right. Your daily mistakes in eating have overbalanced the inherent tendency of your body to be well.

Agreeable Combinations

Meat and non-cooked starchy vegetables and green salads.

Potatoes, baked or boiled in skins, may be eaten at the beginning of a meat meal.

Eggs with toast, milk, sweet fruits, vegetables.

Milk with eggs, nuts, grains, sweet fruits.

Nuts with grains, vegetables, sweet fruits.

Grains with milk, nuts, vegetables, sweet fruits.

Vegetables with eggs, nuts, grains, sweet fruits.

Acid fruits with sweet fruits, cheese (cottage cheese especially), nuts, fats (oils), sugar.

Sweet fruits with acid fruits, milk, nuts, grains, eggs, fats or oils.

Acid foods should not be eaten with any other food whatever, unless it be cheese (cottage cheese preferred). Acid fruits and starchy foods (bread, cake, potatoes, rice, etc.) are especially incompatible and harmful. This combination almost invariably leads to fermentation. The

acid fruits are lemons, grapefruit, oranges, apples, etc. The mild acid fruits, such as pears, peaches, plums, etc., are also best not combined with other foods, especially starches.

Tomatoes are in the same class with acid fruits and should not be eaten with starchy foods. Cooked tomatoes are more objectionable than raw ones. Tomatoes with spaghetti, rice, etc., cause fermentation. Even tomato soup should be barred from a mixed meal. All soups, in fact, should be eaten sparingly, except cream of vegetable soups or vegetable purees.

The sweet fruits, such as prunes, dates, figs, raisins, may be eaten with starchy foods; rice and raisins, for instance, make a dish that will agree with almost anyone, if not combined with other things. Figs, dates and prunes may be eaten with breakfast foods with cream. (See remarks on breakfast foods elsewhere.)

No Meat with Starchy Foods

Meats should not be combined with starchy foods. On this point all authorities agree, notwithstanding our national dinner consists of bread, meat and potatoes. The reason why meat and starch are incompatible is this: Starches are digested with the acid of saliva and juices of the intestines. They are not acted upon in the stomach at all. Meats, on the other hand, are digested by the gastric juices in the stomach. Now, if meat and starch are eaten together, as soon as the meat enters, the gastric juice pours out to digest it, and at the same time prevents the digestion of the starch. The starch, therefore, instead of being digested, ferments, causing acidity and fermentation.

The most compatible starchy food that can be taken with meat is potatoes (baked or boiled in their skins). If the potatoes are eaten before the meat, well masticated, little trouble will result, as the starch of the potato will be well started on digestion before the meat enters the stomach. The habit of taking a mouthful of bread, then one of meat, and then one of potato is a harmful one.

The next best starchy food that may be eaten with meat is whole-wheat bread, well baked, and stale if possible. Make a meal out of these two things only, and probably little harm would result.

When meat is eaten (see paragraph on excessive meat-eating) the ideal combination or meal would be meat, two non-starchy vegetables, and a green salad (lettuce with tomatoes, cucumber or lettuce, or any three of these dressed with olive oil, lemon juice, and a very little salt). This should be the heaviest meal of the day.

Two starches are not necessary, and should not be eaten at the same meal. If two are eaten together, like bread and potato, or bread and rice, nature will show a preference and digest one while the other ferments. Two starchy foods at one meal also leads to an excess of these foods: a thing to be avoided. The same applies to meat: one only should be eaten at a meal. Simplicity of diet should always be aimed at.

Non-starchy vegetables are turnips, carrots, cauliflower, beets, cabbage, onions, summer squash, parsnips, spinach, tomatoes, lettuce, cucumbers, green peas, string beans, celery, asparagus, corn on the cob, kale, salsify, endive, eggplant, dandelion, and all kinds of greens.

Breakfast Foods

Most people eat too much of breakfast foods. Mushy foods are especially objectionable. They are usually not cooked enough. (Rolled oats, cracked wheat, etc., should be cooked at least two hours.) And most people swallow them without chewing or mixing them with saliva. This leads to fermentation. Sugar taken with them hastens fermentation very much. Oatmeal (especially half-cooked, as usually served) taken with cream or milk and sugar is about the worst combination that a dyspeptic could eat.

The dry ready-baked breakfast foods are not so objectionable, especially if eaten dry or with very little cream, and well masticated. We consider Grape Nuts the best of the breakfast foods, as they are well dextrinized and must be chewed in order to be swallowed.

Rice is one of the most easily digested of all foods, requiring only one hour for digestion. When well cooked with raisins, and eaten with butter or cream, it is a delicious food. For sedentary workers this dish is all that should be required for lunch. The unpolished rice is best, and should be used if it can be obtained.

Tea and Coffee

Coffee and tea are stimulants which work like a whip applied to a horse, in not giving strength, but pushing us on to greater effort. They may be allowed to people of sluggish temperament, for whom they lift up, temporarily, the nervous energy to normal. Those suffering from stomach, heart, kidney, and nervous troubles should avoid coffee and tea, as, by stimulating the

organs to quicker action, they produce hyperacidity of the stomach, palpitation of the heart, an increased flow of urine, and an exaggeration of already present nervous symptoms. They may all be employed with discretion, in sickness, for the benefit of the patient.

Chew Your Food

Teeth are to chew your food with. By "chewing food" is not meant that it simply be reduced to lumps or a consistency that will permit of swallowing, but that it be chewed, crushed, ground and mixed with saliva in such a manner that it may be readily digested when it reaches the stomach.

Food should be chewed until it really "swallows itself", that is, until it glides into the esophagus without the slightest effort, and until it is an effort to hold it longer in the mouth.

If the pleasure of eating rests in the taste of food, you are missing nine-tenths of that pleasure by bolting or swallowing your food hurriedly. There are tastes and pleasurable sensations in food that are revealed only by *complete* mastication.

If you have any trouble with your teeth, or if they are not in such condition that they can chew and grind up your food without difficulty, have them taken care of by the best dentist in your locality. Many cases of supposed stomach trouble are not really due to stomach trouble or weakness at all, but the result of poor teeth or insufficient mastication.

For Fat Folks

Speaking generally, the foods which tend to put on weight are the starches, such as bread and potatoes, sugars and fats. The following list contains, first those articles which have this tendency, and then those which can be taken with impunity.

Articles to be avoided: Cream and butter. Bread, tea-cakes, scones and cake of all sorts. Porridge. The fat of bacon, ham or any other meats. Eggs. Red fish, as salmon and mullet. Potatoes, turnips, carrots, parsnips, artichokes and all other root vegetables. Puddings of all kinds. Pastry, sweets, jellies, jam and sugar. Apples, pears and bananas.

The following may be taken: Tea and coffee (but not cocoa). Milk in strict moderation. Dry biscuits, such as cracknel. Lean ham, bacon, tongue, white fish, thin soup, fowl and game, and the lean of butcher's meat. Green vegetables, cabbage, cauliflower, spinach, tomatoes, peas, beans, asparagus. Cheese may be permitted in small quantities.

Eat Less Meat

A common error of diet consists in using too much protein: more than *double* what is known to be ample. This excessive proportion of protein is usually due to the extensive use of meat and eggs, although precisely the same dietetic error is sometimes committed by the excessive use of other high-protein foods, such as fish, shellfish, fowl, cheese, dry peas and beans, or even in exceptional cases, by the use of foods less high in protein when combined with the absence of any foods very low in protein. The idea of reducing the protein in our diet is still new to most people.

When protein is taken in great excess of the body's needs, as is usually the case in the diet of Americans, added work is given the liver and kidneys, and their "factor of safety" may be exceeded.

Flesh foods (fish, shellfish, meat, fowl) when used in great abundance, are subject to additional objections. They tend to produce an excess of acids, are very prone to putrefaction, and contain "purins" which lead to the production of uric acid. This is especially true of sweetbreads, liver and kidney. The well known deficiency of lime in flesh foods often needs to be taken into consideration in the dietary. Some of the vegetable foods, such as peas and beans, rich in protein, are likewise not free from objection. Their protein is not always easily digested, and is, therefore, likewise liable to putrefaction, and they are much richer in purins than most meats. These foods are, however, rich in iron, which renders them a more valuable source of protein for children and anemic people than meat. Also, an excess of protein is not so likely to be derived from such bulky foods as from meat, which is a concentrated form of protein.

The great objection to meats is the fact that the nutriment from meats will quickly decompose in the blood stream if they are taken in too great a quantity: the body is unable to use it. The decomposition results in debilitation and disease unless it is quickly thrown off. There are many persons who do not need meats and should often abstain from this class of foods.

For instance, those who are overnourished and show signs of overeating do wrong to con-

tinue to eat meats, but should live for a time, at least until they get back to normal, on vegetables, fruits, etc.

There is a class of people who suffer from deficient elimination who should eat very little of this class of foods. At blood temperature meats will decompose in one or two days, while vegetables at the same temperature will not decompose for ten to twelve days, and fruits will not decompose in a much longer time. This same process will be carried on with the nutrition from any foods that are eaten in too large a quantity; the excess cannot be taken up by the body in building and repairing waste, it will be seen that the nutriment from meats will decompose quickly, and that from vegetables and fruits will be much slower to decompose.

It is true that there would be no such condition if people would eat the proper amount of foods, but ninety-nine out of every hundred eat twice as much as they really need.

Constipation

The injury which comes from the retention of the body's waste products is of the greatest importance. The intestinal contents become dangerous by being too long retained, as putrefying fecal matter contains poisons which are harmful to the body. Abnormal conditions of the intestines are largely responsible for the common headache malady, and for a generally lower resistance, resulting in colds and even more serious ailments. Constipation is extremely prevalent, partly because our diet usually lacks bulk or other needed constituents, but partly also because we fail to eliminate regularly, thoroughly, and often.

Constipation, long continued, is by no means a trifling matter. It represents a constant and cumulative tax which often ends in very serious consequences.

Free water-drinking when the stomach is empty, especially before breakfast, is beneficial in constipation. Excess of water should be avoided by the very feeble or those suffering from heart trouble or dropsy.

Foods which are especially laxative are prunes, figs, most fruits (except bananas), fruit juices, all fresh vegetables, especially greens of all sorts, wheat bran, and the whole-grain cereals. Oils and fats are also laxative, but cannot be used in sufficiently large quantities to produce very laxative effects without producing loss of appetite. Foods which have the opposite tendency are rice, boiled milk, fine wheat flour in bread, cornstarch, white of egg.

Don't Eat Too Much

In furnishing the body its food supply, the first essential is to avoid overeating. Food is of no use in the body unless it is digested. To overeat is to prevent digestion; and undigested food in the body is worse than wasted, since such food rapidly ferments and decomposes and fills the body with poisons. These poisons lower the body's disease-resisting power, overwork the vital organs, and pave the way for diseases of various kinds.

As a rule, people eat too much, and need to be reminded of the fact (tactfully, of course). It is astonishing to watch the improvement in health and energy which often follows a reduction in the amount of food taken. Many listless, tired patients become bright and vigorous after they have been persuaded to adopt this course. It is not uncommon to see thin people who have been overfed by their anxious relatives, and have become sallow and dyspeptic in consequence. In such cases it is difficult to convince the individual himself, and still harder to convince his friends, that he will not become thinner if he takes less food. Yet practical experience has shown that he not only fails to lose weight, but in many cases even puts it on.

The absence of sugar and preparations of fruit preserves at the dining table minimizes the danger of overeating. There is no greater tempter to gluttony than sweets in any form, and without the stimulation of the latter the abnormal craving, due to the irritating condiment, will soon give way to a calm, natural state of gastric sensation, with an appetite expressing only the true nutrimental needs of the system. The line of safety in matters of diet must always be found on the minimum rather than the maximum side of quantity, even at running the risk of undereating. As expressed by Oliver Wendell Holmes, himself a physician, "A person seldom has cause to regret that he eats too little." The small meal, well masticated, has twice the nutritional value of the larger meal, hastily and carelessly gulped down.

Starchy Foods

Don't eat too much of starchy foods (which include everything made of grains, as wheat, rye, corn, barley, rice, tapioca; also white and sweet potatoes, dry beans and peas). Most peo-

ple eat too much starch, especially bread and potatoes. As we have said in another place, two decidedly starchy foods should not be eaten together; for overeating is common to everybody, and eating two or more starchy foods together is equivalent to forcing digestion beyond its power of endurance.

The usual method of cooking and baking starches does much toward rendering indigestible the body's fuel supply. In this connection, let us remember that all starch is formed in minute cells; that to be easily digested starchy food must be either cooked or baked so it will not form a pasty mass. It is impossible for the digestive juices to permeate such a mass; consequently no small part of the starch so prepared ferments and becomes unfit for food. The proper cooking or baking of starchy food leaves it light and granular, a condition in which it disintegrates quickly in the stomach. In this condition the digestive fluids can rapidly saturate the food and digest it before fermentation can take place.

Starchy foods must also be thoroughly cooked. The envelope or covering of the minute starch cells can scarcely be penetrated by the digestive juices; this envelope must be broken open by the cooking, else the starch will not be digested; consequently the cooking or baking must be thorough. Furthermore, thorough baking also accomplishes the first step in the digestion of the starches and thus lessens the work to be performed by the organs of digestion.

Another important essential in preparing the starches for the table is to avoid cooking and baking them with meats, fats or sweets. When cooked in this way, the fats or sweets toughen the cell envelope and alter the starch so as to make it difficult of digestion. When starches and fats are cooked together the fat prevents the digestive juices from saturating the starch, just as oiled silk will turn the rain. Starches should be cooked and baked practically alone. Some kinds of seasoning may be added after the cooking without lessening the food value or digestibility.

In the light of the above facts it may be seen why cakes, pies, fresh breads and most hot breads, pancakes, fried potatoes and many other of our common foods are simply good food made indigestible by improper cooking. On the other hand, coarse-flour breads, well baked; boiled and baked potatoes, and well cooked cereals, represent the same foods prepared so as to make them easily digested. A pancake is practically indigestible in the average stomach; it is worse than a waste of food; on the other hand, the flour it contains, if made up in the form of hard toast, can be digested by anyone. A slice of cake is a hard blow to any stomach, but the flour made into hard toast, the shortening used to butter the toast, and the egg of the cake poached and served with the toast, give the body the same food material in an easily digested form.

You should cook and bake your starchy foods thoroughly; cook and bake them alone, not mixed with other foods; cook and bake them so they will be light and granular, not soggy and pasty. Your stomach and your entire body will appreciate your fuel supply prepared in this way.

After you have selected, prepared and cooked or baked your starchy food, all with care, you should then take some precaution as to what foods you combine with your starches. In making up a meal, just as in cooking, the more simple the meal the better. We need a variety of food, but it should not be cooked together, neither should it be eaten at the same meal. Starches digest best, especially when the digestion is impaired, when eaten with foods which neither contain acid nor acquire acid in their digestion. For this reason those who have poor digestion should avoid eating fruits, foods containing vinegar, and meats, with starchy foods. Milk and starches may be eaten together; eggs and starches combine only fairly well. Sugar ferments quickly and sets up the fermentation of starchy foods, and, consequently, except in those having vigorous digestion, should not be eaten with starchy foods.

The digestion of the starchy foods begins in the mouth, provided, however, these foods are properly masticated. All your foods should be thoroughly chewed, that the digestive juices of the stomach and bowels can permeate and digest the food mass quickly. However, mastication does more to the starchy foods than merely to grind them; it partly digests them. This digestion is accomplished by means of the saliva; consequently, if we are to digest our starchy foods, we must thoroughly masticate and insalivate them. Hard breads and hard starches of all sorts make mastication necessary, and thus favor normal digestion.

The man with a disordered digestion is, in all probability, undernourished, and, as a conse-

quence, has an abnormal appetite which would lead him to eat of all food beyond his power of digestion. For this reason, this man should, for the time being, disregard his appetite and take all starchy food in moderation, learn the signs of non-digestion of his food, and reduce the amount taken until these signs gradually disappear. In this way he can gradually build up his power to digest the starches until he is able to take care of a sufficient amount to meet the needs of the body. When he has gotten his digestion built up to par, his appetite will become normal and can be depended upon as a reliable guide.

When starchy food is improperly prepared, or eaten in combinations which make digestion difficult, or eaten without being well masticated and insalivated, or taken in greater amounts than the digestive juices can digest,—when, on account of any or all these errors of diet, there is left in the stomach and bowels undigested starchy food, this food soon ferments just as it would in any warm, moist place. As this process of fermentation goes on gases and other injurious substances are formed, which exert a deleterious influence, not only upon the stomach and intestines, but upon the entire body.

This process of fermentation frequently takes place first in the stomach, when its evil effects are first felt by that organ. The gases formed cause more or less belching; the acids which result from the fermentation cause acid eructations and sour stomach or a chronic over-acid condition of the stomach. In time the constant gas accumulation causes dilatation of the stomach, with all its attendant ills, while the constant irritation from the fermentation lowers the vitality of the membrane lining the stomach, and causes catarrh or ulcer of the stomach. In fact, practically all the disorders of the stomach are due directly or indirectly to the fermentation of the starchy foods in conjunction with the putrefaction of the meats.

Starchy foods, when properly prepared and eaten, are digested and become the source of the vigor and energy of the body. When they are not properly prepared and eaten they may fail to digest, and, failing to digest, become poison that must be thrown out of the body.

Breads, potatoes and cereals are the most common starchy foods. The starchy foods constitute the body's fuel; they keep the body warm and do its work. For the average person the starchy foods which contain only a moderate amount of starch are most suitable. The amount of starch needed varies with the person, the season, and the amount of work performed. The digestion of starch is completed in the small intestines, which process, when the starch is properly prepared and eaten, goes on normally, the digested starch furnishing the body with heat and energy.

Foods to Avoid

People with stomach troubles should avoid the following:

Fresh bread
Cranberries
Fried potatoes
Boiled cabbage
Canned cherries
Roasted Peanuts
Fried cakes, crullers, etc.
Catsups, and relishes of that nature
Mushes
Vinegar
Pancakes
Sauerkraut
Pies, except custard, cream, pumpkin, or raisin
Cakes
Pepper
Pickles
Candies

Drinking at Meals

Normal persons should drink between, rather than with meals, but those who are troubled with acid stomach (and this condition is present in nearly all cases of stomach trouble) can benefit by drinking water with meals. But never, of course, take water when food is in the mouth. In acid stomach the gastric juices are too strong or too abundant, hence should be diluted to prevent premature fermentation. Hence, water aids digestion by removing causes of irritation from both the stomach and the intestines.

Pyorrhea

Half the people past thirty have pyorrhea in some of its stages. The cause of pyorrhea is a serum mucous from poisoned blood deposited through the glands of the gums on the teeth, which hardens, causing irritation, inflammation, suppuration and necrosis.

The treatment consists in removing all deposits and applying remedies that kill the disease, and restore the gums to a healthy state, followed by the best of care, and one treatment every six months. Five treatments will cure the average case, with little pain.

The cause of the deposits is malnutrition and the wrong use of three fundamental principles of life:

Nutrition—Correct selection, combining, portioning and eating of food.

Exercise—That will keep the body vigorous.

Oxidation—Deep breathing to purify the blood.

It has been found that nine-tenths of all people troubled with pyorrhea, poor health, and all bodily ailments, poor teeth, stomach or intestinal troubles, constipation, defective assimilation of food, or elimination of food (waste), have failed in one or all of these three principles.

For perfect nutrition, use only undevitalized food made of the whole grain and unpolished rice to secure the vitamins and minerals it contains. This is absolutely essential for perfect nutrition.

For breakfast use only one class of starch food; a small portion of crisp bacon is permissible; no coffee or tea.

For lunch, one selection of fruit only. For dinner, eat, first, the dessert; second, baked potatoes; third, one vegetable; fourth, a small portion of meat with a large dish of salad.

For exercise and oxidation (deep breathing) the following bed exercise is interesting and very beneficial, a balanced exercise bringing into action every part of the body, giving wonderful results, no time lost, no overwork, and the most complete exercise for deep breathing.

EXERCISE No. 1

A little exercise at retiring is beneficial. Disrobe entirely. Stand erect, with hands and arms up. Swing arms and body forward, bending knees until the floor is touched. Return the body to erect position with hands and arms carried backward to the limit.

Repeat this motion, returning hands to original position.

Repeat this until weary, followed by a vigorous towel rub.

EXERCISE No. 2

This is the morning bed exercise. Position: Lying on the back in bed. When ready to begin the day throw back the bed clothes and place the hands under the knees and begin the motion of running a race, twenty to fifty swings, ending with vigorous and heavy breathing. This exercise is fine for the lungs.

EXERCISE No. 3

Position: Lying on the side. Place hands above and below the knee; massage the limbs by swinging the knee forward and back.

EXERCISE No. 4

Position: Lying on the side, with toes crossed, place one hand back of neck, the other on spine; inhale, filling the diaphragm, then chest, then exhale slowly and completely, and massage, then relax and rest at each inhalation. Also in all the exercises given.

EXERCISE No. 5

The same position. Place the right hand on appendix, the left hand on right hand, inhale and with slow heavy pressure move up and to the left, to the outlet of the colon. Repeat.

EXERCISE No. 6

Position the same. Place hands on neck and chest, toes crossed, etc., with heavy pressure massage body and legs.

EXERCISE No. 7

Position the same. Inhale to the limit, first filling the diaphragm, then the chest. Exhale and make tense the muscles of the body. At the same time draw sides of body in opposite directions. Completely relax and exhale to the limit.

EXERCISE No. 8

Repeat No. 5, stretching the opposite side of the body.

EXERCISE No. 9

Same position. Inhale, etc., tense the muscles and lift the body to the limit on head and heels.

EXERCISE No. 10

Same position. Inhale, etc., tense the muscles and swing the body to the left, and repeat to the right.

EXERCISE No. 11

Inhale, come to a sitting position, turn and take position lying on the stomach.

EXERCISE No. 12

Inhale, etc. Repeat exercises Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10.

EXERCISE No. 13

Position: On stomach, with arms extending by the side. Inhale, etc. Bring hands to shoulders, raise body the length of arms and return; repeat until tired.

EXERCISE No. 14

Repeat No. 1 before dressing.

Colds

Colds in the head are very prevalent. As soon as the symptoms of cold are felt try this method:

Inhale full and rapidly until relieved.

If unable to breathe freely in the night, cross the feet, cover the face with both hands, and breathe through the nose, deep and rapidly, until relieved.

If unable to sleep, try this: Inhale, first filling the diaphragm, then the chest to the fullest extent.

Exhale slowly, counting each until a miscount is made, then begin at one again. This rarely fails to bring sleep, as the mind is centered on counting.

For life and efficiency, zealously practice breathing exercises, selecting, portioning, and eating all food so that all organs may be active and supplied with the minerals and nourishment needed.

These you can best work out for yourself. It is possible for everybody to gain and keep health, as I can testify from experience. At the age of ten I had trouble that almost unfitted me for future efficiency. At death's door fourteen times. At sixty-five, having four incurable troubles. But at seventy-six, able to stand at the dental chair ten and twelve hours daily.

Carefully study and apply the principles of this article, and health will be regained with efficiency restored.

APPENDIX

TREATMENT FOR SYSTEMIC PYORRHEA

In the foregoing will be found "Pyorrhea—Its Cause and Treatment". That the best results may be obtained we ask your cooperation with us in eradicating from the system the acidity and serum mucous poison that may cause all kinds of trouble that the system is heir to in addition to pyorrhea, which may now be cured.

Deep breathing, exercise, selecting and the right combination of food are most important.

You will get great benefit from a vigorous practice of the following exercises, especially the deep breathing. In nearly every exercise inhaling and exhaling is the important feature. To inhale, first fill the diaphragm, then the chest, and exhale slowly till all the air is forced out of the lungs, and while exhaling relax the muscles completely. Inhale and make the exercise while exhaling. Inhale and exhale in all the exercises.

Do not try all the exercises at one time. Later you will make one hundred movements as easily as ten at first.

Bed exercises excel all other exercises, in many features.

EXERCISE No. 1

This is for the evening, also morning after taking the bed exercises. Disrobe entirely, stand erect, with hands and arms up, swing arms and body forward, bending the knees until the floor is touched. Return the body to erect position with hands and arms carried backward to the limit. Repeat ten to twenty times; also the arms swinging. Standing erect, swing the arms with a loop motion to the right and again to the left. Repeat ten to fifty times.

EXERCISE No. 2

This is the morning bed exercise. Position: Lying on the back in bed (disrobed), throw back the bed clothes and place the hands under the knees and begin the motion of running a race ten to fifty swings with vigor. This exercise is fine for the lungs and blood circulation.

EXERCISE No. 3

This exercise is to break up the effete matter that gathers on the walls of the colon and intestines, a source of a large share of the poisoned blood acidity, toxemia, and serum mucous that cause deposits on the teeth, causing pyorrhea, rheumatism, neuritis, hardening of the arteries, and many other ailments. On retiring the night previous to beginning Exercise No. 3, take a dose of some good laxative, to carry off the poisonous matter broken up. Position: Lying on the back in bed (disrobe, leaving the body exposed to the air and keeping the legs covered), feet crossed (to retain the magnetic current of the system, not generally understood, yet it is present, and the following movements will apply this current where needed), right hand on the body below the colon, the left hand covering the right, inhale, filling the diaphragm, then the chest; exhale and with heavy pressure move hands up to the ribs, then to the left and return to first position; inhale and repeat ten to fifty times.

EXERCISE No. 4

Position: Feet crossed, lying on the side; one hand on back of neck, the other on spine, massage with both hands, using heavy pressure as you inhale and exhale. Repeat movement ten to fifty times.

EXERCISE No. 5

Position: Lying on the back, feet crossed, place the ball of each hand on the lower ribs. With the fingers press deep under the ribs as

you exhale. Now inhale quickly, at the same time making tense the muscles of the diaphragm. This exercise to massage the liver. Repeat ten to fifty times.

EXERCISE No. 6

Position: Lying on the back, feet crossed, left hand on the neck, the right hand below, inhale and exhale, as with heavy pressure you sweep the hands down and back ten to fifty times. This is to stimulate all the organs in the front of the body.

EXERCISE No. 7

Position: Lying on the back, feet crossed, hands on lower part of colon, exhale with heavy pressure. Inhale quickly as you make tense the muscles of the diaphragm. Repeat ten to fifty times.

EXERCISE No. 8

Position: Lying on the back, feet crossed, inhale, filling, first the diaphragm fully, then the chest to the limit, exhale slowly until lungs are emptied of air, and at the same time make tense the muscles, drawing the left side up and the right side down and relax completely. Repeat, drawing the right side up and relax. Repeat and lift the body up on head and heels and relax. Repeat two to ten times.

EXERCISE No. 9

Position: Lying on the stomach, feet crossed, hands on the spine, inhale and exhale fully as you massage the spine with heavy pressure ten to fifty times.

EXERCISE No. 10

Position: Lying on the stomach, feet crossed, the right hand grasping the left arm above elbow, and the left clasping the right elbow, inhale fully, exhale and at the same time raise the feet and head, turning it, while swinging the shoulders to the right as far as possible; relax, inhale, and repeat, turning the head and swinging the shoulders to the left; relax. Repeat ten to fifty times.

EXERCISE No. 11

Position: As in exercise No. 10. Inhale and bring the hands to arm pits and raise the body to arms' length; relax and repeat ten to fifty times, turning the head first to right and then to the left.

To clear the system of acidity, toxin, poison, toxemia, and serum mucous, occasionally take a three-day orange fast, eating only oranges, lemons, or grapefruit, and break the fast the evening of the third day with a cabbage salad, and ever thereafter eat lightly. For breakfast: Fruit, egg or bacon, and any food made from the whole grain. Let results be your guide. For lunch take fresh fruit, or raisins, figs, prunes, dates, with cottage cheese or cheese. For dinner: A vegetable meal and small portion of any protein food and big salad.

The full inhalation by diaphragm, then the chest, and the complete emptying of the lungs by exhalation are very important. So is the complete relaxation after each exercise.

Why Use Herbs? *By Otto Raubenheimer, Ph.G., Phar.D., Ph.M. (New York)**

HERBS are the oldest form of medicine. Hippocrates (460-370 B.C.), the "Father of Medicine", was an herbalist. Botanical medication is the oldest branch of medicine. Even today primitive people limit their *materia medica* to herbs.

Herbs are nature's remedies, containing many substances which are necessary for building up and maintaining the organs of the body, and are of the greatest help in the performance of the vital functions.

Herbs contain the vital elements (vitamins and organic minerals) which are deficient in the diseased body.

Herbs contain these bodies in such a finely distributed and prepared state that they are readily assimilated by the system and conveyed to the blood.

Herbs also promote the elimination of waste matter and poisons from the system by simple natural means.

Herbs, when correctly used, assist nature in its fight against disease.

Herbs are consequently better suited for the treatment of disease than chemicals and other substances foreign to the human body. Therefore use herbs!

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The Massacre of the Tonsils

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ON OCTOBER 3, 1922, a delegation from the Citizens Medical Reference Bureau went before the board of superintendents of the New York City schools and protested against nurses' going into homes and making threats or using pressure to induce parents to have the children treated in accordance with the recommendations of the medical inspector. The technical term used by school medical inspectors in this city is "hypertrophied tonsils" and the character of the treatment is supposed to be left to the physician, but the result of insisting upon treatment in such a large number of cases is what I have referred to as the massacre of the tonsils.

Dr. Louis I. Harris, former commissioner of health of this city, in an article published in the *Long Island Medical Journal,* July, 1926, made this amazing statement relative to the superficial and unreliable character of the medical examinations carried on in the public schools at that time:

"When hypertrophied tonsils have appeared infrequently in the course of a day's work, rest assured the inspectors will, 9 cases out of 10, find a sufficient number whether they exist or not."

The incompetence of many physicians who attempt to operate upon the tonsils is shown by the revelations contained in numerous editorials appearing in medical journals and by the increasing number of damage suits being filed against physicians as a result of such operations.

The *Journal of the Indiana State Medical Association,* in its issue October 15, 1922, has this to say about incompetents:

"Physicians without any training of any kind whatsoever are attempting to remove tonsils and adenoid tissue, with the very natural result of mutilating many throats, to say nothing of performing the operation in instances where it is not indicated. The amusing feature of the proposition, and one that is making the public skeptical, is the fact that it is such a regular feature with some general physicians who are attempting tonsil surgery to advise a tonsil and adenoid operation in every child, that they frequently advise such operations when no tonsils are present, the child having had a tonsil operation done previously in a very skillful and efficient way. We have no fault to find with the men who attempt to do things for which they are qualified and trained, but it does seem inconsistent to talk about the incompetency of quacks and charlatans when our own brethren exhibit such a woeful lack of the training that they should have to carry on the work that they are attempting to do."

Three Times as Many Children Ill

IN A GIVEN area in New York city, surveyed by the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, 260 children were found ill in 1932, to compare with 91 in 1930. The Association also found in the same area that the number of families reporting no full-time work for any member had increased 68 percent.

An Effective Italian Tonic

SAYS T. R. Weeks, pioneer: "The Italians know their garlic. The following is a general tonic recommended to me by an Italian who had seen it work wonders with his friends who had become run down. Fill a water glass two-thirds full with wine; add one tablespoonful of garlic, grated or chopped fine. Take a teaspoonful of the mixture four or five times a day, stirring the mixture on each occasion so as to get some of the garlic and some of the liquid. As explained to me, the secret is in the garlic; the wine acts as a stimulant to the digestive organs, thus aiding in getting the garlic more quickly into the blood stream."

Seasickness Relieved at Once

THE discovery has been made that seasickness can be relieved at once by heating the small bulb of nervous tissue called the medulla oblongata, just at the junction between the spinal cord and the brain. When a mild heat from an electric current was thus applied, seasickness, carsickness and airsickness were all relieved.

Perhaps the Longest Surgical Trip

PERHAPS the longest surgical trip took place in the latter part of 1933, when a surgeon, physician and nurse, with all their surgical instruments, flew from London to Bombay to perform an operation on a woman relative of the maharajah of Nepal. The trip one way took six days.

Hygienic Cookery

(Extracts from copyrighted advertising literature of Fagley & Halpen, manufacturers of steam cookers, Philadelphia)

THE question of cookery is very important. As a general rule authorities in cooking agree that many foods, and especially vegetables, should be cooked by steam instead of in water. We know that the valuable mineral salts, the proteids, the sugars, the vitamins, and medicinal properties which we find in vegetables are cooked out into the water by the old way of cooking, and destroyed, leaving merely the "skeleton" of the food behind, and destroying its life principles. But when we eat our vegetables and fruits steamed we obtain these important life-giving and life-sustaining substances in our food, which are noted by us in increased health and vitality and prolonged life.

Blood purifiers, tonics, laxatives, and a large proportion of drugs, whether prescribed by a physician or taken as patent medicine, would never be used if the diet were intelligently chosen. Physicians are recognizing the fact, and are therefore prescribing fewer drugs and giving more attention to food hygiene.

There should never be a dinner served on the table but at least one of the following vegetables constituted part of that dinner: Red beets, spinach, carrots, turnips, onions, asparagus, rhubarb, celery. Red beets and spinach twice every week would be a better tonic than all the medicines in the world.

Chemists of the United States Department of Agriculture have proved that tin has absolutely no effect on the human body. They fed tin in two-gram doses to humans for five days, made refined analyses, and found no trace of tin in the blood stream, and no trace of tin had been absorbed by the human body. We ourselves ask, what would have happened if two-gram doses of pure aluminum compound had been fed into the human body for five days?

The following was taken from the Weekly Bulletin, Department of Health, City of New York: "Out of nearly 1,000,000 school children examined by the Department of Health of New York City, the following results were obtained: 63 percent were showing signs of lack of nutrition, 20 percent were badly undernourished and in need of physician's care, and only 17 percent were without signs of wrong diet."

Ida Bailey Allen, health scientist of Chicago, Illinois, states: "Out of 65,000 Chicago school children examined by the State Board of Health, 65 percent were found to be undernourished."

By Associated Press dispatch, Washington, D. C., August 21, 1928: "Thirty percent of the American people are undernourished because of lack of proper understanding of food values, is declared by Miss Clyde B. Schuman, director of the National Red Cross nutrition department."

Taken from the United States Department of Agriculture Farmer's Bulletin No. 256: "When vegetables are immersed in water, as in boiling, a greater or less loss of material is almost inevitable. In experiments carried on under the auspices of the Office Experiment Stations it was found: that with potatoes the loss, in round numbers, amounted to about fifty percent of the nitrogenous material, and forty percent of the mineral matter present. And when potatoes were boiled peeled the amount of starch substance removed by abrasion was considerable, at times nearly thirty percent of the total value of the potato was removed."

Taken from the *American Magazine* for diseases of children: "The losses of mineral values in the different kinds of vegetables in their cooking preparation are as follows: Spinach boiled, loss 54 percent; steamed, loss 12 percent. Carrots boiled, loss 52 percent; steamed, loss 9 percent. Asparagus boiled, loss 48 percent; steamed, loss 13 percent. Cabbage boiled, loss 47 percent; steamed, loss 15 percent."

Taken from article by Edith Evans in *Correct Eating* magazine: "Many a woman who is driving her own car, cleaning her house by electricity, using stainless knives and rotary egg beaters, is still using a skillet exactly like her grandmother's and cooking her vegetables immersed in boiling water. And if you asked her how she prepared potatoes to preserve their nutritive qualities, she would probably give you her great-grandaunt's recipe and be proud of it."

The trouble is a great majority of people can't realize the importance of the proper cooking of food. The majority of those school children examined in New York city and Chicago were not undernourished because they had not eaten enough food. They were undernourished because the food they had eaten did not contain the nutritious mineral, nitrogenous, and vitamin values that it should. Those nutritious values had been boiled out of the food into the boiling water and wasted and poured down the kitchen sink.

The Bible on Health and Cure of Diseases *By Olaf O. Hage (Minnesota)*

JEHOVAH through His prophets made the following promise, now soon to be fulfilled: "Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth." "And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick."—Jeremiah 33:6; Isaiah 33:24.

Although the above scriptures refer to the kingdom now being ushered in, it is certain that if the Israelites had been faithful and obedient they would have been blessed with health and everlasting life.—Leviticus 18:5; Galatians 3:11, 12.

The Lord instructed them and put before them the perfect foods, but they "forsook God . . . and lightly esteemed the Rock of [their] salvation". (Deuteronomy 32:9-26; 8:7-9) Instead of accepting such instructions and perfect foods, they started to complain bitterly, longing for the foods of Egypt. (Exodus 16; Numbers 11) The Lord let them have their own wish to a certain degree, and they received a curse instead. (Numbers 11:32, 33) God fulfilled His purpose, however. He knew they could not hold the law perfectly without a redeemer (Galatians 3:13); and the law was made a shadow of the better things to come. (Hebrews 10:1) But we know that there is no life in a shadow; so the Mosaic law, although perfect as a shadow, could not, in itself, give everlasting life.

Moses tells how they were fed on dairy products, fat of kidneys of wheat and the pure blood (juice) of grapes, but, since they turned to devil worship, the Lord hid His face from them. (Deuteronomy 32:14-21) The psalmist corroborates the words of Moses, saying that if they had been faithful and obedient the Lord would have (kept it up) fed them with the finest (fat, *margin*) of wheat and honey out of the rock. The psalmist again prophesies that the Lord, during His kingdom, will do so.—Psalm 81:16; 147:14.

The glorified Christ (typed by Melchizedek) will bring forth bread and wine during the Millennium (to overcome the enemies of mankind —disease and death), when all the families of earth, through Abraham, shall be blessed.—Genesis 14:18-20.

It is very reasonable, therefore, that such bread and wine must have life-supporting virtues, and it shall be my privilege to try to explain and prove this. The first explanation will be on bread.

We see that "fat" of the wheat is especially referred to. This would naturally mean the richest of the kernel. The germ of the kernel can be rightly termed the "fat" of the wheat, since it is said to contain 20 percent oil, and is exceptionally rich in minerals, especially the so-called "rare" ones. But it is also reasonable to presume that the gluten (protein of wheat) and possibly bran will be included if we are to take into consideration the animals that were sacrificed. The Bible says it must be finely ground.

Yeast, the "leaven" of the Scriptures, cannot be used, however, and such bread must either be raised by soda and cream of tartar or aerated. Study of foods would seem to indicate that the mineral sodium is generally lacking; and the necessity of an abundant supply of potash, of the cream of tartar, will be mentioned later. Yeast used in raising bread destroys the natural sugars.

Before proceeding further, let it be understood that one of the greatest secrets of health and continued life is a blood stream completely and continually saturated with minerals in right combination. This, of course, shall mean a diet that supplies water through raw foods, milk, and fruit juices. Plain water does not supply minerals, but absorbs and carries same off with the toxins. A person using such a diet will not crave or need very much water, provided no flesh or salty foods are used. Flesh foods form toxins. The false craving for table salt is caused from a lack of a proper supply of minerals in the body; and salt is a poor substitute for such minerals. Furthermore, if the tissues, muscles, etc., do not have the proper amount of minerals they cannot hold the water which is so necessary to keep the flesh and bones in a youthful state.

Again turning our attention to above-mentioned bread, we find that it will be very rich in all kinds of minerals, and unusually so in the so-called "rare" ones. According to chemical analysis the germ is very rich in copper, zinc, manganese, iron and magnesium. White bread, on the other hand, has a very small amount of said minerals; in fact, copper and zinc can barely be detected.

Copper, zinc and manganese are catalyzers. Magnesium, when burning to an oxide, may also be considered such, in a way. A catalyzer is a material that increases the speed of chemical

action which would nevertheless occur alone if the time were given. This alone would prove the possible benefit of such bread, but let us examine further.

Zinc, manganese and iron are growth stimulants, and there is reason to believe that they stimulate both metabolism and cell development. A scientist by name of Benson found that zinc functions as the soluble vitamin B; and if so, it has something to do in building nerves. It is possible that all the rare minerals function as the various vitamins.

Magnesium may perform as the vitamin D when such is oxidized in the blood. When thus oxidized this mineral gives off certain rays similar to light rays. Hydrochloric acid, found in the gastric juice, and which is found to be absolutely necessary for digestion, cannot be readily formed in the body unless exposed to some kind of light rays.

Copper is very destructive to fungus and bacteria, and that such destructive properties have a great bearing on keeping the blood purified and the body free of disease is clear from the Scriptures.

Yeast, the "leaven" of the Scriptures, is used to symbolize corruption. Yeast starts fermentation, and fermentation is caused from a fungus plant. In other words, yeast starts fungi growths. In Deuteronomy 28 we find mildew (a fungus) mentioned among the curses. It is my opinion, from study, that Jehovah thus made a record of the cause of contagious and infectious diseases by associating fungi with such diseases. There is every reason to believe from a study of tuberculosis and other similar diseases that these are caused by a fungi. Fungi and bacteria exist together. Fungi growths will interfere with blood circulation and proper functioning of the glands, thus cutting off nourishment to the cells. We know that if the bones to the spinal column do not get the proper materials to daily build up the worn-down cartilage there will be subluxations of the vertebrae and cut nerve force. We can thus see that improper nourishment from this cause will cause disease directly or indirectly.

The tissues of the body, the muscles, glands, bones, etc., are each composed of a large number of very tiny cells. These cells have been compared to bricks in a building, and they are held together by a material which may be likened to mortar. These cells are alive and constantly growing, and dying off, and thus such tissue, glands, muscles, bones, etc., are constantly being renewed. It has been found through experiments on chicken tissue, kept in a proper nourishing liquid, that when this tissue is regularly washed, to clear away such dead cells, this tissue has been kept indefinitely in a young-looking state; while, on the other hand, neglect of such washing has caused the tissue to grow old-looking. Is it not reasonable to suppose that copper, by its tearing-down action, aids as a medium to thus tread down dead cells and thus, if in proper amount, it will prevent decay and old age?

We find on analysis of the liver of animals that the liver is a real storehouse of copper and the other rare minerals. The liver is comparatively larger in women than in men, and it is known that, on the average, women attain to a greater age. The reason for a larger liver in women is to accommodate two lives during child-bearing, which in itself is evidence of the great necessity of these minerals.

I do not have any analysis of grapes that gives anything about the amount of rare minerals in same, but, as grapes are rich in iron, we may presume that there is a fair amount of copper, as this element is usually found with iron. Grapes have a goodly amount of phosphor, calcium, magnesium, and are exceedingly rich in potash. In plant life we find that potash is necessary for assimilation of iron. If potash is short, iron accumulates in spots. Likewise, if phosphorus is lacking in the soil, alum will thus accumulate. If minerals act this way in plant life, it is logical to look for the same thing to happen in animal life. We know that iron, zinc, manganese and alum are growth stimulants; that some fungi in the presence of either of such grow much faster than without, and in presence of the first three together there is a still greater growth of such fungi. Is it not then logical to believe that such accumulations can start cancer growths? Cancer generally starts with lumps, sores, cracks, lacerations and ulcers which do not heal, and warts, moles or birthmarks which change in size, color or appearance. Likewise continued irritation may cause cancer growths. Changing birthmark, without a doubt, is mostly iron congestion.

Cancer growths have been explained as follows: "Sometimes certain cells begin to grow and develop along lines which are not in har-

mony with the usual order. A little group of the cells seems to form a kind of lawless colony which constitutes an unhealthy and growing spot in the body." These spots may occur in the various parts of the body. If these minerals just mentioned stimulate plant cells, why not cells in animal bodies?

If the people would keep in mind the words of the Bible, "The life of the flesh is in the blood," and use proper foods, like the above-mentioned, together with plenty of honey with comb, fruits, like the iron-rich fig, etc., there would not be much for the doctor to do.—Leviticus 17:11; Exodus 17.

Furthermore, we know that during Christ's reign the curse of the ground will be removed and the trees and grains shall yield their strength, and we shall have perfect fruits, grains, milk, etc. This, naturally, will be done by proper fertilization. Thus the Lord will cleanse their blood, and they shall sit under their vine and fig tree and none (not even their enemy, death) shall make them afraid.

As Jehovah sent the bread, manna, from heaven to typify the coming Christ, the Scriptures seem to make it clear, according to our Lord's own words, that Jehovah will also give bread and wine to mankind to give perpetual life and which shall be a memorial to Christ, who offered himself as a ransom.—Genesis 3:17; Joel 2:21-24; 3:20, 21; John 6:53, 54; 3:16.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."—Revelation 21:4.

Concluding Health Items

Suicides Doubled in Britain

A GOOD measure of the nervous strain of modern life is contained in the fact that in Britain in 1900 there were 2,896 suicides, while in the year 1932 there were 5,743, or almost twice as many.

Using the Blood of Suicides

IT HAS been discovered that, if used within a few hours after death, the blood of suicides, or those who die of heart disease, or skull fracture, can be used for transfusion purposes to save the lives of the living. This is now done regularly in the Moscow hospital.

Death from Handling a Vaccine

AT MEMPHIS, Mo., a young man, Vance Frederick, vaccinating his father's calves, had an open sore on his lip. In some way some of the vaccine virus got into the sore, anthrax developed, and in one week the young man was dead.

"Drawing the Pillow"

THE *British Medical Journal* calls attention to the fact that in Norfolk county, England, a practice still persists called "drawing the pillow". When the aged poor are desperately ill, and no hope is entertained for their recovery, the pillow is drawn from beneath the head and they are allowed to fall back and die.

Rising Tide of Insanity

PENNSYLVANIA today has more beds occupied for mental cases than are occupied for all other hospital cases. On account of the heavy toll on the brain and nervous system exacted by our present form of civilization, physicians expect to see the percentage of insane increase for the next one hundred years.

Leprosy in South Sea Islands

FRENCH physicians who studied leprosy in Tahiti came to the opinion that leprosy is not contagious, but is contracted from impure soil, being more prevalent where the natives seldom use footwear. Tahitian lepers intermarry; their children are seldom afflicted with the disease of their parents and are promptly sent away to orphanages, for their protection.

2,000,000 Lepers in India

IT WILL be a surprise to some to know that there are 2,000,000 lepers in India. Disappointments in the treatment of the disease have been many. Recent experiments included the intravenous injection of trypan blue, an aniline dye. This clearly outlines the leprous portions, and preliminary results seem favorable; but it is too soon to be certain. It was recently supposed that chaulmoogra oil cures leprosy, but this dreadful injestion of aniline dyes into the blood raises the whole question again.

Bibles in 669 Languages

PARTS of the Bible are now published by the British and Foreign Bible Society in 669 languages. The Society has printed, in all, more than 10,500,000 volumes of Scriptures.

Students' Savings Reveal Financial Pressure

THE official of the American Bankers Association entrusted with the custody of the school savings by pupils in the United States reports that withdrawals last year exceeded the deposits by over $2,000,000, and for the third year in succession savings have declined.

Hispaniola Resumes Its Old Name

HISPANIOLA, after carrying the French name of Haiti for more than a century, is changing its name back to Hispaniola. Both names are musical, but many will prefer the resumption of the old name Hispaniola originally given to the island by Columbus upon the day of its discovery.

French and British Income Taxes

IN THE United States a person with an income of $50,000 pays an income tax of $8,568; in France a person with the same income pays a tax of $18,578; and in Britain, $22,392. The United States government is now and always has been entirely too much afraid to tax heavily those that can stand it best.

Killed for Brushing His Teeth

NEAR the capital of Montenegro, now included in Servia, neighbors saw an elderly man brushing his teeth at the village pump. Nobody in the village had ever brushed his teeth before. They concluded he was bewitched. They came to his home to beat the devil out of him, and succeeded so well that they killed the poor man; now they are on trial for murder.

The Yankees Are "Anglais"

THE French name for English is *Anglais.* Quebec was settled by the French, and New England by the English. Native red men roved the mountains between the two settlements. They tried to get the French pronunciation of English, but the nearest they got to it was "Yankees", and that is why and how the New Englanders came to be called by that peculiar name.

The Veteran Returned to School

THE editor of *The American Veteran,* telling of his return to school after the World War, says:

> Yes, we returned to school, the sternest school in the world, the school of hard knocks; the realization that we fought to make this nation safe for the National Economy League, the Super-Income–non-taxpayer, the Federal Reserve Board and banks, the Mellons, Morgans, Myerses, Millses, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, et al.

Schoolmate Taunted to Death

SCHOOLMATES in New York city taunted a seventeen-year-old girl because of her weight of 200 pounds. School life became a sorrow instead of the joy it should have been. At length she tried truancy; and when that was discovered, she took her life. The young people who caused this innocent girl to destroy herself rather than listen to their ill-mannered gibes will now have something to think of for the rest of their lives, and an account to settle with the Judge of all the earth. Was it in any way the girl's fault, or that of her parents, that she had a large frame and was plump? Who would undertake to say that persons of any specified height or weight have more rights in this world than those of any other height or weight? Taunting another person because of the body given to him is like taunting the Creator.

Radio Witness Work

New York, N. Y. "I have given glory to God and asked Him, however much knowledge you already have, however much good you have already done in the way of the words of God for the salvation of misguided souls, that more and more utterance may be given you, with a prolongation of your days in this life. I was listening in attentively last Sunday, which made the second time I heard you over the radio. And this Sunday, meaning yesterday, before your voice had begun I was already there waiting for it and . . . not a single word escaped my understanding. . . . It was made clear to everybody who heard that the deliverance of such words was required by the urgent necessity which the speaker felt was laid upon him through the understanding given him by the Almighty. So I don't thank you, Mr. Rutherford, but, as I have said before, I have given glory to God." M. M.

Why He Got the Yacht

AMERICA'S most powerful banker, in a year of great depression, paid income tax in Britain but none in America, and was so upset by the country's condition that he purchased a new $3,000,000 yacht, to comfort himself.

Holland's Successful Municipal Plant

HOLLAND, Mich., operates a municipal light and power plant, with rates graduated from 4-1/2c per kilowatt hour to 1-4/5c per kilowatt hour. At these low rates last year the plant made a profit of $93,000. The people of Holland are well satisfied with their investment.

The Steel Rail Situation

THE railways of America use a million and a half tons of rails a year, and it is said that one company alone, engaged in the manufacture of steel rails, has more than three million tons of rails in stock. If true, the return of prosperity to the steel mills does not look so simple.

The Irak Pipe Line

THE new pipe line from Kirkuk in the land of Irak to Haifa on the Mediterranean, in the land of Palestine, is 617 miles long and is expected shortly to be delivering 30,000,000 barrels of oil annually. At the place where the line goes under the Jordan river it is 800 feet below sea level. There is a branch 381 miles long to Tripoli, a French port.

New York Stockbrokers Uneasy

NEW YORK stockbrokers are getting uneasy. They sense that government control of stock exchange is impending. Some stock exchange houses have refused to renew their leases, and others have renewed when clauses have been inserted in the leases granting them permission to surrender part of their office space on short notice.

Great Changes Pending in Wall Street

GREAT changes are pending in New York's financial district. Hitherto, during stock exchange hours, the streets were filled with messengers scurrying hither and thither delivering stocks and other securities. If the plan now contemplated is put into effect, virtually all the securities traded in will be kept in one place and merely earmarked for their owners, and the result will be that many thousands of workers will be thrown on the street.

Chicago Fair a Profitable Enterprise

THE Chicago fair, which cost about $39,000,000 to erect, turned out to be a profitable investment. The capital investment is now down to less than $5,000,000, which it is expected to retire in 1934, and the exposition plant, valued at over $11,000,000, remains as an asset.

In the Effort to Satisfy the Bankers

IN THE effort to satisfy the bankers, the New York city playground budget has been reduced from $608,000 in 1932 to $180,000 for 1934. Meantime, 300 children are killed annually in the streets of the city and 13,000 more are injured.

Springfield Saved $2,000,000 Last Year

THE city of Springfield, Ill., third largest city in the state, has electric rates 25 percent to 30 percent lower than other cities in Illinois privately served, yet last year its municipally-owned electric plant saved its citizens $2,000,000, in comparison with what they would have had to pay a private utility at average costs. That was $300,000 more than the total tax burden of the city for municipal purposes. How silly, when you come to think of it, is the thought that the citizens should have all the expensive utilities, such as sewers, pavements, etc., and turn over all the profitable utilities, such as gas and electricity, to the bankers.

Sorrow Among the Detected

THERE is always great sorrow among those caught in wrongdoing. Thus, it seemed all right to the president of New York's greatest bank to publicly bet that the stock of his bank would stay up and to privately and more effectively bet that it wouldn't. The New York *Times,* realizing that one more idol has fallen off his perch, compliments the ability of Mr. Wiggin, president of the Chase National (nobody has ever questioned the ability of any of these stuffed prophets of finance), and then says mournfully: "By his knowledge and skill and industry he did much to build up one of the greatest banks in the world. But now we have the revelation of personal practices which no one not in the secret would have thought believable." The idea of great bankers and great publishers that they have any duty to their fellow men except to deceive them and help skin them never seems to cross the minds of any of them. One after another they betray anxiety to be all alike.

New York Near Its Tax Limit

THE constitution of the city of New York forbids taxes in excess of 2 percent of the assessed valuation of real estate. This works out now at $358,000,000, and the year's budget is $357,000,000, a margin of only $1,000,000. The new mayor hopes to cut expenses by at least $50,000,000, but will find he has a hard job on his hands.

Starting the "Buy Now" Campaign

THE Thomas A. Edison Industries started off the "Buy Now" campaign by making a gift of $5 to each of their 3,000 employees and urging each of them to buy something with it that otherwise they would not have bought. This is a good hint to Uncle Sam, and if he wants a list of those that are willing to accept $5 each, all he has to do is to ask.

No Depression to Overcome

THE editor of the Oakland *Post-Enquirer,* commenting on the proposal of a group of clergymen that there be formed a Golden Rule army of 40,000,000 men and women, church members, dedicated to the idea of helping the NRA to overcome the depression, makes the sage observation that this idea is just as good today as it was 2,000 years ago when first given to the world, but that if we had 40,000,000 men and women in the United States sufficiently enlightened to live according to the Golden Rule, there would be no depression to overcome.

Maryland and Missouri Lynchings

INSPIRED by Governor Rolph's endorsement of lynching, terrible scenes have been enacted elsewhere and all played up to America's discredit in England. In Maryland 300 soldiers in steel helmets ignominiously retreated before a mob bent on murder, and the mob had its way. In St. Joseph, Missouri, a colored boy was slowly strangled to death by a clumsy attempt to execute him. While his body jerked and twitched in its death agonies petrol was poured over it and his clothing was set afire. As his body became a torch and was burned naked hundreds of women are reported in the London papers as laughing and dancing with joy. It is hard to conceive of the immense harm to civilization that is done by connivance with or condonement of these illegal acts. You may be the next to be hanged and burned.

Too Many Cooks in NRA Kitchen

THE Paul Block newspapers think there are too many cooks in the NRA kitchen. In an advertisement in the New York *Times* they delicately hint of the difficulties in the way when "some of his assistants, not only in the offices of the NRA, but in other departments, try to teach experienced men interested in the management of hundreds of diversified business enterprises how they should be run; for the Administration has not as yet proved to millions of Americans, including the many unemployed and the low-wage workers, that it knows how to run the business of our country. Why, therefore, should it claim ability to run everyone else's business?"

In the Transition Period

ALBERT E. HAYES, editorial writer in a Denver paper, has a set of Judge Rutherford's books, and is evidently reading them. In a recent article from his pen he says: "Ever since 1922 the governments of the world have proved futile for either good or ill and we are now pestered with the cure-all freaks. But our foremost and most reverential Bible students say that the dumbness of human governments is because the kingdom of heaven is staging its finale in the age-old drama and we are in the transition period depicted in Revelation. That is not complimentary to politicians, but it may be true, and is cheering to all lovers and followers of the Savior, who really did promise something of the sort. If we keep our eyes open we will see something worth while yet."

When a Crowd Starts Out to Murder

WHEN a crowd starts out to murder, it at once loses all semblance of reason or humanity. At Princess Anne, Maryland, the mob of 2,000 that lynched a Negro prisoner in front of the home of a judge had leaders that were well known to all the community. After the hanging the body was dragged a half mile down Main Street, where it was burned. While the doomed man still lived members of the mob leaped repeatedly on his prostrate form. One boy, 18 years of age, slashed off one of his ears with a knife. He was hung nude in the presence of women and children. After the lynching, when four of the leaders had been arrested, three judges granted them their liberty on the grounds that the evidence to hold them was insufficient.

News from Chile

CHILE sees no hope of being able to pay the interest on its foreign debts; it fears another world war is imminent, but the newspapers remind the people that the World War was a boon to Chile's most important industries, nitrate of soda and copper. The new Chilean passport regulations forbid socialists to enter the country.

Newfoundland Loses Her Government

THE Newfoundland government has collapsed and the country will be governed as a British crown colony. The report of the commission which has been investigating conditions is that the people have become virtual serfs of the merchants of St. John and been victimized by the politicians in a continuing process of greed, graft and corruption which has left few classes of the community untouched.

But Two Nations Not Bankrupt

IN A SPEECH at Nottingham, England, Sir George Paish, admittedly one of the best-posted men in public life, recently said: "It is an amazing thing to say, but as a result of the war the world is bankrupt. For the first time in history practically every nation in the world excepting Switzerland and Holland is bankrupt or virtually has been through the bankruptcy court."

Narcotic "Needs" of China and Japan

THE narcotic "needs" of China and Japan for the year 1934 have been compiled. China asks for 44 pounds of heroin, and Japan 1,430; China, 77 pounds of cocaine, and Japan 2,200; China, 220 pounds of morphine, and Japan 7,431. The United States government is much alarmed over the tide of narcotics flowing into the United States from some unspecified country in the Far East.

France Repudiated Her Debt

FRANCE repudiated her debt to the United States. One reason, probably, is that in the last two years she has spent $300,000,000 strengthening her lines from Switzerland to Belgium, getting ready for the next war. The new forts, all connected with one another, and yet built so that one section can be isolated from another if the enemy breaks in, are constructed to combat every imaginable form of warfare, siege, airplane raid or gas attack.

War Next Spring Between Japan and Russia?

WILL there be war in the spring between Japan and Russia? Who knows? Japanese air squadrons fly over Russian lands; Russians protest and demand that the offense be not repeated. The head of the Russian government makes it a point to act as pallbearer at the funeral of a Japanese communist. The United States government recognizes the Russian government, and it does not recognize Japan's puppet government of Manchukuo. It all has a bad look.

Money Talks in Greece

THE United States has extradition treaties with sixty-eight governments. The treaties are in substantially identical form. Greece was one of the sixty-eight countries. When Cook County, Illinois, returned an indictment against Samuel Insull, and Insull fled to Greece, Uncle Sam tried out his extradition treaty and found it did not work. Insull had too much money, or had too many friends who did have it. So Insull is still in Greece and Uncle Sam has denounced his extradition treaty with that country. Looks as if it would be necessary to rewrite all the extradition treaties and explain that the only persons it is expected to extradite are the sinners on a small scale, but that if a man has gotten away with anything from a million up, it shall all be considered a friendly joke on the public and not be taken seriously.

John McGovern, Ruler of the British

IF A MAN is big enough to rebuke the king of the country in which he lives, then he, and not the king, is for the moment the real ruler. John McGovern, Independent Labor member from Glasgow, did that in the House of Lords, the other day. The king, crowned and dressed in his robes of state, and surrounded by the lords and ladies of the realm and the clergy, dressed in velvets, ermines, and scarlet, had just given his speech from the throne when Mr. McGovern, remembering the rags of the starving men and women of his constituency on the Clyde, shouted at the top of his voice, and to the edification of the whole world: "It's a shame to have all this rubbish and show while people are starving outside. You are a gang of lazy, idle parasites, living on wealth created by the people." It is six hundred years since any incident of this kind happened after a king's speech.

Coffee in Saskatchewan

USING seed obtained from Europe, a woman living in Pataigan, Saskatchewan, harvested 16 pounds of coffee from 40 plants that developed from 88 beans planted in the spring. The coffee is said to have a good flavor.

Russia Growing Rapidly

IN THE last year Russia's population has increased by 7,500,000. In that time 257 new towns have sprung up with a combined population of more than 2,000,000. There are scores of new great industrial centers, each with its own stores, universities, libraries, theaters, newspapers, movies, etc.

Seeking Gas Shelters in Czechoslovakia

CZECHOSLOVAKIANS have been so terrified by poison-gas alarms that they are digging shelters in the cliffs and seeking information from the government how they can make them gas-proof. In the villages householders are barricading their cellars with sandbags and digging underground hiding places.

Southern Pine Will Make Newsprint Paper

THE discovery has been made that southern pine will make newsprint paper, and for about one-third less than when made from Canadian spruce. The inevitable result of this discovery is the opening of large paper mills in the South and the probable closing of some of those in Canada.

What African Taxpayers Got

THE London *Daily Herald* tells of one African tribe that paid £200,000 in taxes in ten years and the only Government expenditure in its reserve during that time was in the collecting of taxes. That is what might be called 100-percent British colonial efficiency. The man who levied and collected those taxes ought to be sure of a place in Westminster Abbey.

Leather Scientifically Scuffed

IN THE Mellon Institute of the University of Pittsburgh shoes are loaded with sandbags and then tumbled 700 times in a barrel. The leathers of which they are made are then rated according to the number of scuffs, areas scuffed and the depth of scuffing, and the manufacturers of the leathers know scientifically just where they stand.

Wolf Failed to Notice the Ram

AN ONTARIO wolf located a flock of sheep, picked out a nice tender one, and had just set his fangs in the sheep's neck, but he failed to notice the ram of the flock. The ram, on the other hand, was very much on the job. He sized up the situation, took a run for the wolf, and rammed him so hard amidships that he broke his neck. It is a mistake not to give heed to the rams.

Rabbit Pest in Australia

RABBITS, imported into Australia as pets, have multiplied until it is estimated that there are 1,000,000,000 in New South Wales alone, and that they consume pasturage that would feed more than 100,000,000 sheep. There is one fence more than 1,000 miles long intended to keep them out of the western part of Western Australia. Australia sells $15,000,000 worth of rabbit skins a year, but would be glad to give up that trade if it could only get rid of its rabbits.

Dog Grieves Itself to Death

QUITMAN, Georgia, has a well authenticated case where a nine-month-old English bull terrier died of a broken heart in ten days after the death of her master. Until he was taken ill they had been constant companions. From the day of his death her whole manner changed, she no longer played, or paid the slightest attention to efforts of others to console her. She refused food and water, curled up in a corner, sank into melancholy, and died, though there was no indication that she was ill in any way.

Civilization of 1933

THE civilization of 1933 saw 250,000 cattle killed and burned in Denmark; the hungry Germans who used to purchase them had nothing wherewith to buy. In Holland, 100,000 baby pigs killed and burned for the same reason. Millions of baby pigs destroyed in the United States for the same reason. In Portugal, wine poured into the gutters. In Brazil, trainloads of coffee burned, while the thirsty people of central Europe go without it. In the West Indies, sugar cane standing unharvested; and so with jute and rubber and fruit. Tons of fish have been thrown back into the ocean because hungry people did not have the money with which to buy. Capitalism is in death throes.

Distribution of the "Saints"

BACK in the days of the apostles, Paul could and did write to the saints at Corinth, Ephesus, Colosse and elsewhere and unreservedly and unhesitatingly addressed them as saints, but he was not a Roman Catholic, and that is not Roman Catholic practice. In the Roman church there are now 551 persons on the waiting list, to see whether or not they are saints; of that number 271 are Italians, and, as the Roman Catholic church is strictly an Italian racket, and the bulk of the cardinals and popes are of that nationality, we should expect, as a matter of course, that it would be true of the saints. Why not?

Her Soul Was All Right

IN THE Providence (R. I.) *Visitor,* the National Catholic Welfare Conference has a dispatch from Chicago telling of an experience of Bishop Kucera, of Lincoln. The bishop was aided in serving mass by a man who gave him a dollar and asked him to say mass for the soul of a young woman he had killed. The bishop took the dollar. The man explained that he waited until after the young woman had received Holy Communion before he murdered her. He wanted to be sure her soul was all right. That is lovely. And so we urge all our Roman Catholic readers that before they kill anybody they first make sure that their souls are all right. All that is necessary is to see that they have gone to mass that morning. After that, they can be killed at leisure.

One Million Dollars to Make a Saint

REFERRING to the proposed making of Mother Cabrini into a saint, the Chicago *Tribune,* referring to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which she founded, says: "The vast expense incurred in the proceedings is borne by the sisterhood, and may extend to one million dollars before canonization, it was estimated." If you ask the experts how it is that the humblest followers of the Lord in Corinth, Ephesus and Colosse were called saints, and were addressed as such by Paul in his epistles to the churches in those places, and now it may cost a million dollars to make one, you learn that the reason is that in the days of Paul the followers of the Lord were simple and honest and sincere, and there were no special sisterhoods, and they had no million dollars to pay out to a lot of grafting priests. That is why sainthood came free in apostolic times and comes so high now. It seems that the more you pay for a saint, the less you can bet that the saint is a real one. The prices should come down, even if it is hard on the priests. Why whoop up the saint business in these hard times? We already had enough bogus saints, without Chicago's horning in; but that is a way Chicago has ever had. Why we should have to go to Chicago to get our first American "saint" is something that only a Chicagoan could explain.

Fainted Under Self-imposed Burden

THADDEUS ZICK, Roman Catholic zealot, Ulma, Germany, loaded upon his back a 45-pound wooden cross and started barefoot on a pilgrimage to Rome. He actually got into Italy, after 52 days, before he fainted beneath his self-imposed burden. Newspaper accounts say he is being nursed by priests. The best nursing they could give him would be the mental help that would come from making plain to him that his self-imposed task is unscriptural, unreasonable and could never do good to anybody.

Pope and Duce Divine Agents (?)

THE Washington *Post* has a headline "Pope and Duce Divine Agents, Says Cardinal". We read that Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, said: "The pope and Mussolini are exceptional men in their respective fields. Both were sent indubitably by a divine providence to systematize the world." It may be that you never knew till now just why the world is in such a terrible jam, but now it seems clear. A reference to the dictionary shows that "duce" is sometimes spelled "deuce", and that makes it clearer still.

More Mysterious Church Fires in Quebec

MORE mysterious church fires continue in the province of Quebec, where resistance to the truth is persistent and powerful. St. Louie de France church, Montreal, burned January 12, 1933, with a loss of $500,000; Sainte Genevieve de Batiscan parish church, burned two days later with a loss of $100,000; St. Jacques de Mineur church, Montreal, burned to the ground March 26, with a loss of $300,000; Clarke City parish church was destroyed with a loss of $50,000; and at midnight, September 23, 1933, the cathedral and convent at Valleyfield were burned with a loss of $1,600,000. Three Rivers had a serious fire December 30, 1933.

"Holy Year" Hurricanes

THE "Holy Year" has been prolific of hurricanes. A dispatch from Brownsville, Texas, says that in the year 1933 there were as many hurricanes crowded into three months as had visited that district in fifty years.

No More Ring-Kissing in the "Holy Year"

THE 'pope' has found that it is extremely tiring to have a crowd of pilgrims rush forward to kiss his hand, and so the rule has been promulgated that there will be no more ring-kissing during the "Holy Year". Now why not put an end to the ridiculous custom for once and always? Jesus and the apostles would surely have frowned on any such nonsense in their day.

Priestly Limit in Queretaro

THE limit of priests in Queretaro state, Mexico, has been fixed at 1 to 30,000 of the population. The limit in the federal district, of Mexico City, is one for each 50,000. General Calles, former president of Mexico, has described the clergy as cowards and the "eternal enemies of Mexico's progress". Mexico is a well-governed country; racketeering and kidnaping are unknown.

Britain's Trappist Abbey

NEAR Coalville, England, Britain has its lone Trappist Abbey. A Trappist is willing to sing or to pray, but not to talk. Talking is considered the greatest of all sins. Under the circumstances it seems as if the most acceptable members of the order would be the deaf and dumb, but probably if the members are sufficiently dumb it does not matter particularly whether or not they are deaf.

Why the Unemployed Went to Rome

MANY have wondered why 450 of Britain's unemployed were sent to Rome to see the 'pope'. The official handbook explains that this cost of $30,000, which was borne by Catholics, was "with an eye to the specially densely populated, impoverished and desolate nature of localities and the likelihood of communist propaganda there". In other words, the trip was a venture in social insurance. It was thought that when these unfortunates returned they would be more enthusiastic rooters for the continuation of the present rule of selfishness and injustice, and that the $30,000 was well spent.

Air Express to West Coast

THE air express to the West Coast leaves Boston at 5:00 p.m., Newark 8:10 p.m., and arrives at Dallas at 8:04 a.m. and Los Angeles at 3:14 p.m. Goods purchased one day in Boston may be on sale in Los Angeles the next afternoon.

Longest Locomotive Run

THE longest locomotive run is on the North Coast Limited of the Northern Pacific Railroad, between Jamestown, N. Dak., and Missoula, Mont., a distance of 904 miles. The total weight of these engines is 855,000 pounds, and the over-all length 108 feet. Twelve of these are now being built.

Costs of Electric Refrigeration

IN LOS ANGELES, with low electric rates from a municipally owned and operated electric plant, the monthly cost of operating an electric refrigerator is $1.25 or less; in New Orleans it is $3.35 for the same service. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, the net profit of the Los Angeles plant was $3,811,258.

The Building Trades in Canada

IN 1929 the payrolls of the building trades in Canada (excepting Quebec and Manitoba) totaled $87,000,000; in 1932 the total was only $25,000,000. The decline in all payrolls in the dominion, from 1929 to 1932, is estimated as a reduction from $947,000,000 to $457,000,000, or less than half.

Newark the Greatest Airport

NEWARK retains its position as the world's greatest airport, in number of passengers cleared and also in express and mail traffic. In 1933 the passenger clearances were 10,000 per month. America has caught on to air travel with a will. Chicago and Cleveland are very close to Newark in planes and passengers cleared.

57-Day Tour Around the World

THOMAS COOK & SON are now advertising a regular 57-day tour around the world, 15 days of which are spent in the air. The trip is from Seattle via Los Angeles and Miami to Pernambuco, Brazil; thence via zeppelin to Spain and planes to Saigon, Indo-China. The trip from Saigon to Seattle is by steamer, with a 7-day lay-over in Hong Kong.

A "Literary Digest"

THE PATHFINDER goes to considerable effort, we think, to point out that a "modern Priscilla" crossed the "Atlantic" in search of an "American boy" who had gone to help with the "world's work". Having good "success" she found the "country gentleman" leaning against a "Saturday evening post" and gazing at an "evening star". He asked her to be his "youth's companion" and share his "farm, home and fireside". A "pathfinder" guided them to his home, where the "household" goods consisted mostly of "needlecraft" and old "farm bureaus". The "current opinion" was that they would have an "independent" "life", but after they had enjoyed "farm life" for nearly a "golden age", she received a "dispatch" from a "Virginia farmer", saying, "come back." She laid aside her "red book" and said to her "woman's home companion", "I'm going to leave this 'cosmopolitan' country and return to 'America' and be an 'American woman'."

The Sorrows of Jonesboro

IT IS bad enough to have one evangelist come to town, but when two come, and they are both from Texas, it is a calamity. Two of them came to Jonesboro, Arkansas, one after the other, but they came to the same congregation and desired control of the same tabernacle. There was strife as to who should be greater, and have the contents of the collection basket. The sins of members of the congregation were read from the pulpit. This brought out a big crowd. The congregation eventually split half and half. Each half tried to sing and pray and preach the other half down. On one occasion the National Guard was called out. On another occasion, sometime before the present pastor murdered the janitor, a visiting reverend was invited to preach. One hundred women who disputed his credentials pulled him from the pulpit, and tore off his coat, suspenders, shirt and most of his undershirt. The murdering of the janitor seems to have had a soothing effect upon the congregation.

Scant Time and Space to Correct Falsehoods

JUDGE RUTHERFORD and those associated with him as Jehovah's witnesses have scant time to correct falsehoods, but it becomes necessary when one is in conflict with the Roman Catholic hierarchy, as experience has shown that nothing the Roman press has to say about the Watchtower organization can be believed. Hence in this issue we refer once more to *The Catholic Universe Bulletin,* Cleveland, Ohio, issue of December 15, 1933.

On its front page *The Bulletin* has a column bearing the following headlines: "Watch Tower Tries Ruse to End Radio Curb; Doorbell-Ringers Pose as 'Defenders of Father Coughlin' and Circulate Petitions; Public Warned Against Hoax; Rutherford's Avowed Aim Is to Demand Free Use of Air." The article, which is two columns long, contains the following paragraphs:

"Zealots seemingly aglow to keep Father Coughlin on the air are canvassing the city with petitions asking Congress to guarantee the right of free speech by way of radio. Close questioning reveals their wiles, for they are agents of the Watchtower syndicate that sponsors the fast-fading Judge Rutherford."

"Guileless Catholics have signed the petition in a number of instances thinking they were backing up the militant radio-priest of the Little Flower Shrine, Royal Oak, Michigan. In reality they were petitioning for the return of the arch-reviler of the Papacy and the Church to the unrestricted air-channels of America."

This article in *The Bulletin* is merely an attempt of the Devil to try to gain some benefit from the work that Jehovah's witnesses are now doing. Ordinarily we do not know or care what any of the Roman Catholic press say about us, but, to correct this lie, it seems advisable to give our subscribers the facts about the petition work, so that they may see how it originated and the methods by which it has been carried on.

Everything is in print, in black and white, open and aboveboard. Mr. Coughlin is not mentioned in any way, shape or form, and it was not intended that he should be. Millions of the people approached with this petition have never even heard of the man and his little flower shrine and do not know that there is any such place as Royal Oak, Michigan. The Catholic windbags take themselves too seriously.

The Printed Instruments

We have before us all the instruments used in the petition work. The first is Judge Rutherford's 64-page booklet *Escape to the Kingdom*. It contains three of his lectures: "The Way of Escape," "Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity," and "Kingdom Blessings for the People". Four million copies have been printed and circulated. It does not mention Mr. Coughlin in any way. Furthermore, the three addresses contained therein were broadcast all over America, not only once, but several times.

The explicit printed instructions to the petition circulators were that they were to go to the homes with the above booklet, and to say:

I have come to bring you a message of good cheer, and when you hear it your heart will be glad. The times are very hard and the people continue to suffer, and there is just one way of escape from even greater trouble. Jehovah God has provided that way, and it means safety and prosperity to those who learn about it and follow in it. This booklet [producing the booklet] gives a clear and plain statement of just what everyone now needs to know. You will want to be able to tell your friends and neighbors about it. Would you like to read the booklet and contribute five cents to help get it into the hands of others? If so you may be assured of the Lord's blessing.

As the next step they were to hand to each person the following (published in *Golden Age* No. 371, page 138), asking them to read it carefully:

Are You in Favor of Liberty?

Do You Wish Intrenched, Selfish Interests to Deprive the People of the Right to Hear by Radio What Is Desirable?

UNDER the pretext of "tolerance" that intrenched, selfish crowd is now engaged in a movement to force the radio stations to broadcast only what pleases them and to thus deprive the people of their just rights to hear the truth. They are trying to force off the air men who are faithfully telling the people God's Word of truth concerning the cause of world distress and what is His remedy. Nothing could be of greater importance to you than to hear these truths now.

True democracy is fast disappearing from the earth. In behalf of truth and righteousness you still have the opportunity to protest and petition. To enable you to exercise this right, a petition is now being circulated. It is of the greatest importance that you act quickly. Sign the petition calling upon the Congress to safeguard the rights of the common people.

The exact language in which these instructions were couched is as follows:

"Hand to each person the leaflet, asking him to read it carefully, and say that you will call back later. Even though no one is home when calling, leave the leaflet under the door, because it may be they will be at home when you call for the signing of the petition. Do not waste any time explaining anything, because the leaflet will do that."

The Petition Itself

The petition itself was to be circulated after the witness work was done, and in many instances would be by the hand of others. The exact language of the instructions on this point is:

"It is suggested that in the evenings, after you have witnessed with the *Escape* booklet and left the leaflets, you call back for their signatures to the petition. If those witnessing during the day cannot do the back calling in the evening, other brethren who are not privileged to be in this work during week-days can, after their secular employment is finished, make the back calls in the evening with the petition. This will give all the brethren an opportunity to work at this during the week as well as at week-ends."*

The form of the petition itself is set forth in our issue of December 6, 1933, page 138, which please see. No Roman Catholic is mentioned personally in any of this literature. References to the 'pope' cannot be considered personal, as he is the titular head of a system. The only way the Roman Catholic hierarchy is mentioned in the petition is in the following sentence:

The National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and others, have wrongfully by threats, coercion and other improper influence prevented many stations from broadcasting this message of truth, thus depriving stations of legitimate income and depriving millions of American citizens of the privilege of hearing what they wish to hear; and against this wrongful action we vigorously PROTEST.

It would suit us better if the Roman Catholic hierarchy and its press would confine itself to the truth and to a manly and honorable course of conduct, but inasmuch as the whole system is (as the Bible shows) a system of lies from top to bottom, and given over to unmanliness and dishonorable methods, all we can do is to register our protest and let the matter drop.

* In some instances permission was granted to obtain signatures to the petition at the first interview, which, however, always included first the presentation of the *Escape* booklet and the mention of the name of Jehovah.

Obedience Brings Honor in the Temple

IT IS the expressed will of God that those who serve Him faithfully will eventually come to honor, and it is in this sense only that the faithful "seek for glory and honour and immortality". If one's motive in worshiping or serving Jehovah God is because of any honor he gets out of it in this life, or because of any honor that he expects to get out of it in any life, then his worship and service count for nothing.

The passage in the second chapter of Romans must be considered in connection with its context. The apostle, pointing out both the right and the wrong course, concludes with a reference to "the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who, by patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life".—Romans 2:5-7.

The apostle (addressing himself to the church, the body of Christ) thus seems to say that the end of those who patiently continue in well doing and who are fully faithful to their covenant is that they should obtain the glory, honor and immortality that God has provided as the reward of such a course, but if, for any reason, that goal be not attained by others, there is good reason to hope that everlasting life on some plane at least will be their portion.

The time element enters in. From the time of the first advent to the coming of the Lord to His temple for judgment, it was proper to hold out the reward of glory, honor and immortality as being the logical result of a life of obedient and joyful worship and service of the Most High.

It does not seem that such reward can now be so freely mentioned. The way is opening for the Jonadabs, and millions of them will come to everlasting life right here in this world, and there will be a measure of glory and honor connected with their experiences, but not immortality.

The Jonadabs are not in the temple or of the temple, and are conscious of that fact, but it does not make them unhappy, nor should it. It is a great privilege to even be brought in contact with the temple work and with those who, because of their faithfulness in the doing of the temple work entrusted to them, will eventually be a part of the temple of the Lord in glory. That in itself is a signal favor and will be so esteemed by them and by all in the ages to come.

See How John Puts It

See how John puts this matter of personal contact with Jesus, the Father's first and best-loved Son. He writes most endearingly, most tenderly, of "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life". —1 John 1:1.

Sixty years after Jesus had gone to be forever with the Father, John wrote the vivid accounts of the gracious Guest at the wedding feast who turned the water into wine; of the burning zeal of Him who cleansed His Father's house of those that were making it a house of merchandise; he heard the heart-searching interview with Nicodemus, and with the Samaritan woman at the well; he knew all the circumstances attendant upon the healing of the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda, and about the restoring of sight to the one blind from his birth. He knew the story of 'the good shepherd who giveth His life for the sheep', of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, and of Jesus' washing His disciples' feet. He was present and heard and remembered the Lord's last comforting discourse to His disciples, and even remembered the concluding prayer. That he literally handled the Word of life, in obedience to Jesus' own invitation, we may judge from Luke 24:39, 40:

> Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

John is the only one of the apostles who mentions the foregoing incidents in the Lord's life. In some of these instances he was probably the only one who saw sufficient of the incident to be able to make a clear record of it, but, in any event, we know that John was deeply impressed with them all, and has left their impress indelibly upon all Christians from then to now.

Looking now again at the "Jonadabs": Can we suppose that Jonadab ever forgot his ride with Jehu? (2 Kings 10:15-23) Or, for that matter, can we suppose that he ever will forget it? How could he? It meant more to him than all the other experiences of his life put together. Just now the antitypical Jehu is taking the antitypical Jonadab for a ride, and before he gets through with that ride he will have stored

up observations, instructions and experiences that he will never forget.

The Typical Temple

We return to the typical temple at Jerusalem, as it stood in the days of the Lord, and consider some of the rules and regulations then in force. None might enter the temple with a staff in his hands, or with a purse; money, if carried, must be in his hand. He might not wear shoes, nor might he have dust upon his feet. If necessary for him to spit, it must be in some corner of his own garment. He might not use any irreverent gesture in front of the temple. He might not pass through the temple grounds on any errand. He must demean himself as if in the presence of Jehovah God. He must worship standing, with his eyes on the ground and his hands clenched upon his bosom. Having worshiped, he must not turn his back upon the altar, but must back away from it.

These restrictions, with others that were in force, help us to see how the temple appeared to the fleshly Israelite. To him it represented the presence of God in the midst of His people. And that was really true. God had really promised the Jews that when they came to Jerusalem, as required, He would meet with them at the temple, and He so did.

> And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony.—Exodus 25:22.

The foregoing, which applied to the tabernacle, was confirmed by the Lord as respects the temple. After the temple was built, the Lord said to Solomon: "I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually."—1 Kings 9:3.

The pretense of the Roman Catholic church that God is present in every one of their churches is only a pitiful counterfeit or swindle based upon the reality of the literal temple as it existed in the days of our Lord. The only god that is present in every Roman Catholic church building, and in every other creedal church building, is the god of this world.—2 Corinthians 4:4.

Simeon's Blessing in the Temple

It is hard for us to get any adequate measure of the great blessing that was poured out on Simeon at the first advent of the Lord. Simeon was not a priest; he was not anything special; he was just a plain man; but he loved God. The account says of him:

> And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the holy [spirit] was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the holy [spirit], that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.—Luke 2:25, 26.

Picture the scene! Here is a man who has lived all his life in the shadow of the temple of God and in reverence of the word of God. He knows why sin is in the world; he knows that he is living in the times of the Gentiles; he knows that a savior is promised, and has been promised for more than four thousand years, a savior who not only will break the shackles of the Roman yoke fastened upon him and upon his people, but will break the bands of death that tie man to the tomb from the moment of his birth.

Reverently he goes over the Scriptures, seeking to understand them. He knows if help is to come it must come from on high, because the psalmist so intimates. Who is this mighty one? Whence can he come? How will he make his appearance? How can the people be sure of his identity?

No doubt he had heard of the birth of the babe at Bethlehem. The shepherds, only forty days previously, had heard the song of the angels, declaring, "Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord," and, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," and then they had gone and found the babe in the manger and had declared the good news far and wide.

No Doubt Simeon Had Prayed for Help

Though the fact is not mentioned, there is not the least doubt that Simeon had heard these stories and had prayed for help. He believed that if ever there could be a time when there was need of a savior, and a great one, it was then, and without a doubt he had gone upon his knees and asked the great Jehovah God, if the good news was really true, then to make it clear to him, so clear that he could not doubt the divine leading.

How his prayer was answered we do not know, for God could answer a prayer in any of

a million ways and still make His purposes as clear as crystal. He may have sent an angel to tell Simeon by word of mouth, or He may have pointed him to one of the scriptures respecting our Lord's virgin birth, or the place of His birth, or the attendant circumstances, as recorded by various of the prophets.

In any event Simeon was fully convinced, fully satisfied, and so we read that at just the right moment "he came by the Spirit into the temple". The heavenly Father timed it all, or the angels did it for Him, for they are all as interested as He.

As Simeon came in one way Joseph and Mary came in the other, "to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." The size of this offering is taken as evidence that Joseph and Mary were among the very poor. They gladly gave what they could, but their means were limited and they could do little more than make an acknowledgment of the love and gratitude that welled up in their hearts.

Simeon Needed No Introduction

Simeon needed no introduction to the young couple who had in their keeping the greatest treasure that had ever been presented in the temple. All the golden furnishings and golden vessels of the house of the Lord were as nothing compared with that little mite of humanity, barely forty days old, that they brought in with them. Quite likely there were other parents there that morning on the same errand, but Simeon instinctively was made to know which one was of special interest to him and to all mankind, and so we read:

> And when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Quite reasonably and naturally Joseph and Mary were moved by these things, and it says that they marveled at the things spoken. The account proceeds:

> And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Simeon Was a Prophet

We thus see that Simeon was a prophet, for all that he has spoken of the little babe has come to pass. He has been indeed a light to lighten the Gentiles, He has been indeed the glory of His people, He was indeed set for the fall of fleshly Israel and for the rising again of spiritual Israel. A sword indeed did pierce Mary's heart when she saw her innocent son, holy, harmless and undefiled, separate from sinners, die upon the tree between two thieves, and this Judge of all the earth does indeed now lay bare the thoughts of many hearts.

But Simeon was more than a prophet. He was a much-loved servant of Jehovah God. He cannot have been of the body of Christ, because he was at the time of Christ's birth an aged man and expected shortly to pass away, and no doubt did pass away soon thereafter. To have been begotten of the spirit he would have had to live on many years; it was 33½ years from then to Pentecost.

And so we can see Simeon occupied a peculiar place, in many respects like that of the Jonadabs now living, and yet very different. Simeon was brought in touch with the babe Jesus, at the first advent, before the advent of the spirit dispensation. The Jonadabs are brought in touch with the Man Christ Jesus when that company, the body of Christ, as we understand, is complete, in glory, and a remnant thereof still on this side the vail.

Simeon's inheritance is an earthly inheritance; so is Jonadab's. Simeon's greatest blessing was in the temple, or connected with it. The Jonadabs are getting their greatest blessing, their greatest experience of life, through being brought in contact with the temple work, the Jehu work.

Simeon had to die and wait for his inheritance, wait for the Kingdom promised, but the Jonadabs are already under the Kingdom, and have only to be true and faithful and they shall pass through the fires of Armageddon unscathed and go over into the age of peace and joy everlasting where Simeon and all the other faithful ones from Abel to John the Baptist will bless them with their friendship and participate with them in spreading the praises of Jehovah's great name to earth's remotest bounds.

The Indian's Lament

By the Honorable Big Chief White Horse Eagle*

Woe unto us, despised and hated;
To the desert sand we're relegated;
Deprived of freedom, bread and home,
Consigned to wolf and lion's tomb.
Oft from our wigwams we were driven,
Then had no shelter, only heaven.
They killed our little dear papoose,
And oft our loving squaws seduced.
For pelt of bear, for mink and otter,
They paid with their cursed fire-water.
They called us savage in complaints;
Does 'Christian worship' make them saints?
On justice ne'er were they intent:
They called it all expedient.
When all the land from which we're driven
To us the white man's God had given,
The mountains, lakes, all Nature's boons,
Held by the forefathers countless moons;
The buffalo herds without number
Gave us food and house for slumber.
The antelope, deer, fowl and fish
Afforded us a luscious dish.
The gentle zephyr through the leaves
With murmuring brook did interweave,
While round the camp-fire we would dance
And at the stars above us glance.
Then joy and freedom ruled supreme
And nights were passed in sweetest dream.

We too have wife and children dear
That with the white man's brood compare;
Our food the same as of the white;
We too feel pain and heart's delight;
Our organs all are of the kind
That in the white man you will find,
And our emotions manifold
Like theirs, not always in control.
When they seek us to annihilate
Should we not then retaliate?
They landed on the ocean strand
And did of us our homes demand.
For conscience' sake they gave us part
Of what we owned of Nature's chart.
We did at first make no resistance,
But helped them to a need, existence,
And when we saw our dismal fate
We sadly found it was too late.
They've driven us from east to west
Regardless of our dire protest,
And all our freedom thus suppressed
Will soon beneath the sod find rest,
An Indian, Nature's child begotten,
Soon in oblivion lost, forgotten.

* The chief, born in 1822, and therefore 111 years old, is a personal friend of Judge Rutherford. He is having transcription meetings in his home and writes that he is enjoying them very much.

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The Horse Thieves of High Finance

OF ALL the terrible excoriations Big Business has received at the hands of the statesmen of our time, nothing has ever been published that equals that contained in Judge Rutherford's book *Vindication*. God is about to vindicate His word and His name and to establish in the earth a reign of absolute righteousness, which is the desire of every honest heart.

Before that reign in all its power and glory can become manifest to all men it is necessary that Jehovah's enemies lick the dust in Armageddon. In *Vindication,* Book Two (the work is in three volumes), 199 pages are set apart to the delineation of these enemies of the great and true and just and only God. The chapters discussed in those pages are Ezekiel chapters 25 to 32 inclusive.

The last of those pages are a discussion of chapter 32 of Ezekiel's prophecy. It is entitled "End of Oppression". It is an arraignment of the money power, and covers 38 pages. In those pages there are 75 paragraphs. We cannot quote them all, but we quote one, so that the reader may judge for himself of the cumulative effect of the other 74:

Commerce, or Big Business, dominates everything on the land. It is in the saddle, and dictates the terms to the people. Big Business owns practically all the banks and the money in them. It receives on deposit what little cash the common people have, and then uses that cash for its own selfish purposes. Big Business owns and controls the newspapers, the magazines, and other means of advertising itself to promote and carry on its propaganda schemes for exploiting the people and creating public opinion. Big Business owns and controls the armies and all of their equipment, including the air fleets. Big Business owns and controls the legislative and executive branches of the governments. It manipulates, elects and selects its own men to public office. It owns and controls the big lawyers, the judges, the courts, and the officers and servants that serve thereat. It owns and controls the big scientists, the engineers, the planners, architects and constructors of public works. Big Business owns and controls the majority of the colleges and the universities, and even the public or common schools. It owns the radio and controls the music that goes on the air, and the musicians that play. Big Business owns and controls "organized Christianity", and in particular the clergy that serve the same, and also other religions that Satan operates amongst the people and causes them to practice. Big Business owns and controls the natural supply of raw material out of which the clothing for the people is made and the fuel and facilities by which the people are furnished heat and light. Big Business owns and controls the patent rights for all the important machinery used for commerce or trade and also which the people have occasion to use. Big Business owns the people and tells them what they may drink, what they may wear, where they may educate their children, and what they may study, and what they must hear and believe. All of this is Satan's organization, visible to human eyes.

When you have considered that paragraph for a few weeks you will wonder what there is left to say, and what the other 74 paragraphs could possibly contain. Well, in the paragraph just quoted Judge Rutherford is merely clearing his throat, to get down to business. It is, so to speak, merely a sip at the gallon of boiling-hot coffee next on the program.

At length he gets to going, and in the subhead "National Banking Act" are ten pages in which he proceeds to pay his respects to the horse thieves of high finance. Here again we are restricted as to space, but present just one more paragraph, to whet your appetite. He says:

The National Banking Act of the United States provided for the establishment of national banks in the following manner: In a city of more than six thousand population such a bank could be started with a capital of one million dollars. Government bonds were then selling for fifty cents on the dollar, and with five hundred thousand dollars in cash one million dollars of the United States government bonds could be bought. These bonds must be deposited with the government at Washington as security for currency furnished by the government to the bank organized. These bonds deposited with the government

belonged, of course, to the bank, and the government paid the bank an annual interest of six percent in gold coin on one million dollars of bonds, which had cost the bank only half a million, and which was therefore equivalent to twelve percent interest on the amount invested by the private interests. In consideration of this deposit of bonds the government then issued currency to the bank up to ninety percent of the par value of the bonds, or nine hundred thousand dollars, which currency must be signed by the president of the bank before it was used and was therefore in fact the money issued by the bank. This was a subterfuge to get around the Constitutional provision for issuing money. This nine hundred thousand dollars so issued in currency, the bank could loan at ten percent interest for thirty or sixty days, the interest payable in advance, of course, which amounted to twelve percent on the nine hundred thousand dollars. The bank, of course, received deposits from the people and was permitted to loan such deposited money for its own private use. The national bank, therefore, was really a gold mine. Rothschild Brothers were then the great money kings of Britain. Those money changers conspired with their allies in the United States in putting through the United States Congress the National Banking Act.

Simpson Confirms the Foregoing

John A. Simpson, one-time bank president, but now president of the National Farmers Union, Kankakee, Illinois, is one of the American statesmen who knows the truth of the statements above made, and has the courage to proclaim it. From one of his public addresses, given over the radio, we publish excerpts in confirmation which we are sure will be of interest to all our readers. Mr. Simpson said, in part:

A good many years ago I was president of the First National Bank of Weatherford, Oklahoma. One day, as president of that bank, I lent this government $25,000. Figuratively speaking, I laid $25,000 of the bank's money on the counter of the secretary of the treasury in Washington. He laid beside that $25,000 for the bank this government's note bearing interest at a certain rate, payable quarterly, the note running a certain period of years. The note was a government bond with coupons attached. I left the bond with the secretary of the treasury and asked to have the Government furnish me $25,000 of blank national bank notes. The Government very obligingly ran these blank notes in the sum of $25,000 off their printing presses. They were not money until I signed John A. Simpson right over where the Government had printed on each blank note, "President of the First National Bank of Weatherford, Oklahoma." When I signed these notes there was just as much money in the vaults of the First National Bank of Weatherford, Oklahoma, as there was when I took $25,000 out to lend the Government. In other words, I had just as much money to lend out to merchants and farmers at Weatherford at high rates of interest, and at the same time Uncle Sam, every three months, sent the interest on his note that I had left with him in Washington. Men and women of the radio audience, when Uncle Sam has paid the last coupon on that bond I left with him, he will have taxed you folks listening in, together with other citizens of this country, more than $25,000 and paid it to the First National Bank of Weatherford, Oklahoma, in order to have me sign and make money for the people of the United States to use.

Every time you look at a national bank note, if it is a $10 bill, you can be sure that this government paid the bank that issued that note $10 in interest to have the banker sign it to make money for the people to use. If it is a $100 national bank note, this government taxed the people sufficient to pay the bank $100 in interest for the people to have that bill to use as a medium of exchange. That is your national bank system. You have been told by these cruel, inhuman, criminal international bankers, through the press of the country, that this was a sound money system.

In England for a thousand years it was against the law to charge interest or usury for the use of money. Sometimes during that thousand years the law was so severe that the person found guilty of collecting interest forfeited his property and his children were not only disinherited, but disfranchised. The law at one time provided that a usurer would not be protected from mob violence. In the fourteenth century, under King Edward the Third, usury was a crime, punishable by death. There are English court decisions in which it is stated usurers are ranked with murderers; that taking of money by interest was no better than taking a man's life.

The Old-Style Horse Thief

There is an old saying that "nothing succeeds like success". I remember, 30 years ago, when I came to the state of Oklahoma as a homesteader on a quarter section of land, the business of horse stealing was such a success that those engaged in it were recognized and, to a large extent, respected. Back in those days in Oklahoma many times I have stood in the grocery store where I traded or in the bank where I did business and asked the merchant or banker, as the case might be, the name of some man just passing. He would tell me, and I would ask him, "What is his business?" Without any facial expression of saying something unusual he would say, "He is a horse thief." I found these horse thieves had made a success to the extent that they had a business standing with the banker, they could borrow money like other business men; they enjoyed social equality with other business men of the town; and they attended church, served as deacons, passed the basket, and were themselves most liberal contributors.

Under the principle that "nothing succeeds like success", these men who practiced collecting interest finally conceived the method by which they not only made their business respectable, but made it legal. With blood on their hands they went to legislative bodies and had bills passed that arbitrarily declared above a certain rate was usury and unlawful, while below that rate was interest and lawful. Such laws simply legalized robbery and murder. It legalized the destruction of governments. It legalized the pauperizing of untold millions. It legalized the planting of an economic cancer upon the breast of a nation. In this country that cancer has eaten deep into the prosperity of our people. It has eaten so deep that today recognized authorities estimate the total interest-bearing obligations of the people, the corporations and the various divisions of government to be even greater than the present value of all real and chattel property in the United States. That interest cancer today takes an annual toll from the people of this nation equal to one-third of the national annual income. It is only a matter of a few years, if we permit the monster interest to continue eating into the vitals of this nation, until it will take all the national annual income to pay the annual interest obligation.

The federal government, alone, owes today more than $22,000,000,000. This is an increase of $6,000,000,000 during the last four years. It has increased over a billion dollars since the fourth of March. There are now proposed further increases of nearly $4,000,000,000, which means within a few months our national government's interest-bearing debt will have passed the high mark of the war period. It will mean this terrible interest cancer will be taking from the treasury of the United States, annually, more than one billion dollars.

The More Efficient Modern One

You people listening in at this moment, I want you to know that if the farmers of this nation had all been members of the Farmers' Union, this session of Congress would never have provided for further interest-bearing obligations on the part of the government.

Just a few days ago the secretary of the treasury advised that Uncle Sam wanted to borrow a billion dollars so that Uncle Sam might put some men to work building public improvements that become new national wealth. I say to you that it is a crime for this government to pay interest to bankers for that billion dollars to have them sign the money that this government prints. The Government prints the money and should sign it and save the taxpayers the burden of paying interest to bankers to have them sign it. Under present plans, as I have said, this government will soon have outstanding $26,000,000,000 of interest-bearing bonds. Under the terms of these bonds, the Government will, in 25 years, pay $52,000,000,000. If those in charge of our government had the courage to sign their own money, it would just take $26,000,000,000 of the taxpayers' money to pay the obligation.

It is a disgrace and a shame that the horse thieves of finance—the Millses, the Morgans, the Meyerses, the Mitchells, the Mellons—are still counted respectable and called into Washington by departments of government to get their advice on what is good for the 120,000,000 common people of this country. You 120,000,000 common people are the ones to blame that you permit a handful of ultrarich to rob you of a billion dollars a year of interest. You ex-service boys listening in, they take from your compensation and hand it to these pirates of finance in the form of interest.

I want you to know that the Economic League is made up of such men as Mellon, Morgan, Mills, Meyers and Mitchell. They were the ones that suggested the economy program, passed at this session of Congress. They took two or three hundred million from you ex-service boys. You boys who worked for $1.00 a day and bared your breasts to the bullets, bombs and shells. You faced poison gas and all the hellish instruments for destruction of life that the ingenuity of man could invent while the Mellons, the Morgans, the Millses, the Meyerses and the Mitchells were heaping millions upon millions. They commercialized your blood and the tears of your mothers. Their Economic League has, by law, robbed you of your compensation and added it to their already swollen, ill-gotten fortunes.

It is out of the unchristian interest system that such crimes come. This devilish interest system is responsible for our international troubles. The Mellons, the Morgans, the Meyerses and the Mitchells and their kind have lent to foreign nations more than $17,000,000,000. These inhuman usurers have conspired with foreign governments to rob the taxpayers of this nation of the $11,000,000,000 foreign countries still owe the Government. The obligations of foreign countries amount to about $500 to the average family. These international bankers, in order to make it easier to collect the $17,000,000,000 foreign countries owe them, are, through their conspiracy, endeavoring to have the $500 they owe each family in this country canceled.

The unchristian interest system caused the Mellons, the Morgans, the Millses, the Meyerses, the Mitchells, to evade income taxes to the extent of nearly $4,000,000,000. Al Capone, for evading income taxes to the extent of a few thousand dollars, sits in a felon's cell in Atlanta. These income tax evaders are the little handful of men that you 120,000,000 common people let run the affairs of this nation. You let them make the laws. You let an Andy Mellon administer those laws for twelve long years. I wonder if the most of you are not getting what is coming to you. I wonder how much greater the punishment must be to you before you will rise up in the spirit of real Americanism and overthrow these gangsters of finance.

Power Trust "Efficiency" *By Pennsylvania Correspondent*

CENTURIES ago James, a servant of Jehovah, foretold a condition that would exist between the laborer and his employer during "the last days" of Satan's evil world, and legislation recently put in force would seem to indicate that even the lawmakers of this country are beginning to realize that James knew whereof he spoke, and that the laborer has been, and is being, shamelessly defrauded at every turn.

Most of the public know that this is true, in a general way, but they are largely unacquainted with specific ways and means whereby this is accomplished, as open fraud is seldom practiced upon employees, by large corporations. Instead, the projected raids upon the pay envelopes of their employees are so glossed over, sugar-coated and mathematically complicated that the individual affected is ready to swear that he is actually the recipient of a favor.

A good look at some of the tricks and subterfuge used by many of the large corporations to reduce their employees to the state described in James 5:1-5 will, this writer believes, be of interest to many readers of *The Golden Age*. Doubtless many of them have been, at one time or another, the victims of such practice, but not from the hand of an employer who has developed the art of chicanery, subterfuge and whitewash to the high degree of perfection as has the outfit here concerned, The Power Trust.

The succeeding observations were made at first hand over a period of several years, and can be amply substantiated in fact by the individuals concerned; and though names and places are readily at hand, for obvious reasons they will not here be mentioned.

Using the Rules Against the Men

Every large corporation has published rules whereby their employees are supposed to be governed. A certain steam-electric generating plant has such a set of rules, and a copy is given to each new employee when beginning his term of service with the company. No deviation from these rules is tolerated on the part of the employee; but on the part of the employer—Ah! That's another matter, entirely!

Even as the wicked are judged in Luke 19:22, 'out of their own mouth,' so it will be in this article, as we proceed to enumerate their violation of their own rules, and disclose how these rules, originally designed for the employee's benefit, are used to defraud them under existing conditions.

Most of us are acquainted with that, sometimes unconscionable, personage, the efficiency engineer. To him is usually entrusted the job of twisting every rule that might be of benefit to an employee, around in the opposite direction, and just what a job these gentlemen (?) of the hardened conscience can make of this will be shown in what follows. Now, let's have a good look at their handiwork!

Company Rule 2: "In consideration of the 15-minute overlap of watches (8-hour shifts) operating attendants will be given an extra day's time (8 hours) at the end of the month on the recommendation of the chief operator in each individual case. Whether or not he receives this bonus is determined by his attendance, punctuality, attention to duties and similar conditions."

Stealing 15 Minutes a Day

This means that each worker is merely required to be on the job 15 minutes before the time for him to START work, which allows the man relieved to explain any unusual conditions to his relief before going off duty, thus safeguarding the company's machinery. For this safeguard, the "bonus" is considered to be a remuneration.

As only efficiency engineers can do it, the possibilities offered by this rule for stealing 15 minutes' actual work from the forty-odd workers was immediately grasped. The process of accomplishing this was simple. His interpretation of this rule was duly posted for future guidance, and was substantially this: 'Employees must be AT WORK 15 minutes before the hour, in order for this extra day's pay to be GIVEN.' By way of clarification to the reader: This meant that an operator temporarily working on maintenance, fitting pipe, for instance, must be at work fitting pipe 15 minutes before his working day started.

Now oil up your mental arithmetic, gentle reader, and let's see just what the employer does GIVE, under, let us say, Smith's ruling. An operator works 28 days per month; 28 times ¼ hour equals 7 hours, extra, WORKED, under the new interpretation. A day's time equals 8 hours; 8 minus 7 equals 1, hour GIVEN. Tsk! Tsk! And they said a DAY'S TIME (8 hours) would be given! This could not be a deliberate mistake. Or is it?

Well, you say, that's one hour they are given, anyway. But hold, brother! Had you considered the joker contained in the last sentence of the above rule? Here's how that works out; and it can be attested by practically every man in the plant.

Bringing Home the Bacon

The time card shows perfect punctuality. Your attention to duty is nigh faultless. Your "similar conditions"— Ah! What eyes those so-called "efficiency engineers" have got! And what ears, too! The pay envelope is short that DAY'S PAY. You go into the office and tackle the big shot for an explanation, and here's what you get: "You made some sarcastic remarks about the management's being too cheap to replace some burned-out light bulbs." (What matter if 36 were out, by actual count, in one department?) Another protests that he has been robbed, and gets this one: "You remarked, outside the plant, that the First Aid cabinet was in a helluva shape." (There was not so much as a piece of adhesive tape to bandage a half-cut-off thumb.) And even this, though decent people will doubt it: "You were off three days to your mother's funeral." (The days off were without pay, but the all-important 15 minutes extra was not worked. See?) And so on, *ad infinitum, ad nauseam.*

For these terrible misdemeanors they steal not only the one hour they promise to GIVE, but seven others with it that you actually worked, so the poor workman has much the same devilish thing pulled on him as the man described in Matthew 12:45, where the one devil not only went back, but took seven other devils with it to plague the man. Truly, 'the last state of both these men is worse than the first'; but that's the devil of it.

Stealing the Cost of Repairs

And now we take up the next little gem, which is Rule 3: "Time and a half will be credited for time in excess of the regular scheduled hours, except such as may be due to failure of men to relieve each other on time, and for any time during the monthly three-day leave. Straight time only will be paid for work during vacations." Look this one over well before we proceed with the efficiency engineer's distortion of it, to the defrauding of the worker. Note that only three days' leave is allowed for one month. What matter if Jehovah God foresaw that man needed one day's rest in every seven? The Power Trust says, No! What do you think we are?

The last sentence of Rule 3 is not in italics in the book, but it may as well have been, for our old friend the efficiency engineer just could not overlook the possibilities in that. After tremendous effort, which must have given him at least half the headache it later gave the employees, it was changed to substantially this: 'Straight time only will be paid for any kind of work, at any time of day or night.' Where is the steal in this? you say. We shall have to dig deep to find it, but it is there!

No Extra Pay for Extra Work

Following general practice everywhere, at the time, the working force was cut to a minimum with a vengeance. Consequently, there was but a definite number of men for a definite amount of work, and as long as things went right there was no increase in the amount of work per man. But when things went wrong, someone must work overtime to make any necessary repairs. When this overtime was worked, the company's solicitude for their health was invoked to compel them to take time off, without pay, for the overtime worked. See it now? You don't! Well, under the original intent of the rule, if they had to take time off instead of getting paid, they would rest the overtime worked, plus half the amount; which is considered necessary to regain strength expended under the circumstances. These men's work must be done by someone while they are off duty; obviously by someone aside from the remaining force, in order not to increase the amount of work per man the remaining force already have. No additional help is forthcoming, however, and the work of the remaining force is made so much the harder, as this extra work is absorbed by them. Result: The extra work is a free gift to the company. Neat, isn't it? Saves hiring and paying other needed men. What's that about the NRA? Say, listen! Jehovah God tells this bunch to give a man one day's rest in seven, and they ignore Him! Do you think they will honor the dictum of an earthly organization, when they do not honor that of Jehovah? All right, have it your own way, then!

Defrauding the Operators

On to the next fraud, which is Rule 5: "An operating man who is temporarily or irregularly working in the Maintenance Department

will continue to be paid on the Operating Department basis. If he works in the Maintenance Department for more than seven consecutive days he will be transferred to the maintenance payroll and will be paid thereafter on the Maintenance Department basis." You have probably noticed that Rule 4 is skipped; but don't let that fool you. There is fraud in it too, but it is of minor importance, as it merely says that they will pay overtime at the rate of time and a half for all time in excess of 219 hours per month. Certainly they don't! Now you are catching on!

Now, Rule 5 is the prize theft of all, and requires the skill of a Philadelphia lawyer, almost, to ferret out the fraud. Nevertheless, with minor misgivings, we go resolutely on with it, hoping that the fraud can be made clear with the aid of the less brilliant intellect at our disposal.

To understand it, a short explanation of the difference between Operating and Maintenance conditions and pay is necessary. Maintenance men work 9 hours a day; Saturday afternoons and Sundays off, as well as all holidays. According to rule, time and a half will be paid for work done at a time when Maintenance men are supposed to be off duty. Maintenance work is recognized, in the company's rules, to be much the harder work, therefore they work a less number of hours per month, namely 210, compared with the operator's 219 hours per month. During temporary shutdowns (at high-water periods, which are largely seasonal) operators are required to do maintenance work, but are NOT transferred to the Maintenance payroll no matter how long they do maintenance work. The rule, you will remember, says they WILL BE after seven consecutive days. Let's see just how badly an operator is defrauded when he works one month on maintenance work, without being transferred to that payroll:

Operator	8 hrs. per day	219 hrs. per mo.	3 days off	$125
Maintenance	9 hrs. per day	210 hrs. per mo.	7 days off	$125

Now suppose they were as good as their word and paid this operator for his month's work at the Maintenance rate. The result would be this:

Extra pay for 4 Saturday afternoons	4 x $1.20 =	$ 4.80
Extra pay for 4 Sundays	4 x 2.50 =	10.00
Extra pay for 1 holiday	1 x 2.50 =	2.50
Extra pay to help pay a big dividend		$17.30

Gouging Dividends Out of the Men

The decided advantage of not transferring operators to the Maintenance payroll is very obvious when the above result is multiplied by some 35, operators who work maintenance for an average of four months out of a year. In the year 1932, when honest employers everywhere were losing money, operators worked five months at one stretch, on maintenance, without any transfer's being made, and that same year this outfit pays the highest dividends in its history. Who paid those high dividends, then? Brother James prepared the answer centuries ago: 'whose wages are kept back by you, by fraud.'

The steam electric station here concerned is an auxiliary source of power to two hydroelectric plants, and the cost of keeping its operating force on the job the year around is figured in, and helps to make, the high rate per kilowatt hour to the consumer. In the year 1932, when the general disintegration of the Devil's organization became unmistakably apparent to the Power Division of his crowd, no other means could apparently be found to keep those precious dividends at the highest level in history than to lay off about one-third of the working force, and compel the remainder to absorb this work at no increase in pay. It required some very high-class salving of outraged feelings to put this one over on the workers, but it was put across, AND HOW!

Raids on the Men Deliberately Planned

These raids upon the old pay envelope were always tried out in the steam station, and if there were no serious hitches, they were later imposed on the other departments. The reason for this was that the efficiency engineer was holding his first BIG job there, and the world had yet to be 'set on fire' by him in his present capacity. Therefore he was anxious to show the big boys just what he could do, and the big boys knew it.

The station was shut down, with no definite information forthcoming as to how long this would last. From a force of some 35 men, 14 were removed from the payroll, ranging in rank from chief operator all the way down to janitor. An additional scare was then thrown into those remaining by forcing some to take one month off, without pay, and others from five to nine days off, also without pay. Those who were left were put on Maintenance work, paid on an Operating basis.

Now it was time for the salve from the efficiency engineer. The men were told that the company was losing money, and to make ends

meet it was necessary to get along on a skeleton force, and if the boys did not care to absorb the additional work, the plant MIGHT be closed up tight. This was the equivalent of saying 'Work one-third harder than you have been, or out you go'. This "reassuring" admonition was calculated very nicely, in *tempo,* to fit right in with a somewhat payless payday. One operator drew $3.52 for two weeks' work. One Maintenance foreman drew 10 cents. Another drew merely a notice that $9.62 was still due the company. All skilled labor drawing such pays, in the Power Industry? Yes, reader, and in the same year, don't forget, of the highest dividends in the company's history. You see there were deductions for rent, coal, insurance, medicine, stores supplies, and, oh yes! company stock! And what was the effect of a few such pays upon the recipients? Why, these skilled operators and mechanics were now ready to absorb any and all kinds of work: cleaning, scrubbing floors, handling ashes, anything, and that is precisely what they got; for the 55-year-old janitor was laid off, and the ash man with him.

Hypocritical One-sided "Efficiency"

As the boys dug into this extra work with a will, they were convinced by the efficiency engineer's line of chatter that they were doing the company a much needed favor, and were thereby making their jobs more secure. Alas, and also alack! This "efficient" person who so advised them never seemed to lend a hand with the dirty work, nor was his income diminished in the slightest degree, to any of the boys' knowledge.

After the boys had 'taken it on the chin' they wondered just why this man was apparently in so solid with the company, when he took no reduction in pay nor helped with the dirty and extra work in the company's "hour of distress". Now they wonder no more, for they know; and it's a sad, sad story. He was the tool of the big boys that was used to steal this extra work from them, thus enabling the company to pay the highest dividends of its history, in the year 1932. The only thing the boys wonder about now is whether Jeremiah 25:34 includes efficiency engineers who are without even a shred of conscience, along with "the principal of the flock", which they know takes care of the big boys.

Hypocrisy and insincerity are not alone confined to efficiency engineers, but are practiced by the higher-ups also, to the hurt of their employees. Sometimes they are caught 'red-handed', too, as the succeeding incidents will show. These incidents show no monetary fraud practiced upon the workmen by the officials concerned, but are glaring examples of hypocrisy and insincerity, and are related here, to your amusement, we hope.

Men Penalized for Honesty

Safety meetings were held each month, and all employees not otherwise engagged (let that spelling alone) were required to attend. It was the privilege and duty of any one of them knowing of an unsafe condition or practice to obtain the floor and tell his fellows about it, that it might be remedied if possible. Before certain things happened, the employees respected Safety meetings more than any other institution of the company. One courageous employee (fifteen years in service, now discharged) told of the company-operated ferry running with a drunken engineer, 30 passengers aboard, and only one life-preserver on the boat. Another told of three men who reported for work in a drunken condition (company's penalty, immediate dismissal), and upon the matter's being reported to the superintendent the reply was: "Oh, let them alone! The work has to be done."

Now these two items reflected terribly on the respective heads of these departments, and something had to be done about it. And so, what? In the official's own words, the employees were turning these meetings into "bolshevik meetings", and it was speedily arranged that thereafter only foremen would be allowed to make Safety reports at these meetings.

The day came when this "outraged" head of the department inaugurated a competition among the various departments, to see which one could go through an entire year without having a serious accident. Accordingly, the boys were given a long-winded dissertation, by this official, on the evils of "horseplay" while on duty; adding that anyone caught indulging therein during this competition would be summarily dealt with. A company rule on this says, also, that it will not be tolerated. Came the elaborate poster for all to note the progress of the competition, having little aeroplanes marked with the name of each department and moving upward for each month that the respective department showed no accident to any employee. Hooray! The steam station was ahead, with a perfect record! The boys had strained mightily

to keep out of the clutches of Old Man Accident, and had made a splendid job of it. The competition was almost over and they would most surely win! But why go on with it?—the little aeroplane marked "Steam Station" crashed. He who would deal summarily with any "horseplay" on the part of employees seriously injured his ankle 'in line of duty' WRESTLING WITH THE STOCK CLERK. Horseplay? Tish, tish! And was it mentioned in Safety meeting, how this happened? What do *you* think?

'The Next Man to Get Hurt'

Now just in case that you may be forming the idea that the efficiency engineer at least would not be guilty of such a trick, we shall have to relate this one, which is amply vouched for by those present. He was now made chief of the works. The force was at a minimum, and the work was heavy and urgent. Several men were already off with minor injuries, and one poor workman had just inadvertently placed a hand into a coal feeder and had two fingers snipped off for his mental lapse. The rage of the "big shot" was something to behold, as visions of being forced to hire "enough" men to do the work confronted him. "The next man that gets hurt, through carelessness, gets fired," yelled the "big shot"; and quakingly his men dug yet harder into their tasks.

Now, three or four men have quite a time moving about a ton of iron that is all in one piece, and the three or four who were doing just that when, let us call him, Smith came on the scene, were no Titans. They had taken up some plates in the floor of an elevated platform and neglected to replace them immediately. Could this "efficient" person see these men straining and tugging and not getting anything done for the money? "Gi'me that bar, there! Now come on, heave, you guys!" The bar slipped; "big shot" dived eight feet onto a concrete floor, on his head, and went out like a light. Put this down to his credit: that he was ashamed to show his face to that gang of men for some time. But don't fail to put this to his discredit, also: that he has failed, to this day, to keep his word and fire himself.

The very least these two men could have done to retain a measure of respect from the men under them would have been to apologize for being such a discredit to men who are trying to go by the company's own rules, and work carefully. But to date, this has not been done; nor will it be, we strongly suspect, until Jehovah God takes away the stony heart of man, and gives him a heart of flesh, and teaches him to keep rules and regulations that are just and right, as in Ezekiel 11: 19-21. Read it, ye Smiths, and ye so-called "big shots".

(We are not prophesying, but rise to remark that if, for rendering this vital public service, the foregoing writer loses his job, we opine that the man responsible will lose something more.—*Ed.*)

Events in Canada *By Our Canadian Correspondent*

BECAUSE of their zeal in distributing in Quebec city some 45,000 pamphlets telling the good news of Jehovah's incoming kingdom and of His purpose to destroy Satan's organization, thirty of Jehovah's witnesses were arrested and charged with "having a part in a seditious conspiracy". In due course they appeared for a preliminary hearing, which resulted in twenty-four being dismissed because of lack of evidence to identify them, while six were sent up for trial at the Spring Assizes. In giving his finding Judge Fitzpatrick said:

"It is not necessary that there be an open attack or that this attack be directed against the government before sedition may be proved. Those persons are guilty of sedition who disturb the peace, quiet, order and repose of citizens, those who introduce a discordant note in what must be a harmonious society.

"In this city it must be remembered that Catholics and Protestants, French-speaking and English-speaking citizens, live side by side in perfect harmony. All are respectful of the laws and the institutions under which they live.

"Into that picture, however, are injected these pamphlets which are inimical to religion, in which priests and legislators are accused of being the tools of Satan and in which the coming of a kingdom of which no one had previously heard is heralded without any kind of justification.

"These pamphlets are for the most part the writings of a United States citizen, Judge Rutherford, and have been translated into French so that they might be made more easily understood by the majority of our population."

Spread in the Price of Steak

That there is too much spread between what the producer gets and what the consumer pays is made very clear in the following Canadian Press dispatch:

Professor W. J. Carlyle, manager of the Prince of Wales ranch near High River, Alta., came to the Royal Winter Fair today with a heated word or two about the price of sirloin steak on train diners.

He paid $1.50 for a steak on the diner of the train in which he traveled east, he said, and "we couldn't get more than two cents a pound for the beef from which that steak was carved.

"The head waiter told me they had to pay 42 cents per pound for sirloin, and he showed me his bill. That spread is too much."

Feverish Preparations for War

A news dispatch from Ottawa appearing in the *Free Press Prairie Farmer* says:

War clouds hanging over Europe are displaying a silver lining for Canada, but the grim implications of the millions of dollars' worth of nickel now pouring out of our export ports, destined for armament manufacturers of Germany, Netherlands and France, are not escaping the attention of the Canadian government.

There is no word here of governmental action to curb this export trade, although it is realized that Canadian nickel is going directly into the production of the weapons with which Europe is arming herself.

Press dispatches Wednesday quote the figures on nickel exports for the first six months of the fiscal year and it is learned at the bureau of statistics that exports in October will be still higher. Private advices received by the cabinet are to the effect that Canadian nickel producers in the past few weeks have received large additional orders.

Europe is arming with furious speed, and one of the essential means to arm is coming from Canadian mines. Cabinet ministers and senior government officials here decline to comment on this new development. It is explained that so far the purchases of nickel have been carried on by private companies without known governmental assistance.

Canada Willing to Disarm

Concerning Canada's army the Montreal *Star* states:

Canada's representative at Geneva has notified the World Disarmament Conference that this dominion is willing to accept 20,801 as the maximum peace-time strength of her military establishment. We may congratulate ourselves at least upon being precise. A careless nation might have plumped for the round figure 20,000, and a greedy one might have made it 21,000. But no! Canada requires and will insist upon the right to twenty thousand, eight hundred and one defenders.

Who is the one? In certain republics, of course, the one would be the private and the twenty thousand odd would be the generals, admirals and all. But this situation does not obtain here.

We have our own theory about him. These figures are put forward at a disarmament conference. Canada is only following the Geneva technique if she employs a bargaining figure. The one doubtless represents the hypothetical man whom we will proceed hypothetically to disarm. Canada, in fact, may yet break up the conference in disorder by making one of the first unconditional offers to reduce forces. We may then claim a flat 20,800.

Stratford Ex-Service Men Return Their Medals

STRATFORD, Ontario, is a furniture center. Most of the furniture factory employees are ex-service men, veterans of the World War. They went on strike for better wages, and straightway the government sent down a detachment of soldiers with machine guns and tanks to overawe them. As there had been no violence, nor threat of any, the workers refused to negotiate till the machine guns and tanks were withdrawn.

After their negotiations with their employers had been completed, the ex-service men felt that they still had a score to settle with the governments that have treated everybody so badly, and so twenty-one of them, members of the Canadian Legion, got together their medals and sent them to the finance ministers of Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France, Russia, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Austria, Bulgaria, United States of America, Japan, Portugal, Belgium, Greece, Serbia, and India. Along with the medals they sent the following message, in English, German and French:

"Fifteen years ago we laid down our arms, victorious over the forces of greed, nationalism, armament and war. Our victory was rewarded with these victory medals. Today nationalism flourishes, greed is rampant, armaments menace our homes; and war impends. The fruits of our victory have vanished. There remain to us who fought nothing but our memories, our medals and the war debts.

"The memories we shall ever cherish. The victory emblems, now empty emblems in defeat, we surrender, one to each combatant nation, to be melted down into metal and swallowed with all other rewards of armed conflict in payment of the war costs of the world."

Seeking the Vindication of Jehovah's Name

THE clergy of all denominations have been used by the Devil to dishonor the name of Jehovah God; Judge Rutherford's life is devoted to the vindication of that name. It is of supreme importance to the people that they discern the issue involved and that they take their stand on one side or the other. If Jehovah be God, follow Him; if the Devil, the god of the Dark Ages, be God, follow him. The question is up for determination.

It was in his address "Jehovah's witnesses: Why Persecuted?" broadcast over the United States on Sunday, May 1, 1932, and published in *The Golden Age* of May 25, 1932, page 520, that Judge Rutherford made his original challenge to the clergy of the Devil, in the following language:

"I therefore invite the organization known as the Federation of Churches of Christ in America, together with all Catholic and Protestant organizations, to confer together and to jointly agree upon and select one man to be their spokesman in a nation-wide debate by radio. Let them pay one half of the expense. Jehovah's witnesses will supply the money for the other half. Jehovah's witnesses will select a man to be their spokesman in this debate. Give the people a fair opportunity to hear and to determine for themselves what is the truth. I charge that the clergymen are hindering the people from learning the truth, and I therefore name the following issues for debate, to wit:

RESOLVED, (1) That the clergymen, both Catholic and Protestant, do not represent Jehovah God and Christ, but that they do represent and serve Satan the Devil;

(2) That the clergymen do not teach the people the truth as contained in the Bible concerning Jehovah God and His kingdom, and that therefore they and their church organizations are a detriment to the best interests of the people;

(3) That the Scriptures clearly teach that within the present generation Jehovah God will completely destroy Satan's organization, including present governments on earth, and that only those people who seek meekness and righteousness by taking their stand on the side of God and His kingdom may hope to be saved in that trouble, and that those who do serve and obey the law of God's kingdom will be granted everlasting life on earth in peace and prosperity.

(4) That those who are opposed to the message which Jehovah's witnesses are now carrying to the people by radio and in printed form are fighting against God and will receive a just recompense at the hands of the Lord for so doing."

The Pope Also Given a Chance

A year later, Judge Rutherford having in the meantime given his address "Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity", and the Roman Catholic church having thereafter, and because of that address, made strenuous attempts to have him cut off the air, wherever that could be done, he extended a special invitation to the pope for a public discussion and consideration of the following proposition:

"*Resolved,* That the Holy Scriptures prove beyond doubt that the head of the papal church system and its many priests who act officially under its direction do not act by the authority of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus and do not represent God and Christ on earth, but said Catholic institution is a part of this world and operates under the supervision of the god of this world, that is to say, Satan, the Devil, and that thereby the people are deceived and kept in ignorance of the truth, which truth is now vital for them to know."

This challenge, which is merely an application of the original challenge to one organization, appeared in *The Golden Age* of May 24, 1933, page 536. Judge Rutherford has no other challenges outstanding than these to the Federation of Churches and the pope.

Not Challenging Clergy in the Bread Lines

There are estimated to be about 200,000 clergymen in America, any one of whom, individually, would no doubt welcome the opportunity to get a free advertisement that he is to debate with Judge Rutherford over the radio. There are now thousands of these clergymen in the bread lines. They would be glad to do anything at all to get more comfortable quarters even for a night. No challenge was ever made to these men; it is presumptuous for any of them to suppose that they were ever addressed.

How could a debate between Judge Rutherford and any man who is either in the bread lines or near the bread lines be in any way an honor to the name of Jehovah God, and how could it in any way determine the great question raised?

At the moment, men who claim that they are entitled to debate with Judge Rutherford by reason of his challenge are blustering about and making many broad statements, and it is due the public and these upstarts that we set forth the facts. The challenge made by Judge Rutherford is his challenge to the combined clergy, and according to all rules of debate that challenge must be either accepted or rejected.

Terms of Challenge Perfectly Plain

The terms of Judge Rutherford's challenge as set forth above are perfectly plain, and readily comprehended by anybody who understands English, yet the only ones who have made any pretense of giving consideration to this challenge are those of the "Church of Christ", in which organization there are no clergymen whatsoever. These letters Judge Rutherford has ignored for the reason that not one of them complies with the terms of his challenge, for at least the following reasons:

(1) No one in that organization even claims to be a clergyman;

(2) Not one of these men has received the backing or endorsement of the Federation of Churches and the Roman Catholic organization;

(3) Not one of them has made any pretense of offering to pay half the radio expense, which would be at least $50,000.

It will be noted that the challenge is to the Federation of Churches of America, together with all the Catholic and Protestant organizations, and that the clergymen, both Catholic and Protestant, do not represent Jehovah God and Christ, but that they do represent the Devil.

This challenge does not include men outside the clergy, because it would be useless to have a debate with every one who wants to advertise himself. Judge Rutherford is not trying to advertise himself, nor will he lend himself to advertise some nondescript.

His position is that "organized Christianity", so called, made up of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and the Protestant clergymen, are serving this world, the Devil's organization, and are not serving Jehovah God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and whenever this combined element will select one man to represent them in debate and agree to comply with the terms of the challenge, it will be more than gladly accepted.

Parkersburg's Pompous Precocity

Among other letters received (in an extremely round-about way) was one addressed to Mrs. Herzog by a person using the letterhead "The Church of Christ, Parkersburg, W. Va." in which appears this statement: "Judge Rutherford does not seem to want to debate with anybody on a reasonable proposition or on fair terms. . . . We have set him down as a coward." This from an unknown entity to a man whose addresses go forth from 350 radio stations every week, to a man whose books have a circulation of over 150,000,000, to a man who calmly faced sixty men, armed to kill him, and gave them his address "Religious Intolerance: Why", published in full in our issue of August 16, 1933, one of the boldest, bravest and best addresses ever given. Anyone who knows Judge Rutherford would not believe for a minute that he is a coward; but for a man who claims to be representing the Lord to resort to the language of the street to bolster up himself proves such a man hardly competent to discuss God's Word with anybody.

The real purpose of the proposed debate by Judge Rutherford is to get before the people the fact that "organized Christianity" as a body, and which is represented by its clergymen, does not serve Jehovah God, and its clergymen are therefore not qualified teachers of the Bible. He has no personal desire to engage in a controversy with any individual. This is a matter in which the people of America are interested, and they are not interested in Elder Corbett or Deacon Davis or what they may have to say about the matter. It would not carry any weight after they would say it. If the "organized religionists" claim to be representing God, then they ought to be able to select one man who would be outstanding and represent the whole crowd.

Jehovah's witnesses, going from door to door with the message of God's kingdom, should be very particular to refer all persons interested in these challenges to the challenges themselves. If they would do this they would save themselves and the would-be debaters and ourselves much trouble. Not one of the would-be debaters has yet met even one of the conditions laid down by Judge Rutherford; and unless all the conditions are met, then the debate will not be held. The challenge has been repeated in *The Golden Age* several times; no one has dared to accept it as laid down; and for anyone to try to stage a comeback by saying he has accepted the challenge, when he knows he has not done so, is to commit a peculiarly clergy-like act.

Los Angeles' Efficient Utility System

THE total of all tax moneys ever invested in the Los Angeles power system was $5,784,482. All but $847,494 of that amount has been repaid. In the meantime a surplus of $40,304,000 has been accumulated, and rate reductions have saved the consumers more than $60,000,000.

"Back to the Church"—Under the Guidance of Columbia's Palsied Hand

IT SHOULD not be thought that we are speaking of your Uncle Samuel. His hand is a good distance from being palsied. It shakes a little, to be sure, but that comes from drinking too much coffee. In six months he cut down the unemployed from 15,000,000 to 10,000,000, and that is not the job of a tottering paralytic. The one we are speaking about is the Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. Its chief counsel has the shivers.

He received the announcement set forth in *Golden Age* No. 371, issue of December 6, 1933, pages 144, 145, which please see. With the announcement, which, it will be remembered, puts on every radio station owner the responsibility of deciding whether free speech in America must be surrendered to the 'pope', there went Judge Rutherford's lecture, "Religious Intolerance: Why," which he gave in front of machine guns at Plainfield, N. J., July 30, 1933, and which appears in full in our issue of August 16. This lecture it was proposed should be rebroadcast by electrical transcription on December 31, 1933 (and it was so broadcast by more than 125 stations).

One of the leading radio station owners, when the question was put squarely before him, had the manhood to say: "We see nothing wrong with the copy of the speech sent, by Judge Rutherford, 'Why Religious Intolerance Is Practiced Now in This Country.' In fact, we are more than glad to have such speech to go forth from our station. We have had plenty of trouble with the Catholics in the past, trying to get this station off the air."

But no such manliness was revealed by the chief counsel of the Columbia Broadcasting System. He was shocked that in his introduction A. K. Wagner referred to the Catholic clergy of Plainfield as "the servants of Satan", that he mentioned that city as a place "where a farce trial was had by a highly prejudiced judge", and that at that trial that unrighteous judge had "wrongfully compelled" innocent men and women to answer questions. He could not conceive that "without any lawful right or excuse" such persons were thrown into jail, nor dared he face the charge that for centuries "the Catholic hierarchy has operated the most cruel, wicked and defamatory organization that has ever been on earth", and "when they want someone killed" make provision to absolve the killers of all blame. He was alarmed when Wagner mentioned that "the judge of the court who had conducted the farce trial" "and who had defamed the name of Jehovah by his public declarations" had been in Judge Rutherford's audience when the judge had given this "Intolerance" lecture. All this over the introduction.

Next the chief counsel turned white around the gills because in his address proper Judge Rutherford calmly stated in the presence of sixty police officers of Plainfield that "even the chief of police of this city has asked the owner of this theater to cancel his contract" and mentioned this as a "sinister influence". He turned white some more when the judge himself mentioned that more than fifty good citizens, known to be harmless, had been arrested "without warrant or cause" and then were brought before a "so-called court" and "summarily convicted in the absence of law or evidence" in a "farce trial".

The white became yellow around the edges when the judge mentioned Constantine's adoption of "Christianity" "manifestly for a selfish purpose" and when he touched on "the fires of torture" by which the people of Italy, Spain, France, Mexico and other places "were compelled to support the Papal religious system or Catholic hierarchy".

The yellow spread toward the center when the judge in his address called down "shame upon those public officers who have been ready and willing to class Jehovah's witnesses as selfish peddlers and hawkers in order that they might serve their own selfish ends; shame upon the lawyers who practice upon the bench and before the bar, who because of fear of losing some personal advantage have side-stepped the issue and failed and refused to decide squarely the question as to whether or not men can be prevented from preaching the gospel of God's kingdom by the enactment and enforcement of municipal ordinances leveled against hawkers and peddlers".

And, finally, the chief counsel nearly passed out when Judge Rutherford denounced the 'pope's' "Holy Year" as "a presumptuous sin before Almighty God" and said (referring to the proposition that the clergy of the Papal hierarchy represent the Devil and not Jehovah God): "I challenge the pope of the Catholic hierarchy to appoint any man he will on earth, to represent him and his organization, and that we debate this question by radio before the American people, each side to pay one-half the cost."

The chief counsel gives us a pain. If he were a magistrate and a man would come running into court with his clothing torn and his eye blacked and said he had been pitched upon by a priest and robbed, instead of investigating to see if it were true he would immediately have the man locked up as a suspicious character. Or if a maiden came to him in distress stating that a priest had dishonored her and betrayed her he would take her to one side and bid her hush her complaint, as it is 'a thing not to be mentioned'. It is men like this that have ruined the world. Give us men like Judge Rutherford instead.

Judge Rutherford confidently expected that a few would be offended when this speech was widely broadcast, but he confidently anticipated that every honest person, even though temporarily offended, would happily acknowledge the truth when he learned and considered all the facts.

The truth on each of these points, which the speaker is abundantly able to corroborate with much proof, is set forth in the speech as a whole and in books now available to the public in more than sixty languages. The marked statements are not mere references to "shortcomings" or unintentional blunders committed by unauthorized members of the Roman Catholic church, but the proof shows that these statements accurately portray deliberate and studied action of men who occupy positions of leadership in the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The people are entitled to know that these things are going on at a time when a nation-wide effort is being made to get everybody "back to the church".

Summit, New Jersey, Rebuked by Supreme Court

IN ANOTHER part of the world a government under Roman Catholic influence has entered upon a great sterilization program involving hundreds of thousands of persons, but the cabled dispatches say: "No member of the Catholic Church need submit to sterilization if relatives or the church pay his living expenses under internment, and the church is free to open 'internment institutes'." This is a thoughtful arrangement for the convenience of priests and other Catholics who do not wish to be sterilized. We commend it to the consideration of such persons, already sterilized mentally, as may wish to submit to the remaining formalities, and thus aid the world to become, in time, Roman Catholic in every sense of the word.

Summit, New Jersey, some time ago embarked upon a somewhat similar course. Being a Roman Catholic town, and having a Roman Catholic chief of police, the brilliant idea was evolved that by placing in his hands the right to grant or withhold approval of the distribution of literature from door to door an arrangement could be worked out that would make Summit a closed preserve for the political arrangement centered at Vatican City. An ordinance was framed with that end in view. The ordinance was particularly intended to discriminate against Jehovah's witnesses, as the facsimiles of warrant and complaint published in our issue of June 7, 1933, plainly show. In those documents, signed by Patrick J. Kelly, the Watchtower International Broadcast and Judge Rutherford's books are specified by name, these terms being *printed* in the documents themselves.

When the Summit council framed that legislation they evidently forgot to consult Thomas Jefferson, noted American, framer of the Constitution, who said, to the delectation of all true Americans, but not to any papist: "Our legislatures are not sufficiently apprised of the rightful limits of their power; that their true office is to declare and enforce only our natural rights and duties, and to take none of them from us. The idea is quite unfounded that on entering into society we give up any natural right."

Aware of their natural rights to preach the gospel from door to door in Summit, and knowing they could not be legally restrained from distributing literature referring to the Watchtower broadcasts, Jehovah's witnesses proceeded with their rights and some were arrested.

In due time these matters came up before the Supreme Court of New Jersey, when Jehovah's witnesses were upheld and the Summit ordinance was rebuked in the following language, which suggests that the Roman Catholic sterilization process is not having the unbounded success in the "Holy Year" hoped for:

"By the terms of the ordinance, the permit is to issue only upon the written approval of the chief of

police, who is given absolute discretion in granting or withholding his approval without any determining factors other than his own impulses. The reservation in an ordinance of discretionary powers to a public officer to give to one and withhold from another the privilege of violating the ordinance is condemned by our cases. No legislative authority is cited for such a provision. It is unreasonable that a chief of police, with no rule of determination except his own wishes, should determine who is and who is not to distribute advertisements. Furthermore, the provision that charitable and civic organizations of the City of Summit shall be granted the permit without charge, while like organizations from outside the city are charged a fee at the rate of $10 per day per person, is not a reasonable exercise of the ordinance power."

Let Them Return to Whence They Came

THE Puritans in New England, the Orangemen in New York, the Quakers in Pennsylvania, and the Huguenots in Charleston came to this country to get away from the Roman Catholic church and all the abominations that go with it, including its parochial schools.

It was the above-mentioned people that made this country an asylum for the oppressed of all nations. They threw the doors wide open, and in came the oppressed Roman Catholics by the million, and their priests and parochial schools along with them, and now they want to run the country.

The statement was recently made that of 212 postmasters of large cities, appointed by the Roman Catholic postmaster general, 200 are Roman Catholics, like himself. How did he come to let in 12 Protestants?

Robbed of their liberties in Roman Catholic lands the Roman Catholics have come to America and are bent on robbing Americans of their liberties and of their own as well. If they do not like American schools and other American institutions founded by the people that founded the country, let them get out and go back to the land whence they came.

This is said in all good spirit and in all earnestness. Why try to make worshipers of the 'pope' feel at home in a land which was never theirs and which, despite all kowtowing in high places, shall never be such?

In Ohio and other states the priests are making a desperate fight to get their hands on public funds wherewith to run their private schools. There should be an amendment to the Federal Constitution absolutely forbidding the use of public taxes to finance private schools.

Persecution of anybody is wrong. Why persecute Roman Catholics who do not desire American institutions, American laws, American schools or even American rulers, but are content only with papal institutions, papal laws, and papal catspaws in place of rulers? Let them go back to whence they came.

The first settlers came 3,000 miles to get away from them, and it is unfortunate that they left any maps showing which way they came; but, now that maps are available, let those that were educated in the parochial schools, if able to interpret the maps, pick out some place as remote as possible from America and go as quickly and as far as they are able.

Military Symbolisms in Austria

HENCEFORTH a crucifix must hang in the barracks of every unit of the Austrian army, and a representation of the virgin Mary must be printed or embroidered on every flag. Carrying out the idea suggested we are wondering where Jesus and the apostles would fit into this scheme. Jesus was betrayed and slain; will His name be used on the cenotaph? Peter cut off somebody's ear with a sword; will the weapons be named after him? The apostle John had a vision of horses; will the cavalry be named for him? Judas had the treasury; will this be the name of the paymaster's department? *Ghost* and *gas* spring from the same root word; will this provide the name for the poison-gas department? Will the airplanes be named after the angels? And where will the Devil come in on this thing, all built to his honor and to the defamation of the name of Jehovah God? The chaplain provides the answer.

Kissing Their Way Down the Pope

MARIA BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS, who is supposed to have seen a vision of the virgin Mary at Lourdes, France, in 1858, was formally proclaimed a saint December 8, 1933. The account says that at the ceremony the cardinals kissed the pope's hand, the patriarchs, archbishops and bishops kissed the cross on his stole (or scarf), while the abbots and penitents kissed his foot. It seems as if, wherever one goes in these days, the middle classes get the worst of it.

Demons Entrap a London Ex-Elder

AT OUR Lord's first advent the demons (fallen angels) acknowledged Him, saying, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him."—Mark 1:24-26.

Throughout our Lord's ministry these evil spirits were in evidence in the two men of the Gergesenes, the dumb man, the blind and dumb man, the daughter of the Syrophœnician, the lunatic child, Mary Magdalene, and the demoniac of Gadara, out of whom they went into a herd of swine. Every casual reader of the Scriptures is familiar with the repeated instances in which these demons were cast out by the Lord and the apostles.

Judge Rutherford has always consistently taught that those who, when they know the truth, do not go on to serve it with good and honest hearts, may be expected to become engulfed sooner or later in some form of demonism. Such an experience has happened to a man once an "elective elder" of the London (England) congregation, now resident in Gloucester.

Like all that are caught in the trap, this man is probably entirely unaware of what has happened to him. He imagines that he is receiving spirit messages from Charles Taze Russell, first president of the International Bible Students Association; as a matter of fact he is taking messages from a fallen angel that for centuries has been getting his principal enjoyment in making fools out of humans.

The first address that this man received from this source was supposed to be on "Redemption". It was merely bait, but, short as it is, contains proof that it was demon-inspired. It says, "By his love; by his precepts and example; that is how we are redeemed by the blood of Christ." The statement is false; we were redeemed, purchased from Justice, by the sacrificed life of Christ Jesus, given as a substitute for Adam's life. Demons always try to sidestep the doctrine of the ransom.

Characteristic Demonistic Expressions

Twice in four pages this man has been led to refer to what he has been pleased to call "revelations of God's glory". Those "revelations" in both places use the expression "tier upon tier, realm upon realm". A still later leaflet from him uses the same expression again. This expression, nowhere found in Scripture, is a characteristic expression of the demons. Just what their purpose is in wishing to convey the impression that in the spirit world everything is on shelves just so far apart is a matter of guesswork. Probably the object is merely to dishonor God by making everything appear unreasonable.

Here is another quotation: "(Turning, and addressing himself to some of the undeveloped spirits, near by) 'O ye afflicted, He will come for thee one day; thou also He will bring.' (Turning again to the friends) And thus did Jesus preach to the spirits in prison." This explanation is entirely contrary to Pastor Russell's, that Jesus preached to the spirits by His obedience unto death and by His resurrection from the grave. He taught them by example.

Another quotation says, "Know ye not that spirits do His bidding even in the hells?" The Scriptures do not show that the demons or other spirits ever were in any hell. He continues, "This same Brother Russell, but now in spirit, is amongst us all once again." Let us hope he never gets any farther than Gloucester.

The demon that has confused this man uses poor English, which Charles T. Russell did not do. Once he says "thou" where it should have been "you", and once "he" where it should have been "him". Twice "you" occurs where it should have been "ye", and twice "he" is used as a pronoun in such a way that it cannot be definitely known who is meant. Five times "thee" is used instead of "you", and five more times "thy" is used where "your" would be the correct pronoun. Flirting with the witch of Endor, and other witches since, has made the demons careless in the use of pronouns; sixteen errors in four pages of manuscript are too many, even for an unclean and fallen spirit.

"Kisses for Sale"

THE Dunton Presbyterian church, Greater New York, put out a dodger having the caption "Kisses for Sale" and containing the picture of a beautiful woman. Not sure just what this means, but if it means what it says, then business at the church fair ought to be good. The Lord and the apostles do not seem to have hit on this easy way of making the church a paying concern.

100,000 Children Released from Industry

THE National Child Labor Committee estimates that the industrial codes have released 100,000 children under 16 years from industry, and another 30,000 boys and girls under 18 have been removed from especially hazardous work. There are still hundreds of thousands of children engaged in industrialized agriculture, industrial home work and street trades not protected by any code.

The Truth Gradually Sinking In

THAT the truth is gradually sinking in is shown by the following extract from a worldly man in the Cleveland *News*. He gave his name and address; we looked it up and found he is not a subscriber for either *The Watchtower* or *The Golden Age*, but he has so much knowledge of the truth that he could say:

"Sooner or later we will have to face the facts that Mr. Roosevelt is not the Messiah and that the NRA is not the gospel of salvation. But that Messiah will come when the time is ripe. 'Things growing are not ripe until their season.' God said, 'I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.' When our Great Man comes, there will be no more overturning, except the overturning of evildoers and enemies of society."

The Watchtower Programs

THE editor of the *Carroll County* (Ill.) *Mirror-Democrat* says:

"The men who put forth the Watchtower program all declare that there is about to be a great change on this earth, that Christ came in 1914 and is ruling to a certain extent at present time, but is getting ready to overthrow Satan and make a pleasure garden out of the earth for a thousand years. But they claim that worse times than we are now having must come first, as the battle of Armageddon must be fought and it will be the greatest battle of all times. The Watchtower people say it is the Millennium, and that many of the people who are living today will never die but will live with Christ upon the earth for a thousand years. . . . During the thousand years there will be . . . no trouble or crime of any kind, no dying. Everybody will live in harmony. They claim the Bible is just about fulfilled, that the Devil will soon be out of a job, and that Jehovah God will rule right here on earth, and many will never die."

Poor Man!

WE DO not know who it was who said it, but the report has been circulated about man that "when he is little the big girls kiss him; when he is big the little ones kiss him. If he is poor, he is a bad manager; if he is rich, he is dishonest. If he needs credit, he can't get it; if he is prosperous, everyone wants to do him a favor. If he is in politics, it is for graft; if he is out of politics, he is no good to his country. If he doesn't give to charity, he is a stingy cuss; if he does, it is for show. If he is actively religious, he is a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in religion, he is a hardened sinner. If he gives affection, he is a soft specimen; if he cares for no one, he is cold-blooded. If he dies young, there was a future before him; if he lives to an old age, he missed his calling. If you save money, you're a grouch; if you spend it, you're a loafer; if you get it, you're a grafter; if you don't get it, you're a bum".

On Squaring of Mixed Numbers

By Wm. M. Ocheson (Ontario)

IN A RECENT issue of *The Golden Age* you published an article showing the freakishness of the figure nine. I think I can show you another just as freakish, namely, the squaring of numbers having a ½ fraction attached. For example:

$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 5/2 \times 5/2 = 6\frac{1}{4}$
$3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2} = 7/2 \times 7/2 = 12\frac{1}{4}$
$19\frac{1}{2} \times 19\frac{1}{2} = 39/2 \times 39/2 = 380\frac{1}{4}$

There is nothing new or unusual about this, but look:

Instead of multiplying $19\frac{1}{2} \times 19\frac{1}{2}$ as follows

$$\frac{39 \times 39}{2 \times 2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 39 \\ 39 \\ \hline 351 \\ 117 \\ \hline 4)1521 \\ \hline 380\frac{1}{4} \end{array}$$

just draw a line on your two ½ fractions and add 1 to upper 19 and say 19 times 20 = 380, plus ¼ = $380\frac{1}{4}$.

$2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 2 \times 3 = 6$, plus $\frac{1}{4} = 6\frac{1}{4}$
$5\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} = 5 \times 6 = 30$, plus $\frac{1}{4} = 30\frac{1}{4}$
$17\frac{1}{2} \times 17\frac{1}{2} = 17 \times 18 = 306$, plus $\frac{1}{4} = 306\frac{1}{4}$
$9\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2} = 9 \times 10 = 90$, plus $\frac{1}{4} = 90\frac{1}{4}$

This is always correct and is very rapid, if you know the double multiplication table.

Giant Tuna Fish Caught off Ambrose Light

FRANCIS H. LOW, fishing off Ambrose light (New York), hooked a 705-pound tuna fish 9 feet 3½ inches in length. The fish struggled for five hours before it finally died and sank to the bottom. It was cut up and distributed among the poor in the neighborhood of Cedarhurst.

Too Much of a Funeral Notice

THE Aurora (Mo.) *Monitor* says that a darky was ushered into the employment bureau of the Du Pont Powder Works and plied with the usual questions put to all new hands taken on at the works.

The darky stood his examination pretty well, but he was beginning to feel just a little bit uneasy, when one of the men suddenly asked: "Whom would you like to be notified in case of a serious accident?"

The applicant paused and scratched his head a bit at this unexpected blow on his morale; but after a little he thought of two persons who might like to know of his misfortune. Their names were written down.

"Now," said one of the examiners, "where would you like your remains shipped?"

"Where would I like mah remains shipped? Boss, I's gwine to take 'em away from here right now. White folks, you don't have to bother 'bout dem remains; I's gwine to ship 'em to old Alabam' on boa'd de nex' train!"

How to Elevate the English Language

EDWIN R. POTTER, of Costa Rica, says: "My two years in Costa Rica have given me ample time to study the effect of Latin words. Spanish children use much higher sounding words than most American children, not because the Spaniards are brighter and more intellectual than others, but because their language has been handed down to them directly from Latin. Many of the words from the mouths of children at play here in Costa Rica would not be understood by adults in New York city. For example, a Spanish child of five or six years of age, wishing to pass by, would say, *"Con permiso,"* which means, "With permission." A very common word used on the streets is *capricho,* which means caprice or fancy, great desire. Now, can you imagine children five and six years of age in New York city using caprice as a common, everyday word?

"The newspapers are full of words which I believe can be found only in college text books in the United States. I shall enumerate a few that I found today.

analgesico	its	English	equivalent	analgesic
derogatorio	"	"	"	derogatory
fantasma	"	"	"	phantom

"Here is a list of words I found in a school book for children. How many of these do you know?

actualidad	its	English	equivalent	actuality
acostumbrar	"	"	"	to accustom
antipatia	"	"	"	antipathy
antipatico	"	"	"	repugnant
aristocratica	"	"	"	aristocratic
capricho	"	"	"	caprice
comodidad	"	"	"	accommodation
conspiracion	"	"	"	conspiracy
desequilibrio	"	"	"	equilibrium
codicia	"	"	"	covetousness
creciente	"	"	"	increasing
exigencia	"	"	"	exigency
hospitalario	"	"	"	hospitable
emergencia	"	"	"	emergency
habilidoso	"	"	"	accomplished
extra-ordinario	"	"	"	extraordinary
imbecil	"	"	"	imbecile
pernicio-samente	"	"	"	perniciously
pulcritud	"	"	"	pulchritude

"If the schools would teach Latin derivative words and the newspapers give them the preference, it would be a great help to those who wish to study a foreign language, and, at the same time, it would elevate the English language."

Pioneering in South Dakota

JEHOVAH'S witnesses are taking the message of the Kingdom into every nook and cranny of the world, and bravely meeting every condition that confronts them in their efforts to do so. A little item in this connection that will be of interest to many of our readers appears below. It is from *The Pioneer-Review,* Philip, South Dakota:

"A lady traveling on horseback was in our neighborhood for several days selling Judge Rutherford's literature. Her customary lodging was in a haystack or some empty building, but when she asked permission to sleep in Mr. Bodkin's barn she was invited in and given supper, bed and breakfast. They purchased some of her literature in the morning. This fulfills the scripture, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'—Matthew 25:40."

Racket on 1,500 Italian Bakeries

A NEW racket has been discovered affecting 1,500 Italian bakeries. Greater New York was districted off by the racketeers, and collections of $3 to $12 per week made as regularly as the weeks rolled around. The racket was found extending to fruit dealers, fish peddlers, ice dealers, small barber shops, and bootblacks. Resistance means attack or assassination.

The Experiment with Prohibition

IN AN article bristling with statistics the New York *American* says of the prohibition experiment: "The president's proclamation ended a fourteen-year experiment which cost $127,000,000 for enforcement, killed 99 dry agents, wounded 561, killed 175 civilians at the hands of agents, and in the last six years sent 144,000 persons to prison for 71,000 years."

Lawlessness at Lawton

FARM strike pickets, unable to appreciate the "lawful" means by which they are being deprived of a decent living, took the law into their own hands at Lawton, Iowa, in an effort to enforce the farm holiday strike, and, blocking the progress of a train at that point, opened eight cars containing livestock en route to market and permitted sheep and cattle to roam about the streets of the town.

Governor Rolph Is Well Paid

FOR upholding lynching in California, and thus encouraging it everywhere, Governor Rolph is well paid. As chief executive he gets $10,000 per year, but allowances raise the sum to $36,000, for which no accounting need be made. The travel allowance is $10,750; the secret service fund, $5,000; the care of the mansion, $8,750; printing, $1,500. Mooney is still in prison, and still innocent.

Thanksgiving of the Money Power

THE Ottawa *Evening Citizen,* commenting caustically on the desire of the money power that harvests should be scant, suggests the following as an appropriate expression of thanks to Baal:

"Wherein it has pleased his Satanic Majesty, the Devil, mindful of the interests of the true worshipers of money power, to destroy much of Canada's bountiful harvest, it has been decided to dedicate one special day of thanksgiving to the Prince of Darkness."

Boom in Spanish Cooper Shops

INCREASED humidity in the United States is responsible for a rush of business in Spanish cooperages. The Spanish are accounted unusually good coopers and have a large supply of well seasoned wood suitable to hold the stuff that will go into the barrels American brewers expect to fill. Oddly enough, Spain was the only country in the world prepared to accept and fill orders for beer kegs in the quantities and quality desired.

Shirt-Selling Scheme Blows Up

PHILADELPHIA had a great man by the name of Art J. Smith. Supposed to have 1,500,000 men behind him, this leader of the "Khaki Shirts of America" was on the point, so he said, of marching to Washington and seizing the government, but, sad to say, the police got wind of it and grabbed him and his total army of 27 men and the whole thing blew up. In the excitement, Smith himself escaped; the men were instructed to buy all their shirts from him. Now he has to go somewhere else and start all over again.

First Ones to Be Relieved

THE salaries of emergency relief directors in Washington, D. C., and Baltimore were immediately increased when these two places received federal emergency funds. Also, there was a similar wave of enthusiasm when $1,200,000 of federal emergency relief was allotted to California. The director there had been getting $500 per month, with a state car and expenses, but as soon as the good news got out to the coast that the government was going to do something for the poor, his salary was jumped to $750 per month.

Debts Owing to Broadcasting Companies

AMONG the debts that the Democratic national committee did not have the means to pay, at least not to pay in hard cash, are $107,571.71 owing to the National Broadcasting Company and $47,650.50 owing to the Columbia Broadcasting System. Observers at Washington are of the opinion that in lieu of cash these big broadcasting companies would be quite willing to take over a monopoly of broadcasting, and are in a fair way to get it. What is the use of having an influential debtor if you can't get him to do something for you?

England May Have a National Police

ENGLAND is considering what steps may be necessary to have a single police force that will cover the whole of Great Britain. It would seem that such a step would be in line with what the Scriptures show to be Satan's purposes to have the whole world in subjection at the outbreak of Armageddon.

£200 per Minute Preparing for War

IN A LEAFLET distributed by one of the British peace societies Admiral Drury Lowe points out that, "having ratified the Peace Pact, we are most solemnly pledged not to seek settlement of any dispute except by pacific means; yet we are spending today £200 per minute on preparation for war."

England's Flying Battleship

ENGLAND has a new flying battleship, the "Perth", which carries a gun large enough to fire 24-ounce shells at the rate of 100 a minute, with a range of approximately one mile. It is expected that if a single one of these shells hits another plane, it is good-bye to that plane and everything in it. The results of the war to end war get worse and worse.

"The American News" in 900 Words

THE AMERICAN NEWS is a new newspaper, published in New York city, from October to June, which is written in a controlled vocabulary of 900 words. The object of the paper is to give the news of the world in such form that any foreigners can quickly learn to read and understand what is going on in the world.

The International Refugees

SINCE the World War there have been and are several million refugees from Russia, Asia Minor and Armenia who are stateless. These persons travel from country to country on international passports of the League of Nations, of which, in effect, they are citizens.

The League of Nations Palace

THE League of Nations palace is almost finished, and so is the League itself. Italian papers are urging that Italy follow the example of Japan, Germany and the United States, and separate from an institution that has made a vast amount of noise in the world and accomplished next to nothing.

Horrors of Stepney

IN STEPNEY, one of London's boroughs, overcrowding is so great that the living and the dead have to be in the same room, and the living and the dying in the same bed. Rats abound and disease is rampant. To make the conditions livable 14,000 new houses are required in this section alone. At present, in England as a whole, 517,221 are living at over 3 persons per room, and 2,977,565 are living at over 1½ persons per room.

Netherlands Notes

THE trade of the Netherlands is picking up; that with Russia in 1933 being more than three times what it was in 1932. An important bridge has been built connecting North Holland and South Holland, thus doing away with the long delays which, for more than a thousand years, have been common in icy weather. The Dutch have recently been testing their air defenses within three miles of the German frontier. Switzerland and Belgium are strengthening their defenses along the German border.

Gas Masks for Danish Civilians

BRITISH papers are frankly horrified at the discovery that gas masks are now on sale to Danish civilians, and ask what the world has come to when those of one of the most peaceable and level-headed peoples of the world are so apprehensive of being poisoned with clouds of death-dealing gases that they take a step of this kind. It is noted that no gas masks are being provided for children, and the thought is advanced that in the next war they must perish.

France's Enormous Military Force

HENRI BARBUSSE, French novelist and peace advocate, in an address at Washington, D.C., declared that the French are now building an enormous military force which is, in itself, a promise of war. Two French chemists, experimenting in the manufacture of synthetic perfumes, have recently discovered a gas so deadly that, they say, they will disclose their discovery to their own government only in case their country is attacked. The gas attacks either dry or moist flesh, penetrates any sort of clothing, and produces lightning-like disintegration of body cells. France has just loaned one billion francs to Manchukuo, thus showing that it is in substantial accord with Japanese policies in the Far East.

Farm Strike Not in Vain

THE Milwaukee *Journal* opines that the milk strike was futile as well as costly, and counsels farmers to reject the strike as a weapon, and any leadership that counsels further striking, and also states that there is no such thing as a peaceful holiday. That crack about a peaceful holiday seems to state the truth. There is not much likelihood of a peaceful holiday for farmers, unemployed and the people generally until the Prince of Peace disposes of the trouble-makers (we do not mean the farmers and workers).

The *Midwest Free Press,* quoting from "Progressive" says, not without force, "The action of the farmers was not futile. Any protest against injustice and wrong is never without beneficial results." It should be remembered, however, that "protestants", that is, real ones, are never popular with the oppressors.

The Embattled Farmers

AT THEIR second national conference in Chicago farmers adopted resolutions condemning the farm policies of the United States government and sent out an appeal to all farmers to fight the trusts, bankers and big monopolies. They expressed the conviction that Roosevelt was brought forward by Wall Street; that the new deal was designed to help financial interests at the expense of the working masses, and that the AAA and refinancing program are intended to crowd out the small farmer. One gets the impression from these statements that the farmers are not quite satisfied.

On the other hand, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace told the Association of Land Grant Colleges that the government may use compulsory measures to enforce the acreage reduction program.

The A. A. A. A.

IT APPEARS that Agricultural Adjustment Act Administrator needs more wisdom and insight than human creatures have thus far been endowed with. Not only the supply of farm products, but the prices and trade practices incident to marketing them, must be regulated, and before he got started various groups of interested parties began to send in codes which had to do with food industries. They came in by the hundred, including codes for bee-breeding, and for the manufacture of such items as dog food, licorice, Hawaiian poi, stogies, and fish industries. The idea is to please everybody all around. However, the most important objective was to limit supply, either by destroying foodstuffs or by raising less than the farms will produce. The gentleman to whom the unenviable task is assigned might take a pointer from the first A. A. A. A. of whom we have any record. We have in mind Joseph, who handled this job for Pharaoh, and who made it his first concern to see that everybody had enough to eat and that there was something saved up for an un-rainy day. But, then, Joseph lived in a "less enlightened age".

Soothing the Farmers in Ohio

(*From a Letter*)

I WAS much amused at E. S. the other evening. He was telling how the farmers in Preble county are up in arms. Some of the farmers had signed agreement with the government to cut down or reduce the wheat crop. Now their checks are coming through from the government in settlement of the agreement. But instead of sending the checks direct to the farmers they are being sent to the county treasurer at Eaton and the farmers are told to go to the courthouse for them. When the farmers arrive for their checks they are told that they are behind with their taxes and these government checks must apply to their delinquent taxes, and the county treasurer refuses to turn the checks over to the farmers. Are the farmers mad?

Raising Things

THE effort to raise farm prices continues, the object being to raise the farmer's purchasing power so as to raise the distribution of things the farmer buys, which in turn will raise the income of business men (and may even raise the wages of workers, though this is doubtful) and thus raise things in general from the de pression which continues in spite of the fact that there is an abundance of everything. Meanwhile farmers have been raising a rumpus because the raising of farm products has not enabled them to raise a sufficient income to raise their families as they deserve to be raised and could be raised if profiteers had not raised everything on which they could lay their hands beyond the reach of those who need those things.

Raising Prices of Farm Products

IT IS hard to understand why there is so much to-do about raising prices of farm products. We read recently of a Gonzales (Tex.) farmer who shipped a cow to market by truck, and after freight, commission and weighing were deducted, he received 35c in stamps. This means that if he had shipped a thousand cows to market he would have received 350 dollars. It is easy to see that all a farmer has to do is to ship enough cows to market and he will have no end of money! (Somebody just suggested that it probably cost the farmer something to produce the cow in the first place. We hadn't thought of that. But, then, it seems that no one else has given it much thought either.)

Phenix Dairy of Houston, Texas

M. C. OLDHAM founded the Phenix Dairy, Houston, and saw it grow from a one-man one-wagon concern to be the owner of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment and plant and the employer of more than 250 men. Mr. Oldham has just given his employees a half interest in the plant and made arrangements such that they can purchase the other half at just about the actual cost of the assets. If America had a few more men like Mr. Oldham and a few less like Insull the country would not be in its present condition.

What Happened in Yakima?

WE DO not know just what happened in Yakima, but the United Farmers League tells the world that their secretary, C. M. Boskaljon, somehow got into jail and the sheriff obligingly turned him out at night to be welcomed by a mob of masked chamber of commerce vigilantes. He was stripped and flogged and his head was shaved in the form of a swastika. In view of these interesting clues we are not surprised that the Farmers United Front Conference in Yakima was smashed.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation

OF THE $3,234,000,000 loaned to the needy by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, more than one half, or $1,656,103,000 went to banks and trust companies. Loans were authorized to 6,340 such institutions. The Government, by purchase of stock, and otherwise, is now in position to know the inner workings of most of the banks in the country.

Subsistence Farms

DR. M. L. WILSON is working out a project involving the removal of some agricultural lands from production for the market and trying to get industrial workers to use them for growing thereon food sufficient for their own necessities. Hence the term "Subsistence Farms". Small farmers, not without cause, consider this a measure that threatens their welfare. It would seem that any proper measures to "help the farmer" would exempt the smaller farms from any reduction in the amount of their acreage.

Widow Was Willing to Pay

AVINITA (Okla.) widow, a tobacco grower, raised her crop and took it to the warehouse, where she was told that after costs of storing and shipping the tobacco she owed the dealer 34 cents. The woman is alleged to have said: "I don't understand your way of figuring, but I am an honest woman and will pay you. I don't have the money now, but if I die and go to heaven I will send it to you. If I die and don't go to heaven, I will hand it to you."

Governor Langer's Unusual Powers

WHETHER or not a governor's powers include determination as to what farm products shall or shall not be shipped out of the state, William S. Langer, governor of North Dakota, has declared various embargoes and ordered their enforcement by sheriffs, offering them the aid of National Guardsmen to make the embargoes effective. His object is to raise farm prices.

Plenty of Room

THERE is still plenty of room in the United States for those who like the wide-open spaces. Almost 200,000 square miles are at present open to homestead, and three times that area has not even been surveyed as yet, and which brings the total area of available land to something like 800,000 square miles, or more than half a billion acres.

One Mushroom for Forty People

ACCORDING to the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer*, a mushroom was found in the Delta section, near Mt. Vernon, Wash., which weighed 40½ pounds and measured 58½ inches in circumference. It stood 16½ inches high. Commercially it was worth about twenty dollars.

Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill and Allied Items

THE Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill* proposes to take away from the poor the right of self-diagnosis, which has always been theirs, and the right of self-medication, which, except in the case of infectious and contagious diseases, has never been questioned, and to turn it over to the Medical Trust.

Hitherto an anxious mother of limited means could obtain from the crossroads or corner drug store a medicine which she believed beneficial in the relief of whooping cough, but if the Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill goes into effect she will not be able to do it without first obtaining a prescription from a doctor; and she may not have the means to consult one.

It is well known that the so-called "patent medicines" are merely the favorite prescriptions of certain physicians for the accomplishment of certain ends, and it is also well known that more than half of all the prescriptions written by practicing physicians call for such patent or proprietary medicines, but the Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill proposes to bring all these remedies within the grip of the racket commonly known as the Medical Trust, and to make them unobtainable except upon prescription, at much greater cost.

The courts have wisely ruled that "every human of adult years and sound mind has a right to determine what shall be done with his own body", and the Public Health Service of the United States government is on record that "within certain limits, mature, otherwise sane persons have the right to select and take their own medicines"; but when the Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill goes into effect they would have those rights no longer.

One of the federal judges has observed: "It is generally known and the evidence shows that with very few exceptions there is no known cure, using that word strictly, for any disease. Nature, supplemented and aided by proper medicines, careful nursing and proper diet does the work of curing." The truth of this observation is apparent to all. Distorting this truth, the Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill would make it illegal to mention the name of a disease upon a label unless in letters of the same size and prominence there also appears a statement that the drug is not a cure for such disease. The intent of that rule is to make the would-be purchaser mentally dependent upon some physician, and upon an illegible Latin prescription.

Just how it benefits a patent medicine to have it taken back into the sandwich department and poured into another bottle is a mystery that only the American Medical Association can solve; but it must be admitted that it does help the medical fraternity, whose facility in glorifying and enriching themselves at public expense is known and read of all men.

The Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill gives a list of the afflictions of mankind, which includes albuminuria, appendicitis, arteriosclerosis, blood poison, bone diseases, cancer, carbuncles, cholecystitis, diabetes, diphtheria, dropsy, erysipelas, gallstones, heart diseases, high blood pressure, mastoiditis, measles, meningitis, mumps, nephritis, otitis media, paralysis, pneumonia, poliomyelitis, prostate gland disorders, pyelitis, scarlet fever, sexual impotence, sinus infections, smallpox, tuberculosis, tumors, typhoid, uremia, venereal diseases and whooping cough. If in the corner store the bottle so much as mentions one of these, then there is trouble ahead for the maker and dispenser, under this new proposed Food and Drug Act.

The above list is only a starter; it may be added to from time to time by the secretary, and he may from time to time impose such regulations regarding processing and packing as will give the American Medical Association the stranglehold upon the American's windpipe.

Meantime some are calling attention to the fact that in Chicago 700 physicians are receiving help from charitable organizations and many are actually in the bread line as a reason why they should reach out and take everything as do leading citizens in other walks of life.

Puncturing Perfect Ear Drums

A GENTLEMAN in California writes us of the experience of his daughter: "Here is what she witnessed over and over again when she was with a children's specialist. One of his favorite stunts was to puncture infants' ear drums, on the off chance of finding a little pus and the near chance of a fat fee for services rendered. In only about 3 percent or 4 percent of the cases was there any pus, but the percentage of collections ran satisfactorily. This doctor would put the optical instrument into a perfectly normal ear and then get the distracted mother to look through it and see for herself how 'imperative' the operation was."

* The proposed new Food and Drug Act.

The Nation Dying Mentally

THE people of the United States are dying mentally. Between 1880 and 1931 the number of insane persons in state hospitals increased from 64 to 236 persons in every 100,000 population, but owing to the great increase in the population there were seven and one-half times as many to look after in the latter year as in the former. Besides those that are actually insane, it is found that four out of every ten who apply for treatment at dispensaries are mentally shell-shocked. Besides these there are 10,000 feeble-minded annually to look after; and on top of all this there is an ever increasing number of chronic alcoholics and drug addicts. The Big Business efficiency experts have driven the country at such a merciless pace that the common people could not keep up. The ones for whom this was done have not a particle of interest in the people, nor in anything or anybody but themselves. They should not be allowed to hand down their colossal fortunes from one generation to another except in fragmentary form, and their income taxes should be greatly increased.

From One of the World War Soldiers

I HAVE always thought *The Golden Age* wonderful, particularly of late, but when I read the paragraph referring to the Reverend John Kelman, on page 107, of the issue of November 22, and your rich sarcasm, I wanted to hug you. Your quip about the soldiers is quite true.

In the early months of the war, when I was barely 22, I was having a stroll with a friend about my own age, when we were stopped by an Anglican parson, complete with 'dog' collar and evidently the heart of a vicious cur. He snarled out at me the customary slogan of that time: "Why aren't you in khaki? Kitchener wants you." I was so dumfounded at the command to go and kill from a pretending minister of the Prince of Peace that I simply could not think of a reply.

The "Reverend" then turned to my friend, who had just passed an examination for the degree of M.A., and used all power of persuasion to get him to, what he termed, "take orders."

A few months later, owing to the influence of such "dogs" and the serpentine press, I did join up. A long time after demobilization I had to take to my bed, owing to a recrudescence of a disease common to army life, the secondary symptoms giving me terrible pains. It was while lying at a relative's that I received a pamphlet which one of Jehovah's dear witnesses had handed through the door. (God bless him or her.) The result was, I read and continue to read everything published by the Society. I love Judge Rutherford with all my heart and soul. (I wish you would tell him, dear friend, that although I have never seen him, the more he writes, the more I love him, and ceaselessly pray that the heavenly Father's richest blessing may always be with him.)

Already I have reveled in the world of truth compressed into the book *Preparation,* and had my whole being thrilled through and through with that amazing final chapter.

As I look back it seems that Almighty God had given me the privilege of being a Jonadab years before the type of Jehu and his companion was revealed to the church; and how my heart overflows until the tears run down my cheeks when I realize the invitation was not extended to a Christian "convert" who had reached a high degree of 'character development', but was lovingly granted to a young man suffering with a loathsome disease! Just whether that vile creature was the very first Jonadab is known only by Jehovah. Bless His holy name.

The Assistant Superintendent Told the Truth

IN A LETTER to Dr. Betts, J. A. Dent, assistant superintendent of the Bell Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas, said, "I wish to inform you that we use a great number of aluminum cooking utensils in this hospital." We have every reason to believe that Mr. Dent told the truth, for we have before us a clipping from the Kansas City *Star* that confirms all he said. The clipping carries three headlines: "Illness Hits Hospital; Sixty-five Persons Stricken by Tainted Food; Bell Memorial Staff Is Demoralized by a Minor Ailment—Ten Patients Are Among Those Affected." There is the usual statement that the food is being analyzed, which means absolutely nothing; and then there is the admission that the food had caused the illness, but that it was not ptomaine poisoning. There is nothing mysterious about it. It was manifestly a wholesale poisoning due to the fact that food had been left standing in aluminum utensils until it was unfit for any use whatever. There have been scores of like cases, and there will be scores more. As an arrangement for keeping people in permanent ill health nothing was ever devised that beats aluminum cooking utensils.

Russia's Receding Ice Cap

THE investigation by a Russian scientist of the depth at which eternal frost is found, made forty years ago, now turns out to have considerable value. Examinations in the same neighborhoods show that where he found the frost line at about six feet below the surface, at present there is no frost line at all. The explanation is that the polar ice cap is receding. It can be settled as certain that the polar ice cap is disappearing and that crops will be grown up to the very edge of the Arctic sea.

Tennessee River Developments

IT IS estimated that between $500,000,000 and $600,000,000 will be used in the Tennessee river improvements. Construction has begun on one of these, the Norris dam, 225 feet high. It will back up water in a reservoir of 83 square miles. The effect of this dam will be to double the primary power output at Muscle Shoals, by furnishing a steady water supply in all seasons. An extensive reforestation program is under way in the Tennessee valley, one of the objects of which is prevention of soil erosion.

Huge Artificial Sea in Montana Soon

THE Fort Peck (Montana) dam will be 221 feet in height and create in the Missouri river a lake 174 miles in length, with a shore line of 1,520 miles. The dam will cost 59 million dollars. Three hundred ranches and two small settlements will be submerged. The dam is intended to control the turbulence of the Missouri river, and will irrigate something like 100,000 acres of land; it is also supposed to have some value in making the Missouri navigable from Kansas City northward, but that seems to us visionary.

Mystery of Negroes' Wireless Telegraphy

HITHERTO it has been supposed that the Negroes' system of wireless telegraphy by which news is carried hundreds of miles across Africa in a few moments by what seem to be drumbeats, had a scientific explanation. From a communication in the London *Daily Express* it now appears that these communications are unquestionably occult; in other words, the work of demons. One Negro disclosed a transfer of a large territory from England to Italy the day after it happened in England, but the news of the transfer did not arrive in his neighborhood until twenty-one days afterward.

Irregularities in the Cosmic Ray

PROFESSOR LUTHER GABLE, in an address at Saginaw, Michigan, made the statement that the Milliken alpha rays strike the earth at irregular intervals as do wireless impulses, and that when connected with a loud-speaker the ray impulses sound strikingly like wireless signals. He thought it possible that the alpha rays may signify the attempt of some outside intelligence to communicate with the earth, and admitted that most scientists are more and more coming to the conclusion that there is a super-mind running the universe.

All Mankind

IT IS estimated that all mankind, all who have ever lived from Adam to now, number about 20,000,000,000. Let us assume that they averaged to weigh 150 pounds each; they could each be compressed into 150 pints, or 75 quarts of 57.75 cubic inches each; total cubic inches for one human, 4,331.25; total for the whole human creation from Adam to now, 86,625,000,000,000 cubic inches. In a cubic foot there are 12 x 12 x 12 cubic inches, or 1,728. In a cubic mile there are 5,280 x 5,280 x 5,280 x 1,728 cubic inches; and if the pencil did not slip, that means that it would hold 254,358,061,056,000 cubic inches, or about three times the total number that have ever lived. A building a mile square and a little taller than the Empire State building would hold the whole works. We are not so much, and never were.

Wastefulness in Nature

DR. LOUIS J. PAUL, of Michigan, having read the article in *The Golden Age* No. 319 on "Wasting—Saving—Using", cites an interesting case of wastefulness in nature. He says:

"Thought that you might be interested in knowing that there is also a great wasting in nature. For example: In the text book on Obstetrics written by Dr. J. Whitridge Williams, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., the following statement is made: 'The number of spermatozoa contained in a single ejaculation is marvelous, and has been estimated by Lode at 226,257,900.' I have said that this is a great waste, but it is possible, of course, that I may be mistaken. There may be good reasons for such a large number. You undoubtedly know that it takes only one spermatozoon and one ovum to cause fertilization and ending in the formation and birth of a human child."

Two Great Mysteries

JEHOVAH has reserved the choicest wisdom of all time for those who love Him. This wisdom has been a profound secret to all except those who are helped by the power of Jehovah to understand it. It is just like the Eternal One to show His special favor upon those who manifest faith in Him and who diligently serve Him. This is not by the arrangement of man or any other creature, but of God. If the arrangement were of man we should have strong reason to doubt the value of the scheme; but it is of Jehovah, and that makes it reliable. The inspired apostle Paul said that he so spoke "that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God". (1 Corinthians 2:5) Today too many put reliance and confidence in creatures, and this only leads to sorrow and bitter disappointment. It is better to trust in Jehovah than to put confidence in men and princes.

A mystery is that which is kept a profound secret. It is something unknown, except to contain ones, being carefully and continuously concealed from all others. It is startling to note that most of the Bible was not understandable until quite recently; and it is understood now only by those who show faith in Jehovah; and this understanding is not given to the end that the creature alone may profit therefrom, but that the name of the Most High might be honored. A little seed is dropped into the soil in the springtime, and what it will become is known only to the planter. Later the tiny plantlet pushes its way through the soil, and finally a beautiful flower appears. The creature may use or destroy this flower for his own selfish purposes; but the man of wisdom sees in the delicate petals and the intricate lining of the corolla the handiwork of the Creator, and for this his mind speaks praises to the Most High. Even so the truth is now revealed to those who have faith, that they may use it in honoring Jehovah.

Parables of Jesus

When Jesus was on earth He taught the people in parables or dark sayings. His disciples came to Him and asked: "Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." (Matthew 13:10, 11) It will be observed that He did not say, 'You now know the mysteries of God'; but that it was given them to know those mysteries. Not even His disciples understood Him in many things when they were with Him. On the last night before His crucifixion He was instructing them in various things that would be helpful to them in the days to come. On that occasion He said: "When he, the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." (John 16:13) The spirit of truth here mentioned is the holy spirit, the spirit of God, the invisible power operating upon the minds of those who are in covenant relationship with God. Jesus here used the masculine pronoun in speaking of the holy spirit.

The holy spirit was given to the disciples at Pentecost, that is to say, fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them: and they were all filled with the holy spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4) The King James Version of our Bibles translates the word here holy "ghost", but there is no warrant for such a translation. It comes from the word which means spirit.

It was at Pentecost that for the first time the mystery of Christ began to be understood by the disciples. This mystery has been a stumbling-block to both Jews and so-called "Christians"; but in God's due time He will make known to all the secret of this mystery, and then all rightly exercised by this will rejoice with exceeding joy.

Two Mysteries

The mystery which we shall first consider is THE CHRIST, the great one through whom redemption, deliverance and blessing will ultimately come to all mankind who receive Christ and obey Him. God foreshadowed His mystery for ages by the use of various men. Yet all of that time He kept it secret. The other mystery of the Bible is that relative to Jehovah God himself, which has lately been revealed and which we shall subsequently examine.

These two mysteries are important because they give us an understanding of Jehovah God's

purposes concerning the vindication of His own name and the blessing of all obedient creatures.

Death has been and is the great enemy of man. Death is the very opposite of life. The greatest desire of man is and always has been to have life everlasting in happiness. From the time of his expulsion from Eden man has been looking for something upon which to fasten a hope for life and happiness. Satan was the cause of death, and when God pronounced the sentence in Eden He said that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. This statement was in the nature of a promise, but it could not then be understood. Since Pentecost some have understood the meaning of these words to be an assurance that in God's due time the seed of promise, the seed of the woman, will destroy Satan, who has the power of death. Nearly two thousand years rolled by, after this statement, before anything further was promised.

Then unto Abraham Jehovah called and made him the promise: "In thy seed shall all families of the earth be blessed." This was another reference to the mystery of Christ; but that promise was not understood in its proper light. Abraham believed God would bless the human race, but he did not understand just the manner in which it would be done. At the time of this promise Abraham had no children. Several years more passed and then Isaac, Abraham's first son, was born. Abraham believed that his natural seed, his son, would be the ruler through whom the blessing would come to the people; but his son Isaac was merely a type of the mystery, God using him to foreshadow the greater One. This promise was renewed to Isaac and to Jacob, and at the death of Jacob his descendants, who, of course, were descendants of Abraham, were organized into twelve tribes, forming the nation of Israel, and were thereafter recognized as God's chosen nation. (Genesis 49:28; Deuteronomy 26:5) Then it was that the faithful believed that God's promised blessings would come through this nation, His chosen people. But in time they became slaves to the Egyptians and their hopes were almost blasted. They were sorely oppressed in Egypt, when God sent Moses to be their deliverer and to lead the people of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Moses was also a type foreshadowing the great One. (Acts 3:22) Moses died and the promised blessing had not yet come. The prophetic statement made by Moses that God would raise up unto Israel one like unto himself led the prophets to understand that there would be a great one raised up from the nation of Israel who would be the deliverer and blesser of mankind.

Awaiting the Deliverer

Joshua followed next in line after Moses. His name signifies savior or deliverer. But he also was only a type of the great Deliverer.

Then David became the king of Israel. His name means 'beloved one'. The Jews had hoped that he would be the great deliverer, but in his old age he abdicated the throne in favor of Solomon, and yet the blessing did not come. Solomon became the most famous man in the world for riches and wisdom, and the hopes of Israel were centered in him, only to be disappointed. David and Solomon were also but mere types foreshadowing the coming great Deliverer.

The nation of Israel degenerated, and under the reign of Zedekiah, their last king, they fell into captivity to the Babylonians and they continued subject to other nations until they were finally driven out of Palestine.

Moved by the holy spirit of God operating upon their minds, the holy prophets testified of the coming of this great Deliverer, both of His sufferings and of His glory that would follow; but they did not understand. The matter was a mystery to them. (1 Peter 1:11) Even the angels of heaven sought to look into it, but they were not permitted. God's purpose was to keep the matter secret until His own due time to reveal the great truth.

Jesus Revives Hope

Then came Jesus, whose coming was announced by John the Baptist; and He was pointed out as the one who would take away the sin of the world. He chose His disciples and they walked with Him, and He taught them for three and a half years; yet they did not understand the great mystery. They expected Jesus to be made an earthly king, and hoped that they might be with Him in the kingdom, probably in His cabinet, because He was asked if one might sit on His left and the other on His right hand in the kingdom. They expected Him to make Israel a great nation, and believed that through that nation other nations would be blessed. When He was put to death they were greatly disappointed, mystified, and in great distress. (Luke 24:21) Even after His resurrection they did not understand His mission; and this is

shown by their words to Him on the day that He ascended into heaven. "When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the holy spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." —Acts 1:6-9.

Holy Spirit Given

In obedience to the command of Jesus, these faithful disciples went to Jerusalem to the place known as "the upper room", and there waited. Ten days passed, and then it was that the holy spirit, the invisible power of God, was visited upon them; and, true to His promise, the disciples began to understand.

Jesus had now ascended on high and presented the merit of His sacrifice before Jehovah, and the acceptance of this was manifested by the giving of the holy spirit to His disciples who had been His consecrated followers for three and a half years. Doubtless the angels of heaven now began to know something about the great mystery. What joy must have been in heaven when Jesus Christ appeared before the Father and presented the merit of His sacrifice and was received by Jehovah! Surely the heavenly host must have sung His praises. They had beheld Him triumphing over death and the grave and now exalted to a position in heaven next to the Father for the vindication of Jehovah's name. It must have been a great joy to the heavenly host, even as contemplation of it was a great joy to Jesus himself. "For the joy that was set before him, [he] endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2) What joy must have filled the hearts of His disciples when they began to understand the mystery of God and to see how wonderfully He had led them and their fathers before them, preparing them now for the revelation of this great truth!

In due time Saul of Tarsus, who afterward was named Paul, was illuminated, and understood. And then he wrote: "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church; whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints; to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which [mystery] is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:24-27) The apostle here emphasizes the fact that this mystery is now made known only to the saints. "Saints" means purified ones, which purification comes through receiving the merit of Christ's sacrifice.

Anointing

The word "Christ" signifies "anointed". "Anointing" means designation to official position in God's arrangement. The Christ is the instrument for the vindication of the name of Jehovah and for the blessing of mankind. The Christ is composed of Jesus, the great and mighty Head, and 144,000 members. (Revelation 7:4) Christ Jesus is the head, and the church, His body. We ofttimes hear the expression 'a body of men with a general at their head'. Of the Christ the apostle says: "And he [Christ Jesus] is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell."—Col. 1:17-19.

The apostle Paul uses a human body to illustrate the Christ, the great mystery class; the head representing Jesus, and the other members of the body those who are of His church. "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."—1 Corinthians 12:12, 27.

The Christ is also designated in the Scriptures as the seed of Abraham according to the promise. "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." (Galatians 3:16) Addressing himself to the church, followers of Jesus, the apostle further said: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. And if ye be Christ's, then

are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:26, 27, 29) This is the "seed", then, through whom the blessings will come to all the families of the earth. "Church" means a gathered-out class; and so the period from Jesus' first coming until His second coming is employed by Jehovah for the selection of the church, the seed of Abraham, through which blessings will come to all the remainder of mankind in God's due time.

Footstep Followers

The members of the body of Christ, the church, are also designated as His footstep followers; and as such they are called to suffer with Him, that they may also reign with Him. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (1 Peter 2:21) These are also designated as *Christians*. Because one is a member of some earthly organization called a "church" it does not mean that he is a Christian or a member of the true church. The true church is the body of Christ; and any one, to be of the true church, must be a follower of Christ in the truest sense of the word. To this class are given the exceeding great and precious promises recorded in the Bible, among which is the promise of being associated with Christ Jesus in His kingdom. (2 Peter 1:4) Not to the world, but to His followers, Jesus said: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Revelation 2:10.

No one has been able to understand these things and appreciate them except those who have given their hearts to the Lord. The apostle Paul says: "The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Corinthians 2:14) Jehovah has so arranged that only those who have their minds illuminated by the holy spirit, which follows their consecration, justification, and acceptance by the Lord, can understand and appreciate this mystery. After one becomes a true follower of Christ he must continue to joyfully obey God's commands if he would continue to have an understanding and appreciation of the truth as set forth in His Word.

Mystery of God

The physical facts before us today agree with Bible prophecy, as found in The Revelation, that the seventh trumpet has sounded: "In the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." (Revelation 10:7) "The mystery of Christ" pertains to the selection of the 'seed of promise', without regard to whether they be by birth Jews or Gentiles, and it shows the gathering of the body members of the Christ with Jesus as the Head. (Ephesians 3:4-6; Galatians 3:27-29) There seems to be a clear distinction between the "mystery of Christ" and the "mystery of God", which latter mystery should be finished during the sounding of the seventh angel. There are a number of questions relating to Jehovah which were a mystery to God's people and which have been cleared up to them since the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to His temple, in A.D. 1918, and particularly since the year 1928. For instance, the questions: Who is God? What is the significance of the names by which He reveals himself? Is God responsible for all the sorrows and woes of earth, including the calamities? Has He an organization, and what is it? What is meant by His coming forth "out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth" and to vindicate His name? (Isaiah 26:21) What is the organization that opposes Him, and of what does it consist? Is Satan and his organization responsible for the sufferings and calamities of men and the alienation of men from God? All these things God had long ago foretold or announced by His prophets; but the time must come for them to be understood by His faithful people on the earth, because it is for their benefit that the Scriptures explaining these vital questions were written.—Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11.

By His prophet Jehovah said: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret [mystery] unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7) Therefore the statement of Revelation 10:7 seems to say that following the sounding by the seven angels God would cause His servants to have an understanding of the prophecies which have heretofore been secret. Those who compose the remnant of His servant class now on earth have received a great enlightenment, notably since 1928, and now have an understanding of many prophecies that have heretofore not been understood. This is due to the fact that "the Lord is in his holy temple" (Habakkuk 2:20), and the flashes of light from His temple illuminate His faithful people.

The Degree of B.D.

WE HAVE before us a communication addressed to the president of an Ohio board of education. It is typewritten on a letterhead which would lead one to suspect that it is from "Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Community's Spiritual Lighthouse, 2460 Tremainsville Road, Toledo, Ohio, Reverend W. Rufus Rings, B.D., Pastor."

Knowing that D.D. stands for Dumb Dog (Isaiah 56:10-12), the pastor (pronounced pahstah) wins the degree of Bad Dog from us because of the manner in which he manifests his caninity. He does this by three pages of closely written matter, not worth reprinting, which assume to give the reasons why a school auditorium promised for a transcription lecture by Judge Rutherford should be denied. It is hardly worth while analyzing a dog's barks.

The kernel of his canine uproar is that Judge Rutherford was not patriotic in 1918, when the United States was fighting Germany, and then he says: "I also call attention to the fact that this same group was the first religious organization to be barred from Germany after Hitler assumed charge because it taught lack of patriotism."

There you have it, ladies and gentlemen. It is as though, along late in His ministry, the Devil had met Jesus and reproached Him with not being patriotic, either as a citizen of the Jewish nation or a citizen of the Roman government. The only answer Jesus could have made is that His business was to preach and teach of the coming kingdom of Jehovah God as the only hope of the world. He felt no burdens resting upon Him to stand up for Judaism or for the Roman arrangement; the priests and hypocrites would attend to all that, for that is their business, and the only business they have.

There is one good thing in Reverend Rings' letter. He says: "In 1926 this organization, called 'Jehovah's witnesses', stated that the clergymen of the United States, together with their coconspirators, claimed the ability to set up God's kingdom on earth without God and have endorsed the League of Nations and declared it to be the political expression of God's kingdom on earth, thereby breaking their allegiance to Christ and declaring their allegiance to the Devil, the god of evil."

You did not mean to do it, Rufus, but that time you told the truth.

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At the time Judge Rutherford was in Europe and, being informed of the persecution of these Christian people, he immediately cabled to engage the best auditorium in Plainfield and certain radio stations to be used to convey his speech which he would deliver to the people on the subject WHY IS RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE PRACTICED IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY? When Judge Rutherford stepped to the front of the platform to speak he was literally surrounded by armed men as though he were a desperate criminal. With guns to the back of him and in front of him and on every side he delivered the speech which you will have the privilege of reading in the booklet entitled INTOLERANCE. You, too, will probably be shocked at the revelation made concerning religious intolerance practiced in this present hour.

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	Total for 1933	Total for 1932
Persons distributing Kingdom literature	1,790	961
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A Protest and Petition Fifty Feet High

To THE CONGRESS of the United States of America:

Greetings!

We, undersigned people of the United States of America, capable of determining for ourselves what we wish to hear broadcast by radio, without censorship by the clergy or anyone else, hereby PROTEST to the Congress against certain wrongful interference with our rights.

The radio act provides, as we understand, for the broadcasting of that which is in the public interest.

The message of the true God, JEHOVAH, as expressed by Him in the prophecies of His Word (the Bible) and as now being given to the people of this nation by Judge Rutherford and others of JEHOVAH'S witnesses, is of interest to us. When broadcast, it is convenient for us to hear it in our homes and is necessary for our welfare. We are entitled to hear and desire to hear that message. We disapprove of every attempt to prevent our hearing it broadcast.



The National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and others, have wrongfully by threats, coercion and other improper influence prevented many stations from broadcasting this message of truth, thus depriving stations of legitimate income and depriving millions of American citizens of the privilege of hearing what they wish to hear; and against this wrongful action we vigorously PROTEST.

Exercising the right guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States, we therefore respectfully petition the Congress to act at once to safeguard the inherent rights of the American people relative to the radio.

"But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue."—Esther 7: 4.
(Imprisonment is Preferable to Censorship—Strangulation)

THE morning of Wednesday, January 24, 1934, there was placed in the hands of Congress the foregoing protest and petition bearing 2,416,141 signatures of fellow Americans. Before being tightly wrapped for transmission from Brooklyn to Washington the sheets of signatures (25 signatures to a sheet) comprised a pile fifty feet high. After being tightly wrapped the pile, by actual measurement, was over 41½ feet high. To transmit this protest and petition to Washington required thirty-five closely-packed cartons, each measuring on the inside 15 x 12⅜ x 11¼ inches. The shipment weighed 1,247 pounds.

Nothing Like This in History

A careful search of records of the Brooklyn Public Library fails to reveal that any petition remotely approaching this in magnitude was ever before presented to the American Congress.

In 1910 the National (Woman Suffrage) Association presented to Congress a petition of about half a million names for a federal amendment granting woman suffrage. This seems to have been the largest previous petition on record.

Petition Signers According to States

Summary

Alabama	28,770	New Hampshire	5,863
Arizona	7,989	New Jersey	84,781
Arkansas	22,912	New Mexico	5,656
California	226,964	New York	144,916
Colorado	36,039	North Carolina	40,064
Connecticut	22,651	North Dakota	8,011
Delaware	4,058	Ohio	259,579
Florida	38,702	Oklahoma	54,245
Georgia	40,957	Oregon	23,072
Idaho	11,502	Pennsylvania	238,774
Illinois	132,091	Rhode Island	8,348
Indiana	81,604	South Carolina	14,409
Iowa	33,908	South Dakota	9,139
Kansas	44,952	Tennessee	37,867
Kentucky	20,256	Texas	106,568
Louisiana	13,735	Utah	5,947
Maine	8,602	Vermont	1,167
Maryland	27,533	Virginia	45,905
Massachusetts	74,108	Washington	66,703
Michigan	112,704	West Virginia	32,248
Minnesota	43,303	Wisconsin	34,256
Mississippi	18,835	Wyoming	4,753
Missouri	74,504	Hawaii	896
Montana	12,766	Dist. of Columbia	22,320
Nebraska	20,039		
Nevada	1,170	GRAND TOTAL	2,416,141

The Lord's Organization in Action

The details of the signatures in each Congressional District have been made available and would be interesting to many, but perhaps it will suit the majority to merely mention that the two highest records were in Cleveland, where four districts yielded 108,862 signatures, and in Los Angeles, where eight districts yielded 143,088 signatures. This was all done in six weeks; had the time been doubled, the record also would have been doubled.

Care was taken that the signers for each Congressional District were provided with petition blanks suitable for their own district. Each Congressman, on January 24, was personally handed the petitions from his own district. This work was entrusted to Jehovah's witnesses.

The letters of transmittal which accompanied the petitions were, wherever possible, from "Jonadabs," well known men in their own districts. For example, the letter of transmittal to J. Howard Swick (Rep.), Representative of Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania District, was signed by Hon. George T. Weingartner. His letter to Mr. Swick was as follows:

A Sample Letter of Transmittal

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SWICK:

In behalf of myself and many others of your constituents of the Fifteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania I beg to call your attention to the attached petition signed by a number of them which demands that Congress take immediate action to safeguard the interest of the people against the unwarranted action of certain entrenched selfish interests. The two big radio corporations, acting together with certain other selfish interests, including religious organizations, are employing threats, coercion and boycott methods to compel many radio stations to broadcast programs only that are approved by these selfish interests. Attempts are made also to influence the Radio Commission along the same line.

Radio stations should be given the same privileges that are now enjoyed by the public press, and every radio station should be permitted without interference to broadcast any lawful programs that they may choose to broadcast.

A heavy penalty should be laid against all persons or corporations that attempt by coercion or other wrongful methods to prevent the broadcasting of programs that are of public interest, convenience and necessity.

Your constituency will confidently expect you to present to Congress at the proper time and earnestly support this petition.

Very sincerely yours,

GEORGE T. WEINGARTNER

Congressman Swick Takes the Floor

On Wednesday, January 24, Mr. Swick addressed the House of Representatives on the subject as follows:

Mr. Chairman, I have today filed the following petition, bearing the names of 10,264 residents of my district, divided as follows: Beaver County, 4,769; Lawrence County, 3,242; and Butler County, 2,253. The Petition was accompanied by a letter of transmittal from the Honorable George T. Weingartner, 504 L. S. & T. Building, New Castle, Pa., a man who has served his county and State as a commissioner and State senator for many years.

(The Petition was then read to the House)

Mr. Chairman, I understand that similar petitions have been received by several members of this House, all of them bearing the signatures of thousands of American citizens. It is certainly evident that some-

thing is wrong; we cannot ignore such charges. Each of these petitions has been referred to the House Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio, and Fisheries. I hope the chairman of that committee will recognize the rights of these petitioners and conduct an investigation of the charges, and if these conditions prevail, that legislation is forthcoming that will correct them.

I would be derelict indeed if I failed to present a matter of sufficient importance to have received the signatures of more than 10,000 residents of my district to this Congress. It is of importance to all concerned that this matter be thoroughly investigated at a very early date.

On the following day twenty-five more Representatives presented the petitions that had been handed to them:

William A. Ayres, (Dem.), Fifth District, Kansas
Frank H. Buck (Dem.), Third District, California
Peter A. Cavicchia (Rep.), Eleventh District, New Jersey
Charles J. Colden (Dem.), Seventeenth District, California
William P. Connery, Jr. (Dem.), Seventh District, Massachusetts
George A. Dondero (Rep.), Seventeenth District, Michigan
Hamilton Fish, Jr. (Rep.), Twenty-sixth District, New York
Philip A. Goodwin (Rep.), Twenty-seventh District, New York
William E. Hess (Rep.), Second District, Ohio
John B. Hollister (Rep.), First District, Ohio
Joseph L. Hooper (Rep.), Third District, Michigan
Magnus Johnson (F.L.), Minnesota at Large
J. Roland Kinzer (Rep.), Tenth District, Pennsylvania
Leo Kocialkowski (Dem.), Eighth District, Illinois
Carl E. Mapes (Rep.), Fifth District, Michigan
Schuyler Merritt (Rep.), Fourth District, Connecticut
Theodore A. Peyser (Dem.), Seventeenth District, New York
Frank R. Reid (Rep.), Eleventh District, Illinois
George N. Seger (Rep.), Eighth District, New Jersey
Joe L. Smith (Dem.), Sixth District, West Virginia
Malcolm C. Tarver (Dem.), Seventh District, Georgia
George B. Terrell (Dem.), Texas at Large
Chester Thompson (Dem.), Fourteenth District, Illinois
Zebulon Weaver (Dem.), Eleventh District, North Carolina
John Davenport Clarke (Rep.), Thirty-fourth District, New York

Mr. Dondero cited the protest "against wrongful threats, coercion, and other improper influence preventing many radio stations from broadcasting the message of truth and depriving millions of American citizens of the privilege of hearing what they wish to hear, and particularly the message of Judge Rutherford". Similar expressions appear in the presentations of Mr. Smith, Mr. Tarver and others.

Letter from Washington Representative

Letters of transmittal from their own districts were not in all instances provided, and so, to make sure that every Senator and Representative would see and grasp the full import of the protest and petition placed in his hands, Anton Koerber, Washington representative of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, under date of January 25, 1934, sent each of them the following letter:

DEAR SIR:

Certain entrenched selfish interests, including the National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting Company, and the Catholic church organization, are attempting to control radio broadcasting in America and to cause to be broadcast only such radio programs as such selfish interests may approve. If this can be properly done, then one political power may silence all persons who desire to express by radio their views on matters in which the people are vitally concerned. Congress should take appropriate action to prevent just such a thing coming to pass.

The American people have the Constitutional and inherent right to worship God as they may choose and to hear whatsoever may aid them in the understanding of the Holy Scriptures, as well as other matters of public necessity and convenience. That the matter might be called to your attention a petition, a copy of which is attached hereto, has been signed by American citizens of the various states to the number of 2,416,141 persons. The numerous sheets containing signatures to this petition have been separated according to districts and states and are now in the hands of the various members of Congress. In accord with the spirit of this petition we demand that all interference with the freedom of worship of Jehovah God and of the study of God's Word, the Bible, and all interference with radio stations broadcasting programs pertaining to the same, cease; and that this Congress by legal enactment make it unlawful for any person or corporation to use threats, boycott or other coercive methods to interfere with, interrupt or prevent any radio station from broadcasting any and all programs that may be deemed for the good of the people.

At any time when we are requested so to do we will furnish the proof before Congress that the above organizations have prevented radio stations broadcasting proper programs and that they have used threats, boycott and other coercive methods to accomplish that wrongful purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
ANTON KOERBER
Washington Representative
WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY

"All Things Are Now Ready"

When a Congressional hearing is provided, adequate reasons will be presented as to why the protest and petition mentioned the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System. This is limited to a brief statement respecting the press of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, which has

"wrongfully by threats, coercion and other improper influence prevented many stations from broadcasting this message of truth, thus depriving stations of legitimate income and depriving millions of American citizens of the privilege of hearing what they wish to hear".

"The Catholic Register"

June 15, 1933, *The Catholic Register,* Kansas City, Mo., diocesan weekly, said, "Every radio station that broadcasts these Rutherford talks is running a serious risk of losing its license to broadcast." The issue of July 6 said, regarding the issue of June 15, "A marked copy of that issue was sent to each station in western Missouri and Kansas."

Accompanied by heavy collateral pressure the frightened radio managers began to yield, hence *The Register,* in its issue of June 22, said, "Immediately upon seeing a marked copy of last week's issue of *The Catholic Register,* the [WHB] contract was cancelled."

In the same issue, after having explained to their readers how to go about it to secure the breaking of contracts, *The Register* said, "Where the station owners object to the financial loss incurred by breaking the contract, they should be made to understand that they stand to lose a great deal more by putting this speech on the air."

Though resorting to the use of politicians and officials of the Knights of Columbus in personal calls upon radio-station owners to induce them to cancel their contracts to broadcast the Watchtower program, *The Register* speaks, in its issue of July 13, of "a broad spirit of tolerance".

In the same issue, where one radio station manager said, in an effort to avert the wrath which he saw was impending, "We will consider it a pleasure to broadcast addresses or services from the Catholic church here at no cost," his statement was published and immediately followed by the statement of a member of the *Register* staff that his "letter is just one mass of lies".

The same issue of July 13 contained the following editorial statement: "Wherever a vigorous fight by a well established Catholic paper has been made, the radio stations have thrown out the Watchtower programs. In fact, every such cancellation thus far can be directly traced to the initiative of the Catholic press. This is Catholic Action in reality as it affects every Catholic man, woman and child, and no more forcible argument for the support of the Catholic Press could be offered."

"The Catholic Union and Times" and "The Evangelist"

The Catholic Union and Times, Rev. Luke F. Sharkey, editor, is the diocesan publication of the Buffalo (N. Y.) diocese. It is published on Thursday. On the following day, Friday, July 14, 1933, a dispatch from the Buffalo paper is quoted in the editor's forum of *The Evangelist,* Albany, N. Y. Just a word about *The Evangelist.* Its editor in chief is Rev. John J. A. O'Connor, its assistant editor, Rev. Wm. H. Taaffe, its question box editor, Rev. John J. Collins. The board of directors includes the Most Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, D.D. (president), Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jos. A. Delaney, V.G. (vice-president), Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Glavin (treasurer), and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. P. Fitzgerald, V.F.

Two sentences from the matter are quoted from the Buffalo *Catholic Union and Times:* "The reputation of Rutherford smells to the high Heavens—a stench in the nostrils of millions who own the air waves by prior right. . . . Rutherford is just another mental pigmy with the mind of a maggot and the heart of a buzzard, who tried to coin boodles out of bigotry."

The following week, in its issue of July 21, 1933, *The Evangelist* was able to announce, in a front-page, glaring headline, that "Station WOKO Drops Rutherford Programs", and that the station's letter containing the decision "was in answer to a protest voiced by *The Evangelist*".

"The Catholic Universe Bulletin"

The Catholic Universe Bulletin, Cleveland, Ohio, is another diocesan organ. In the year 1933 it took occasion to refer to Judge Rutherford, the president of the International Bible Students Association, by the use of the following appellations: "advocate of civil and religious anarchy," "antichrist," "blind leader of the blind," "child of Balaam," "deceiver," "defamer," "deliberate falsifier," "disturber," "human canine," "intellectual pervert," "intolerable bore," "liar," "loud-talker," "slanderer," "unsent messenger," "ventriloquist."

Desiring to set before their readers Judge Rutherford's qualifications, *The Universe Bulletin,* in the year 1933, described him as "am-

bitious", "audacious," "bigoted," "bold," "calculating," "careless," "cheeky," "cool," "cunning," "egotistic," "extolling himself," "fanatical," "hypocritical," "ignorant," "insufferable," "notorious," "obnoxious," "of doubtful sanity and coherence," "querulous," "raving," "self-appointed," "self-assertive," "self-centered," "self-sent," "wise in his own conceits."

Wishing to express their opinion of his addresses and of his books, *The Catholic Universe Bulletin,* in the year 1933, referred to them as "blasphemous", "cheap," "contradictory," "dirty," "distasteful," "higgledy-piggledy," "insulting," "most vile," "obnoxious," "offensive," "scurrilous," "seditious," "sickening," "silly," "slipshod," "vicious," "untruthful."

Not being just satisfied that the matter should rest merely on an adjectival or adverbial basis, *The Catholic Universe Bulletin,* in the year 1933, referred to Judge Rutherford's efforts to honor the name of Jehovah God and bless his fellow men as "affront", "assumed innocence," "bigotry," "deceitfulness," "diatribes," "discord," "disunion," "false vision," "hot air," "intentional misapplications," "lying divination," "malice," "nothing but assurance," "nuisance," "pretense," "twaddle," "untruth," "virus."

Besides the foregoing in the year 1933 *The Catholic Universe Bulletin* also contrived to convey to their readers the thought that Judge Rutherford has a devil, that he bewilders, misleads and unsettles, that he glories in his shame, that he insults directly, that he harangues his fellow bigots and nails his fellow citizens to the cross of intolerance.

"Bulletin" Believes in "Freedom of Speech"

Perhaps it is not necessary for us to say that *The Catholic Universe Bulletin,* while most insistent that Judge Rutherford should be removed from the air, nevertheless believes in full freedom of speech for priests. We append a few of its expressions, mingled in with the foregoing:

"*The Catholic Universe Bulletin* never for a moment contends that in the United States, where Church and State are divorced, the ether waves should be denied any religious groups for the direct presentation of their views."

"It is not the policy of *The Catholic Universe Bulletin* to object to other creeds making use of the air to propagate their beliefs. Such procedure would get nowhere in a country dedicated to the principles of religious freedom."

"We yield to none in our desire for liberty of speech."

"Our point is not to keep Judge Rutherford as such off the air but to keep Judge Rutherford off the air when he insults our religious feelings."

"We preach, and we think we practice, tolerance."

At the opportune time there will be shown the full record of the conduct of *The Catholic Universe Bulletin,* and of the Catholic press in general, and it will be disclosed how their conspiracy formed at Chicago in the latter part of June is working out to the vast injury of the American people as a whole.

Take Notice! The petition as sent contains the signatures of many thousands of good Catholics who are true Americans and who do not at all approve the steps which these priests are taking to rob them of the privilege of listening on the radio to Judge Rutherford or to whomsoever else they please.

We urge that at this point you read and consider Judge Rutherford's manly letter to the Catholic press of America, which appeared in *Golden Age* No. 363, and reappears in this issue.

Haman Built His Own Gallows

Until the Roman hierarchy took a hand in it, the right of free speech over the radio was not questioned in the United States. On Saturday night, June 24, 1933, there met in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, twenty-eight persons dressed in clerical garb and twenty persons dressed otherwise. They form the Catholic Press Association, summoned by the hierarchy with the definite intent of finding a way to choke Judge Rutherford, cut him off the air, put an end to him, as a witness of Jehovah God.

The result of their deliberations was a plot to coerce every radio station that could be coerced to cancel its contract, and at the same time to flood the Federal Radio Commission with protests and petitions to have Judge Rutherford's talks banned in the United States as in Canada.

They asserted, and circumstances bear out their assertions, that the Protestant clergy were with them in the conspiracy to prevent this man of God from saying to the people what Jehovah God has bid him say. For a time they seemed to succeed. At present it looks as if they bid fair, in the final analysis, to be at the wrong end of the rope.

It will be remembered that Haman built his own gallows.

Brooklyn, N. Y., July 26, 1933

To the Catholic Press and Specifically to the Editors of the Following Named Newspapers

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THE CATHOLIC BULLETIN
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KANSAS CITY, MO.
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DUBUQUE, IOWA
THE PROVIDENCE VISITOR
PROVIDENCE, *R. I.*
OUR SUNDAY VISITOR
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA
THE INDIANA CATHOLIC AND RECORD
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
THE CATHOLIC NEWS
NEW YORK, N. Y.
TIDINGS
CLEVELAND, OHIO
COURIER NEWS
PLAINFIELD, N. J.
THE WITNESS
DUBUQUE, IOWA
THE NEW WORLD
CHICAGO, ILL.
PAWTUXET VALLEY DAILY TIMES
WEST WARWICK, R. I.
BALTIMORE CATHOLIC REVIEW
BALTIMORE, MD.
WESTERN WATCHMAN
ST. LOUIS, MO.
THE CATHOLIC COLUMBIAN
COLUMBUS, OHIO
THE CATHOLIC OBSERVER
PITTSBURGH, PA.
CATHOLIC UNION AND TIMES
BUFFALO, N. Y.
THE CATHOLIC CITIZEN
MILWAUKEE, WIS.
THE REGISTER
FRESNO, CALIF.
THE SUNDAY WATCHMAN
ST. LOUIS, MO.

SIRS:

Just now on my return from Europe I find that in my absence your papers have inaugurated a campaign to prevent the American people from hearing the truth of Jehovah God's Word which it has been my privilege to tell them for some time. You make me the scapegoat in order to thus deprive the people of the opportunity of learning at this time the very things that they should know, to wit: That Jehovah is the Almighty God; that Christ Jesus is His anointed King; and that the worship of man is an abomination in the sight of God; and that the kingdom of God under Christ is the only remedy for suffering humanity.

This letter I am addressing to you jointly and severally because the charges in your papers are similar and show that you are acting in concert. I have hopes that there may be at least one fair-minded editor among you who will publish this letter that your numerous readers may hear both sides of the case. Your failure to publish this letter will be unfair to the public and may compel me to get this information to the people in another way. Newspapers should publish the truth, if for no other reason than the fact that they accept money from the people for subscriptions upon the implied contract at least that they will publish the truth. The publication of only a small part of the truth is much more unfair than to make no publication at all.

EX-CONVICT STORY: You have attempted to belittle me in the eyes of your readers and thus to do injury to the message I have spoken by charging that I am an "ex-convict", which charge is untrue. A convict is one who is guilty and is convicted of a crime. When the judgment of a law court is reversed and the case is then dismissed the man against whom the judgment was rendered is exonerated and he is therefore not a convict.

Briefly I refer to the facts that you may recall what you should already know: The clergy have hated me for years because I have followed the lead of the Lord Jesus Christ and told the people the truth only as He taught it. A num-

ber of those men wanted to kill me, and they attempted to find some legal means by which they could accomplish their wicked purpose. The World War seemed to furnish them an opportunity. Shortly after the United States entered the war a convention of clergymen assembled in Philadelphia, laid out a plan of action, and then selected and sent a committee to Washington to carry out their wrongful purpose. They presented a petition to a committee of the United States Senate demanding that the Espionage law be so amended that the trial of alleged offenders must be held before a military court and that the penalty to be inflicted must be death. President Wilson disapproved of their course and the Senate did not amend the law as the clergy desired. A general of the United States army, in the presence of two witnesses besides myself, told me the above facts and then added: "But they are going to get you at any rate."

In the spring of 1918 the clergy and their allies "framed" a case against all the officers of our Society, including myself. I was charged with the publication of an objectionable paragraph in a book which I did not write and which was written and published before the United States entered the war and before the enactment of the Espionage law. Upon this and other illegal testimony, and at the direction of a prejudiced judge, and during the excitement of the war, a jury returned a verdict of guilty and we were sentenced each to eighty years in prison. A Catholic judge denied us the privilege of bail, which the Constitution guarantees we should have, and we were immediately landed in prison. My attorneys prepared a brief setting forth 125 errors in the record of that trial. When the case was presented to a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States upon an application for bail Justice Holmes immediately admitted us to bail. The case was then heard by the appellate court, and the judgment reversed and remanded. Because of the gross outrage practiced upon me and my brethren three United States senators and two other prominent American lawyers volunteered to defend me at the next trial. Shortly thereafter the Government dismissed the case and we were thereby exonerated.

But for the sake of the argument, suppose I were a convict according to your definition. Would that be cause to reject the truth of God's Word which I am proclaiming? Jesus Christ, Jehovah's greatest witness, was a "convict", wrongfully charged and convicted of the crime of sedition, and His conviction and death were procured by the clergy of His time; and which wrongdoers find their counterpart in the clergy of the present time. I am delighted to be permitted to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to be in the same class where the clergy placed Him.

Your papers try to convey to the public the thought that I attempted to hide the fact of this unlawful trial and that you had kept it alive by pigeonholing the facts at the time and now brought it forth. You ought to know better than to try to put over such a falsehood on the people. The clergy thought that court experience above related would finish me for ever. But they were doomed to disappointment. Immediately following my release I visited every large city in America and by full-page advertisements in the largest daily papers invited the public to come and hear. The advertisements amongst other things said: "SENT TO PRISON FOR EIGHTY YEARS BY THE CONSPIRACY OF THE CLERGY — COME AND HEAR THE REASON WHY." The people crowded out every great hall and theater where I spoke, thousands being turned away. That persecution by the clergy had much to do with advertising our work and enabled me, no doubt, to write and cause to be placed in the hands of the people more than 140 million books since that time, which books contain the message of God's kingdom and which are published in 58 different languages. You are welcome to all the satisfaction you can get out of that "ex-convict" story.

RADIO: Because in a recent radio address I stated the plain truth for the benefit of the people, your papers, at the instance of Catholic clergymen, began a vicious campaign to "silence" me. Vigorously you say, "Rutherford must be muzzled; he must be silenced; put him off the air." With the hope of accomplishing that end you and your associates inaugurated a campaign of coercion against radio stations. You threatened to boycott these stations, to cause building contracts and paint contracts, and many other contracts, to be cancelled, and to use every means within your power to injure the stations and their clients financially. All fair-minded men and women must and do condemn your course of action and your mode of procedure which is entirely un-American and unfair. The people are entitled to know the truth. If I

have stated falsehoods against your organization, then it is your duty to show the people wherein the statements made by me are untrue.

It appears that the Catholic clergymen have no weapon of defense except a gag and a bludgeon. Every man who speaks the truth, which truth does not tingle the ears of the clergy, the Catholic clergy say should be gagged. Every one who publishes the truth contrary to their ideas of what is right the Catholic clergy say should be browbeaten, coerced and clubbed into submission. God and Christ Jesus never employed any such methods, and that of itself is most conclusive proof that men who resort to the gag and bludgeon method do not represent God and Christ. Such methods used to keep the people in ignorance and to blind them to the truth are the ones employed by Satan the Devil. (2 Corinthians 4:4) When a man, whether a clergyman or the editor of a newspaper, resorts to the gag and bludgeon method, whom then does he represent, God or the Devil? Judge ye!

The gag and bludgeon method employed by you and the clergymen of your organization frightened a few radio stations into submission and caused them to cancel their contracts. Out of the numerous radio stations in the United States used by me to broadcast the truth you succeeded in inducing ten stations to cancel their contracts. That is a rather good record in America for your method of procedure. If you had a Roman Catholic in the office of president of the United States now you would browbeat every radio station in the land into submission. Thank God your intolerant organization has never been able to place one of your organization in the office of President of the United States. The more the American people learn about you and your unjust methods, the more they shun you; and you know that to be true, and that is why you employ the gag and bludgeon. There are millions of good Catholic people who heartily disapprove of your unrighteous methods of suppressing the truth, and of this I have positive knowledge.

SLANDER: You charge me with attacking men with slanderous speech. That charge is wholly untrue. Never have I delivered a radio speech or other public address in which I have attacked any man. I have called in question the *doctrines* men teach to the people; and if that is not permissible, then the people would be compelled to hear only what your side has to say, regardless of how untrue your statements are. That is another proof of your coercive and bludgeon methods. I have no quarrel with any individual and no occasion to attack personally any man.

You claim to believe the Bible and to teach it, and therefore you are bound by what the Bible says. The Bible says that Jehovah is the only true God, and that Christ Jesus His beloved Son is King; that Satan the Devil is the opponent of God, and that the Devil resorts to fraud, deceit, coercion and bludgeon methods to blind the people to the truth. Men are either servants of God or servants of Satan the Devil, and by the fruits or doctrines which they carry to the people it is to be determined whom they represent. It is written in the Scriptures: "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16) In harmony with this Jesus states: "He that is not with me is against me"; and that is true whether the one be a priest or a layman. (Luke 11:23) Again: "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." (Romans 8:9) Christ never employed coercive, gag or bludgeon methods to accomplish His purposes. When men employ such wrongful methods, contrary to Christ, then they prove that they have not the spirit of Christ, and that they are not His servants but that they are servants of the enemy of God and Christ.

It is true that the "spirit of Christ is love", but that does not mean that He loved wickedness and that He stood by and saw pious-faced hypocrites proceed to deceive the people and remained silent because He might "offend the sensibilities" of the clergy or some of their allies. Read the twenty-third chapter of Matthew, wherein Jesus denounced the clergy of His day in the most scathing language that has ever been applied to any creatures. He was speaking to men then who posed before the people as the representatives of God, and He plainly told them that they were hypocrites. Love, which is the spirit of Christ, means an unselfish effort put forth to do good to others and to honor Jehovah God. It does not mean to consent to the name of Jehovah God's being defamed. The mere fact that a man bears the title of clergyman or priest is no evidence that such a man represents God or Christ or that he speaks the truth. In proof of this, note the words of Jesus addressed to the clergymen and priests of His

day who denounced Him for telling the truth. He said to them: "Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God. . . . Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your *father the devil,* and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:40-44) The Scriptures then show that exactly a similar condition would exist at the end of the world, where we now are, and that clergymen would boast of their own goodness and greatness and defame God's name and persecute humble men and women who attempt to tell the truth.—See John 15:19, 20; Mark 13:9; 2 Timothy 3:1-6.

Why should the people be denied the opportunity of learning what God's Word teaches, merely because those divine truths when uttered "offend the sensibilities" of certain men who are not in harmony with God? I agree that one man has no right to attack another man personally; but when any man brings forth a doctrine relating to God's dealing with the human race and asks the people to believe that doctrine, then it is the right and duty of others who do not agree to call attention to the fact that such doctrines promulgated do not proceed from God but proceed from God's enemy the Devil.

I have nothing against Catholics as men or women. I only take issue with the doctrines which that organization teaches. If the Catholic clergy want to be fair, why don't they accept my proposition to publicly discuss these questions or doctrines and then let the people determine for themselves which is truth? The gag and bludgeon method can never make any of the people free, but, in the language of Jesus, "the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) You claim to speak for millions of Catholics; but I tell you that you do not speak for them. There are millions of good people in the Catholic organization who do not believe what you say. Why not let them all have an opportunity to hear both sides of the question discussed and then let them speak for themselves? You are not their guardians except by self-appointment.

THE POPE: Your papers say that I "slandered the Pope whose integrity is unquestioned by any reputable character". You cannot cite a single word that I have ever uttered that is a slander of the man who occupies the office of pope of the Catholic organization. I have said nothing whatsoever against him as a man. What I did say is that no man, pope or otherwise, has any authority from God and Christ to declare any year a holy year. Neither Jehovah God nor Christ Jesus ever created the office of pope, and nowhere in the Bible does any such title appear. Neither God nor Christ Jesus ever appointed any man to the position of pope of the Catholic organization, and I call upon you to publish one word from the Holy Scriptures that even tends to prove to the contrary. The title of pope was never applied to any man until more than 300 years after the crucifixion of Christ. (See Volumes 6 and 22, *Encyclopedia Britannica; McClintock & Strong's Encyclopedia,* Volume 8, page 403.) If God and Christ wanted the pope on earth to tell the people what they shall believe or not believe, then why does not the Bible, which is the Word of God, give some evidence of that fact?

I have no personal antipathy to the man who at the present time holds the office of pope of the Catholic church. So far as I know, he may be a good man of the highest integrity, as that term is generally applied. I know nothing about him except that recently when I used a number of radio stations in Europe to broadcast the message of God's kingdom I was informed that the pope had instructed all Catholics to refuse to listen to what I had to say. They did not obey him, however, because I had many letters of approval and commendation and best wishes from Catholics, which letters came from Holland, France, Austria, Spain, Italy and other places in Europe.

The fact that a man occupies the office of pope of the Catholic organization is no evidence that he speaks with divine authority or that he has the approval of God and of Christ. In proof of this I refer you to the historical facts concerning men of the past who have occupied that office. The records of many of these men are too bad to publish here. Some of them were exceedingly immoral and bad men, which proves that they were not servants of God and of Christ.

You speak of the pope as "the holy father", and your sensibilities are shocked when others do not publicly agree with you. You do this in the face of the plain statement by Jesus, to wit: "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." (Mat-

thew 23:9) Surely I should be permitted to quote the words of the Lord Jesus without offending honest men.

Since neither Jehovah God nor Christ created the office of pope and no mention is made thereof in the Word of God, and since God's Word does not authorize any man or the officer of any organization to declare this a "holy year", then I ask by what authority any official in any organization can declare this a "holy year". Is it your desire to mislead the people and to induce them to believe that a man has the authority and power to make any year holy? When this year is past and the people look back upon the great amount of suffering they have endured, and upon the great amount of wickedness and injustice practiced both inside and outside of the Catholic organization, they will well know that this is not a holy year, regardless of all proclamations concerning the same. There are millions of people on earth who do not believe that the pope has the authority or power to declare this or any other year a holy year, and other millions of people have the right to hear the evidence, that they too may determine for themselves what they want to believe.

I suggest to you that no court or tribunal in America has ever yet decided (and I hope never will) that a man can be prevented from calling in question the doctrines or teachings of other men or organizations. If such a coercive rule as you advocate were adopted and enforced, then it would mean that the political party in power could successfully prevent the other parties out of power from calling attention to actions and policies falsely advocated and practiced upon the people. If you could have your way you would compel the people of America to acknowledge without question the doctrines of the Catholic organization, which doctrines the masses of the people do not believe to be true. Whenever the courts exercise the power to prohibit the criticism of doctrines or teachings of any organization, then the liberties of the American people are gone and the purpose for which the nation was organized has ceased to exist. You, the editors of newspapers, who claim that you are publishing your papers in the interest of the people, by calling upon the radio commission to bar any man from the air because he calls in question the *doctrines* of your organization, are thereby demanding that the courts or tribunals take away the liberties of the people and keep the people in ignorance of what God's Word plainly teaches. Whom do you then represent in thus trying to blind the people to the truth of Jehovah God's Word? (2 Corinthians 4:4) Surely you do not represent Jehovah God; and that being true, you must be the servants of the god of this world whether you know it or not.—Romans 6:16.

OTHER FALSEHOODS: Almost everything you have published about my radio speeches is false. You charge me with indulging in "vituperation", which is entirely foreign to the facts. Your statement concerning the radio and its use in Canada is also untrue. There some clergymen, who did not want to hear the truth, protested to the Commission and the Commission stopped the broadcast. You did not publish the further fact, however, that immediately thereafter 406,000 citizens of Canada filed with the Canadian House of Commons a petition asking that my lectures be continued on the air.

The message which I and my brethren are proclaiming is not the message of any man, but it is Jehovah God's message concerning His kingdom. You may be able to prevent radio stations from broadcasting the truth and the Lord may not interfere with you for a time, but His arm is not shortened and you will not at all retard the proclamation of His Word. Your opposition has only increased the desire of the people to hear more about God's kingdom, and Jehovah has provided the ways and means. Already hundreds of transcription machines have been manufactured and placed in the hands of the people, with numerous records of speech, which are daily being delivered to the people and informing them concerning God's kingdom. Every day the people are learning more and more that opposition such as you offer does not proceed from Jehovah, but that it proceeds from the god of this world, the Devil.

You say that these lectures are attacks on Catholics and insulting to Catholics. The people know that such statement by you is untrue. Every statement yet made in any of my lectures is fully supported by the Word of God, which is the truth. (John 17:17) No honest person could be insulted by God's Word of truth. There are many honest persons in the ranks of the Catholic organization who have been held there because they had no opportunity to hear and to learn the truth. But they are learning it now. For keeping the people in ignorance in this manner the pastors and clergymen and priests and

their allies are held liable, and God gives His Word that He will punish them for their wrongdoing.–See Ezekiel 34:1-20; Jeremiah 25:33-36.

You charge that my words are seditious; and that is wholly false. Never have I uttered a seditious word against the Government. It was the clergymen and priests and their allies that falsely charged Jesus with the crime of sedition; and hiding behind the judgment of a false and wicked court, they caused His precious blood to be wrongfully shed. You may get my life-blood and thereby hope to stop the proclamation of the truth; but be assured that the message of God's kingdom will continue to be proclaimed just the same. I am but one of those of Jehovah's witnesses who as a "voice in the wilderness" is crying out to the people that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and that this kingdom under Christ is the only hope of mankind. Your gag and bludgeon methods will not in any manner retard the proclamation of the message of God's kingdom, which He is now sending to the peoples of earth.

JUDGMENT: Jehovah God has written His judgment against Satan and every part of his organization, both visible and invisible, and at the battle of the great day of God Almighty, led by Jesus Christ, that judgment will be executed and every part of the wicked organization shall go down to destruction. Then the Catholic organization as such will be no more; and only those honest Catholics who turn their hearts away from "man worship", and who turn them wholly to the worship and service of Jehovah God and Christ, will survive. For this reason Jehovah now says to His people through His prophet: "Before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you . . . seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Zephaniah 2:2, 3.

God's judgment is written against the pastors and the shepherds and clergymen who have taught and misled the people and who together with the principal of their flocks have coerced radio stations and others to refrain from proclaiming the truth of God's kingdom. His judgment written shows that such opposers will find no way of escape at the execution of His judgment at Armageddon. Note Jeremiah 25:34-36: "Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the Lord hath spoiled their pasture."

You complain because I speak the truth concerning "purgatory". For many years the Catholic organization has taught the people that their dead friends are conscious in a place called "purgatory" and that Catholic priests, who are merely imperfect men, can pray for the dead and benefit them and thereby shorten the duration of their punishment and in time secure their release from "purgatory". You will not attempt to deny this as one of the doctrines preached by your organization, and this you have done and continue to do in the face of the scriptures which read that 'all the dead are in the grave' (John 5:28); and, "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." (Psalm 115:17) "The dead *know not any thing*"; "there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest." (Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10) You would have the people believe you rather than to believe God's Word of truth. By your teaching of this false doctrine of "purgatory" you have induced many a poor person to give up his or her money to have prayers said for their dead ones who are supposed to be in "purgatory". That is obtaining money by taking advantage of the ignorance of the people.

COMPARISON: In this letter I would have made no reference to personal deeds committed by men or organizations except for the fact that you have made it necessary. You could have opposed my speech without attacking me personally. In keeping with your fixed policy you have preferred the latter; therefore the comparison.

The best part of my life on earth and all my material substance has been spent in an honest endeavor to teach the people the plain Word of God's truth and to turn the minds of men away from creature worship and turn them to the faithful worship and service of Jehovah God that they might gain eternal life in endless happiness. In that time you have been able to find but one so-called 'black spot' on my record, namely, the fact that I was imprisoned during

the World War, and which imprisonment was procured by a cruel conspiracy formed and carried into effect by your organization.

The Catholic hierarchy has spent more than 1500 years in hiding the truth of God's Word from the people and in turning the minds of men to the service and worship of creatures instead of the worship and service of Jehovah God. The work of that hierarchy has been and is done by selfish men concerning which the Scriptures say: "Men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain [in numbers of followers and material wealth] is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." (1 Timothy 6:5) Every page of the history of the Catholic hierarchy is marked with black crime. It has employed the cruel Inquisition to compel the people to follow its doctrines and practices. It has in all those fifteen centuries resorted to coercion to silence everyone who has dared to call in question its doctrines. If your organization held and taught the truth you would welcome criticism and would gladly come forward and discuss the matter in the presence of the people, that they might exercise their own free will and determine for themselves what they wished to believe. Since you have no truth, and since your organization was 'born in sin and shapen in iniquity', you resort to cruel and oppressive methods to hide your sins and to deceive the people. Why don't you hear and teach the truth and encourage others to do likewise? In the language of Jesus the answer is, Because "ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do".—John 8:43, 44.

Although you know that up to this time there is no law in America to prevent the free expression of opinion concerning the doctrines or teachings of others, yet you continue to browbeat, threaten to boycott and otherwise to coerce radio stations to prevent the broadcasting of the truth. You claim that you do this in the interest of common decency and for the good of the people; which claim is hypocritical in the extreme. You cry "intolerance" and "bigotry", when in fact your organization is the most intolerant and bigoted one in existence.

Because I say to the public that no man, whether he be a pope or otherwise, can make a year holy, for the reason that only God can make things holy, you begin an intolerant campaign against me and my brethren, which campaign you carry on maliciously and without regard for the rights of the people. Simultaneously the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses starts in the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa. Did this *happen?* or is it the carrying out of an order from the headquarters of your hierarchy? You were the first ones in America to report the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in Bavaria; and this for the very reason that it was incited and carried out by members of your intolerant organization.

It was at the instance of your organization that in June last twenty-nine innocent and faithful women citizens of New Jersey were arrested in Plainfield and thrown into prison, crowded into small and filthy cells, and required to stand up all night, and this because as Jehovah's witnesses they were calling at the homes of the people in this time of distress, and seeking to comfort them by directing them to the study of God's Word of truth. The arrest and imprisonment of those good and faithful women was not only intolerant, but was barbaric cruelty, wholly uncalled for in a civilized land. There was a time when the Protestant church organizations resented your oppressive methods; but in this evil day they have ceased to protest, and this makes you ever more bold in your persecution of the true followers of Christ Jesus.

APPROACHING STORM: From every quarter of the earth I see gathering together the hordes of Satan under the leadership of Gog, of which the Catholic hierarchy is the greatest visible part, and all of these marching on with the malicious purpose and intent to accomplish the destruction of Jehovah's witnesses. I know that already your hierarchy is seeking some apparent legal excuse to kill all of Jehovah's witnesses. I would be appalled and faint with sickness because of what I see is shortly coming upon the earth were it not for the fact that Jehovah has given His Word that He will smite the wicked oppressive organization and deliver His faithful people. Jehovah's witnesses must and will finish the work God has assigned to them. That witness work may be about done for the present; and when completed, then there shall come upon the world, as the Lord Jesus declares, "great tribulation, such as was not [known] since the beginning of the world."—Matthew 24:14-22.

The clergy of the Catholic hierarchy have assumed to be shepherds of the people and call themselves such, but they are not true shepherds;

hence Jehovah now says to them: "Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them." (Ezekiel 34:10) Jehovah then says that this shall be the plague wherewith He will smite those that have fought against His organization: "Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." (Zechariah 14:12) Jehovah God will exercise His power in the interest of the poor and oppressed people: "He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor." —Psalm 72:4.

Now, gentlemen, I have said nothing here in malice, but have written these lines wholly in the interest of truth and righteousness. I have called your attention to the Scriptures as well as to the facts, and every one who honestly serves God wants to be judged according to the Scriptures and the facts. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10) You have received notice, and when standing before that judgment seat of Christ, who is the great Judge, you can never be heard to say that you *ignorantly* opposed the proclamation of the message of God's kingdom which is now being carried to the people by Jehovah's witnesses. I think you have heretofore received a copy of the *Kingdom* booklet; but, that there may be no mistake, I am sending each of you a copy, under separate cover, with my compliments.

You and other clergymen whom you represent have declined my kind invitation to come forth in the open and discuss the truth, that the people might hear and judge. You have thus prevented them from hearing the truth. You prefer to resort to coercion, gag and bludgeon methods to thus keep them in ignorance. You have received fair notice. Now you must take the responsibility.

Respectfully,

J. F. Rutherford

Frost in the Air

Tax Exemption in New York City

THE City Affairs Committee of New York made public a study showing profiteering in land by churches which sell real estate at a huge profit after it has risen in value. The report mentions St. Michael's Home, the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, the Lutheran Home, and Mount Manresa as four Staten Island institutions that occupy great stretches of land only partly used, and says: "In Staten Island hundreds of acres of the most desirable land on the island are being held out of use by churches, missions and schools while the ordinary taxpayers suffer. These institutions should be granted tax exemption only on the land which they actually use for religious or educational purposes."

Parochial Schools and the National Treasury

IN AN article entitled "NRA's Ruling on Private Schools" *The Catholic Bulletin*, St. Paul, Minnesota, first quotes a decision of the American Council of Education that such institutions need not come under the Act, and then says significantly that the same Council (of which the director of education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference is a member) said:

"The program of the National Relief Administration and the Public Works Administration may so develop that there may be possibilities of aid to schools, colleges and universities for special teaching services, for loans for building purposes, and for rulings on extramural student employment."

"The House of the Good Shepherd"

As Court Records Prove It to Be

A BOOKLET recently published by Selim Saxton, Parker Publishing Co., Aurora, Mo., sets forth some harrowing and terrible conditions that are said to exist in the "House of the Good Shepherd". This "House of the Good Shepherd", so called, is part of the organization that uses the coercive bludgeon methods to prevent the American people from hearing the truth broadcast by Judge Rutherford. The little book is only a quarter and contains much information of immediate public importance.

Deflating the American Banker (*Selected*)

NEXT to mismanagement nothing has caused as many cracks in the American banking structure as the high-pressure expansion of the promoter spirit. Its steam is generated from greed and ambition. Synthetic enthusiasm and unreasoning optimism act as a super-charger. Among the thousands of promoters who posed as bankers, until their banks blew up, are many who plead that in their promotions they were merely demonstrating their faith in their country. Today, as in the time of Dr. Samuel Johnson, patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. In its name one is asked to be lenient with stupidity, to forgive cupidity, and to wink an eye at dishonesty.

It is small comfort to any one of the millions of depositors who suffered because of the 10,400 bank failures of the past thirteen years to be told by an ex-banker that he dissipated the depositor's savings by loans and investments made on false and inflated valuations of real estate or stock market securities because he didn't want to sell America—or the home town—short. Another of Dr. Johnson's observations, it will be recalled, was that hell is paved with good intentions. So are depressions.

Sing a Song of Sixpence

R. C. BOYD, of England, says: "In the days of armored knights and feudal lords, it was the custom to celebrate the holding of a joust, the knighting of a youth, or similar occurrences, with banqueting and revelry.

"An amusement fashionable at such functions was to place upon the table before the dining guests a pie, which, after it was cooked, had been filled with living blackbirds. The cutting of the crust would release the frightened birds, which were instantly pursued about the hall by falcons which attendants had secretly held in readiness.

"The pandemonium of terrified fluttering caused an excitement which was much appreciated by the company; the ladies especially being thrilled and stimulated by the 'pleasant surprise'.

"This practice is said to be the origin of the well-known nursery rhyme:

" 'Sing a song of sixpence, a pocket full of rye.
Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie.
When the pie was opened the birds began to sing.
Wasn't that a dainty dish to set before the king?' "

Truth versus Error

SAYS John H. Frazier, of Oklahoma: "Truth is always in perfect agreement with reality. As a straight line is everywhere the same, even so there is no variation in truth, wherever found.

"Knowledge is rapidly increasing. Old and new facts are coming to light. Biblical truth is sweeping the earth, and before its advance ignorance, superstition, and false doctrines must vanish.

"Imagine a man who is able to own a modern automobile but rides in an ox-drawn vehicle. He would be considered an old fogy. Yet he is no further behind than the man who clings to the false creeds and dogmas handed down to us from the Dark Ages. We still have these creeds with us in our modern churches.

"On hearing the truth many ask themselves, 'Is that in harmony with what I have been taught?' instead of carefully searching the Scriptures to prove the correctness of what they hear. Anyone having been mistaught has capacity for the truth only to the extent that he is willing to unlearn the error he has taken into his system. Our vessel must be emptied of the slush of human tradition before it can receive the pure water of truth."

A Cry from Number One Wall Street

C. F. CHILDS & COMPANY, Number One Wall Street, are as well qualified to speak for the financial district of New York as any. Here is what they have to say of the NRA:

"The artificial flavor of the entire scheme conflicts with the natural principle of survival. It is a veritable revolution—an adoption of medieval business standards and attitudes. No such sovietizing of business, with such acquiescence by industry in such a revolutionary experiment, would have been conceivable except in the midst of depression and public despair. Few seem to comprehend what has taken place or the possible ultimate outcome. We stand aghast before the Frankenstein of our own creation."

Reduced Anthracite Output

IN RECENT years the output of anthracite coal has fallen from about 80,000,000 tons to 40,000,000 tons a year, and the number of mine employees has been reduced from around 200,000 to 100,000. People who are out of work cannot afford to heat their homes properly. Many factories once busy are idle, or if busy are burning soft coal or coke, or operating by electric current generated by water power. Ships once operated by anthracite are now burning oil.

The Golden Age

(Reprinted from *The Imperial Encyclopedia*)

GOLDEN AGE: Fabled age of primitive simplicity and happiness. In the mythologies of most peoples and religions there exists a tradition of a better time, when the earth was the common property of man, and produced spontaneously all things necessary for an enjoyable existence. The land flowed with milk and honey, beasts of prey lived peaceably with other animals, and man had not yet by selfishness, pride and other vices and passions fallen from a state of innocence.

At the foundation of this legend lies the deep-rooted opinion that the world has degenerated with the progress of civilization and that mankind, while leading a simple, patriarchal life, were happier than at present. The Greeks and Romans placed this golden age under the rule of Saturn; and many of their poets, for example, Hesiod, in his *Works and Days;* Aratus, Ovid, and, above all, Virgil, in the first books of the *Georgics,* have turned this poetic material to admirable account and defined the gradual decadence of the world as the silver, the brass, and the iron ages, holding out the hope that the age of gold will one day return.

Baudette Plant Pays for Itself

IN FIVE years the Baudette (Minn.) municipal electric plant paid for itself, and the profits now accruing are large enough that taxes can be cut in half. Penn Yan, New York, has had a similarly wonderful experience. $30,000 in paid bills have been sent back to customers. A new customer pays but 50c for his first 13 kilowatt hours, and after that but 3c per kilowatt hour. Compare that with your own electric bill and you will see why the people of Penn Yan are proud of their municipal plant.

Success of the Antioch Plan

THE plan of Antioch (Ohio) College, of having their students spend every other year at college and every other year at their chosen line of work, is said to be producing excellent results. The college career is lengthened, but the graduates, when they come out, are trained men and practically sure of placement in the business world, as their connections have already been made. On a recent check-up of 332 graduates 74 percent were found engaged in fields in which they had majored in college.

Schools Gradually Closing

AS THE savings of the people are gradually whittled away in payments of interest, and they are no longer able to pay their taxes, it becomes necessary to close more and more schools. In 1932 only 40 schools remained closed; last year the number was around 2,500; by April of this year, it is estimated by Dr. John K. Norton, of Columbia University, chairman of the joint commission on the emergency in education, some 20,000 schools will be forced to close and 1,020,000 children will be without public instruction. One out of every four teachers receives less than $750 a year, and more than 84,000 rural teachers receive less than $450. There are 55,000 fewer teachers than two years ago, but the ones that are still employed are instructing 1,400,000 more students. Meanwhile the Roman Catholic church is trying to get money out of the public treasury to instruct children in its own peculiar conglomeration of superstitions.

The Depression at South Bend

BEFORE the depression hit South Bend, Indiana, it had twenty-six banks and loan associations, with aggregate deposits of $55,000,000. After the depression had spent its force there were only two banks open, with $6,000,000 on deposit, only $4,500,000 of which was available as a basis for credit. Twelve hundred families doubled up; the town now has 1,200 empty houses.

Cost of Leather in Shoes

A MIDLAND (Texas) cattleman discovered that to get one pair of $5 shoes he had to part with 16 calf hides weighing in the aggregate 415 pounds. At that rate the initial cost of the leather in a pair of shoes would be about 1¼c. But, even by machinery, it costs several cents to make a pair of shoes; so the conclusion should not be jumped at that the profits are anything like $4.98¾ in a $5 pair of brogans.

History of a "Christmas" Tree

A LETTER attached to a "Christmas" tree showed that the man who cut it, in Montana, was paid 6c for it; the dealer in St. Louis paid 59c for it, and expected to sell it for $4.50, as it was an unusually perfect fir. Looks as if the other parties interested could have managed to squeeze through somehow if they had given the man 7c for his tree instead of 6c.

Too Many Inspectors

FRANCIS A. KULP, in *The Reviewer,* Battle Creek, Mich., says:

"A farmer, who resides in Kalamazoo county, called at my office. We had a nice visit. He stated that he had fifteen cows and sold his milk to a distributor at Kalamazoo.

"The distributor sent an inspector to look over his cows and buildings. The City of Kalamazoo sent an inspector to look over his cows and buildings. The County sent an inspector to look over his cows and buildings. The State sent an inspector to look over his cows and buildings.

"This farmer sold a few quarts of milk to his friends in a near-by village. The State sent an inspector to inform him that if he did this he must have a complete bottling equipment, etc.

"Enough said. The taxpayer and consumer pays the tax. No country has such an intelligent citizenship as the good old U.S.A. We are free! We are inspected! We are taxed to support a great legion of busybodies—called Inspectors. It is really great! I must quit or some Standpat Editor will call me a Radical."

"America Swings to the Left"

IN A BOOK published by Dodd, Mead & Company, Alva Lee, the author, pays his respects to the NRA in the following language:

Confucius gave to his followers the Book of Rites, containing 300 rules of ceremony and 3,000 rules of behavior. Within its voluminous pages every act that one man should perform to another is carefully and fully provided for. Twenty-five centuries' adherence to these rules has stultified the intellect of the Chinese people and held them back from improvement and progress. Ramifications of the seven thousand codes brought into existence by the NRA makes the Book of Rites by comparison a simple little vest-pocket edition. The effect of the NRA on industry will be no less deadly than was the Book of Rites on the Chinese people.

Why Bascom Resigned

IN JANUARY, 1925, C. Bascom Slemp, of Virginia, who was at that time secretary to President Coolidge, resigned his position. Being secretary to the president of the United States is quite a job, and many people wondered why Bascom resigned. But they don't wonder any more; they know now. Within a few months thereafter Bascom put through a deal by which the government sold eighteen ships of its shipping board at $7.50 per ton, instead of $8.50 per ton, which the government had asked, and which was even then but a fraction of their cost to the taxpayers. The ships went to the Export Steamship Corporation, and on July 1 of that year that corporation paid Mr. Slemp $3,000 for his services, and within twenty days paid him another $12,000. Thereafter, the government also did the handsome thing by the Export Steamship Corporation; they paid them $300,000 for carrying four pounds of mail; you heard about that. That seemed a little bit high, that is, $75,000 per pound, so they cut it down to $66,000 per pound. Those are some of the reasons why Bascom resigned. They console us all. He should have resigned; the more he resigns the better. And if he and all his kind were shipped by parcel post to earth's remotest realm it would be worth $75,000 a pound to get them off by themselves somewhere; and sad as we should be bereaved thereby, there is no doubt that we would bear up bravely, and be resigned. Now, if the Devil and the clergy would all resign!

California Old Age Pensions

By M. A. Wallace (California)

IN 1929 the California legislature passed what is known as an "old age pension bill", but called by the legislature, "State aid to the needy aged." The law became operative January 1, 1930. An applicant for pension must be 70 years old or more and must have been a citizen of the United States at least fifteen years, must have resided in California at least fifteen years, and must have no children or anyone else to take care of him. The maximum amount of pension is thirty dollars per month. If the applicant has any home or property of his own he must give the county a mortgage or deed of trust on the same, before he can get any pension at all.

If the applicant has no home he would not get money enough to rent a home, after he buys something to eat. So there you are. The legislators who passed this bill were surely very *un*-philanthropic persons, and if they live to be old enough to need a pension it is to be hoped they will get the same kind of dole.

Some years ago the California legislature passed a pretty good pension bill, but the governor of the state vetoed the bill and it was lost. It seems that all over the state there are little offices kept up to administer to the wants of the "aged needy", which will certainly consume much of the funds that should go to the old people in regular monthly checks.

Hearst Goes After the NRA

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST thinks but lightly of the NRA. In his open message to Mr. Davis, president of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, he said, in part:

The progressive limitation of the NRA program, eliminating this or that section or excluding this or that class, proves conclusively that the policy is not universally applicable or practicable. As a matter of fact it is universally impracticable, and if persisted in will become universally detrimental. . . . It would seem to me, Mr. Davis, in view of the fact that the NRA is a menace to political rights and constitutional liberties, a danger to American ideals and institutions, a handicap to industrial recovery and a detriment to public welfare, that the publishers of a free press ought to tolerate it less and expose and oppose it more.

A Thought for Snow-Removal Men

NEW YORK'S new administration has had a thought. After 1,300 snow-removal men had stood in line in the bitter cold, some of them for eight hours, waiting to be enrolled as emergency workers, somebody happened to think that they are human creatures and made a rule that hereafter such enrollments for temporary employment may be made at the sanitation department garages. Congratulations! A Tammany organization man would not have been able to think of such a common-sense thing in a hundred years.

Eleven Billions of Gold

WHEN you come to think of it, does it not seem more than a little ridiculous that there are only eleven billions of gold in possession of the governments of earth, and yet those same governments have entered into engagements to pay, in gold, obligations amounting to seven hundred and fifty billion dollars? In other words, if all the debts covenanted to be paid in gold were paid in the yellow metal itself, each creditor would get a little less than 1½ cents on the dollar.

Illegal Formation of Company Unions

NOTICING that the Missouri Pacific had used $500,000 of the earnings of the road to foster, finance and maintain a company union (so that the workers could not have any free and untrammeled union of their own), the Federal Coordinator of Transportation, Mr. Eastman, ruled that the receiver of the company must not use its funds for such a purpose.

England Has Its Jungles, Too

ENGLAND, like the United States, has its jungles where the poor build themselves improvised shelters and thus try to escape payment of rents and taxes. A recent item in the London *News Chronicle* tells of the burning of one of these little cities of the poor. In one camp twenty of the little homes were soaked with petrol and burned and 130 men, women and children who had been living in them were forced out into the open. Sounds like a British edition of Hoover's Battle of Anacostia.

Child Labor Amendment

THE amendment repealing the Eighteenth Amendment went through in a hurry, because the people were interested, but the Child Labor Amendment lags. This amendment was approved by Congress and submitted to the states for ratification in 1924, but only 16 states have given their legislative consent. Ten of these were in 1933, however, leaving 20 states yet to agree before suitable permanent legislation can be adopted. Meantime more than 100 codes forbid the labor of children of school age.

The Way a Government Does

IN ORDER to build camps for the reforestation army the government bought about 250,000,000 feet of lumber, and, frankly, that is the way a government does. Anybody else, if he were growing timber, would make some effort to make use of his own, but not a government, not so long as somebody else is paying the bills and the money can somehow be found.

$50,000,000 Worth of Coal

THE Federal Emergency Relief Administration distributed $50,000,000 worth of coal to the needy unemployed. It was the proper thing for them to do. The money to pay for the coal ought, by right, to be taken from the Big Business crowd that have turned the whole country into a poorhouse.

Congestion of New York Courts

NEW YORK and Brooklyn supreme courts are four years behind in their cases; Manhattan's city court is three years behind; Brooklyn's city court is 22,000 cases behind; more than 100,000 accident cases are pending, and at least 500,000 citizens are victims of the delays.

Condensed Dietary Suggestions

THE following condensed dietary suggestions, copied from some advertising matter which came to us, seem to be very good:

Eliminate the starchy foods, such as potatoes, pies, cakes and pastries, from your diet as much as possible.

Eat all of the green foods that you can, and when green foods are out of season you should eat several apples every day; and if this is not convenient, such foods as dried figs, prunes and dates. Make it a habit to eat lettuce, spinach, cabbage, parsnips, turnips, etc., frequently. Salad dressings and highly seasoned foods should be avoided.

If convenient, we recommend the use of whole-wheat bread instead of white bread.

Avoid all kinds of fried foods. If you relish potatoes and feel that you cannot eliminate them entirely from your diet, we recommend baked potatoes.

Of course, it is not necessary for us to give you these diet suggestions, but we feel it our duty to do everything within our power to help you to build up your system so that you can ward off disease, and we know from observation and wide study that the diet is responsible for many ills. Eat moderately and try to leave the table just a little bit hungry. Be sure to keep the bowels open with at least one good movement a day.

"Sure Cure" for Poison Ivy

FROM Mrs. C. R. Clark (Connecticut) we obtain the following remedy: "Here is a sure cure for sufferers from poison ivy. Robin's-plantain (*Erigeron pulchellus*), or the blue spring daisy, blossoms in May and June. Rub the crushed green leaves as hard as you wish into the poison. It will be slightly green. Let it dry. Do not wash off. Repeat several times during day if itching bothers. It usually kills the poison in one day. In a very bad case steep the green leaves and drink same during the day and bathe poison with it. The dried herb may be bought at drug stores. One teaspoon dried leaves to one cup boiling water. Steep twenty minutes. When cool bathe poison and let dry. Drink same if poisoned inside. In about an hour one has relief, usually all day.

Another Recipe for Whole-Wheat Bread

MRS. JOHN WALTERS, of Saskatchewan, says: "The day before you intend to bake, save some of the water from your boiled potatoes at noon; and when warm add two tablespoonfuls of sugar and a half cake of yeast. Set this mixture in a warm place to ferment until the following morning.

"Warm about a gallon of whole-wheat flour, and add enough warm water with the yeast to make a sponge slightly stiffer than for white bread.

"Let this rest, then salt to taste, and knead down with more flour to a good stiff dough that will not stick to your hands.

"Let this rise again, and then mould into loaves. When these have risen, bake in moderate oven one and one-half hours.

"This amount will make about nine loaves.

"If the yeast fermented well the previous day, both sponge and dough will rise very quickly. Whole-wheat bread does not require as much yeast as does white bread, and should not stand any longer than necessary, as it sours more quickly than does white bread.

"Do not allow the sponge or the dough to get too warm, or the bread will be dark and heavy.

"When buying whole-wheat flour, see that you get a good brand of number one whole wheat; and it will not be necessary to mix any white flour with it. I also use this flour for cakes and pastries, adding about one-third white flour for pastries."

Bread for Pioneers

L. C. Ross, of South Carolina, says: "There was an article in *The Golden Age* some time ago about prunes, raisins and senna leaves as an eliminator. After using wheat for bread and cereal, would like to state it is much better. Very good grinders may be procured at almost any hardware store for 50c. Ask for iron coffee grinder. They are adjustable.

"The best way to make whole-wheat cereal is to crack wheat coarser than for bread and let soak overnight.

"A fine, wholesome bread can be made without an oven. Take wheat ground fine, a little salt, baking powder, and mix with milk. (Be sure baking powder does not contain aluminum phosphate or salts of aluminum.) Bake in heavy frying pan greased lightly. Cook slowly and keep covered. Time cooking to turn once. Of course, better results can be obtained in an oven.

"This whole-wheat bread and cereal is the best eliminator we have ever found. To obtain results one has to be regular, eating it every day.

"There is another good point: it surely cuts the cost of living, and does away with a craving hunger."

Red-Raspberry Leaves and Childbirth

AN ENGLISH lady, familiar with the subject, points out that the use of a tea made from red-raspberry leaves has a most surprisingly beneficial effect as a drink before and after confinement, and is perfectly safe under all circumstances.

She quotes three herbalists and a nurse who had practiced thirty-seven years as agreeing that drinking this tea for three months beforehand ensures superb health to the mother all the time, a speedy recovery, an enriched milk supply, and a robust child.

It is said that this tea produces such marvelous results, when used in this way, that at time of parturition the event is frequently all over in ten or fifteen minutes.

On an ounce of dried raspberry leaves pour a pint of boiling water. Cover closely, and let it soak until cold. Strain; sweeten. Dose: Half a pint, hot, at bedtime, and 2½ hours after morning and noon meals.

This remedy is said to be very beneficial in uterine and urinary troubles of all kinds.

Bulgarian Milk Versus German Chemicals

A. C. DAVIES, of Wales, says: "According to report, longevity seems to be a marked characteristic of the Bulgarians. A few years ago, out of a total population of 7,000,000, there were over 3,700 people a hundred years old. This is an amazing number, in comparison with Germany, which at the same time had 61,000,000 inhabitants, but only 71 of whom were centenarians. The conclusion drawn by physicians who have investigated this long span of years apparently so common among Bulgarian peasants attributes this longevity to the fact that one of their staple articles of food is *Yogurt,* a kind of fermented milk which possesses extraordinary bactericidal properties. It would doubtless be a good idea for you Germans to go to Bulgaria for a while. Wonder if they would advise you to put less poison down your throat, as it kills this life-giving germ and shortens your life in the bargain. There are many who would like to try *Yogurt,* but don't know how it is made."

What Raw Foods Did for Me

W. E. BROKAW, of California, says: "In a back issue was a communication in which Professor Ehret's teaching on diet was mentioned. You remarked that 'when Ehret or anybody else mixes diet and religion he is mixing things that do not mix'. In reading *any one's* statements we should rely on our own judgment. Professor Ehret did much good in pointing out the dangers many diet enthusiasts made in their haste. Since reading his book I came in contact with Mr. and Mrs. Richter, of Los Angeles. They conduct two raw food cafeterias there, which are well patronized. From Dr. Richter I learned what to eat to cure my dropsy, all signs of which have disappeared since last spring, although I am past the age at which men are supposed to recover from it—a final manifestation of kidney troubles. The strictly raw food diet did it, and everyone tells me I am looking very much better; and I am continually improving. It will not hurt your readers to get in touch with the Richters. They may not possess the 'last word' on diet, but certainly are ahead of most dietists."

The Reason He Had a Stiff Neck

A MAN in Spokane, Washington, while intoxicated, was in an automobile accident. A week later, complaining of a stiff neck, he submitted to a medical examination, and to his complete surprise, and that of others, the surgeon drew from a small wound in the back of his neck a piece of glass an inch wide at the base and six inches long which had penetrated all the way to his chin without severing an artery. The removal of the glass was unaccompanied by pain. Sounds like a fairy story, doesn't it?

Benefits of a Change of Diet

D. O. FRIEND, of Arkansas, says: "Having been a heavy meat-eater all my life (I am now fifty-one), about five years ago I began to develop rheumatism and those distressing piles which make life most miserable.

"About January 15 of last year I decided to leave off practically all flesh food, and especially all pork. Prior to the above date, and for two or three years, those ailments were pretty bad and kept getting worse, and it began to appear to me that I would soon be ready for the junk pile.

"Thanks to leaving off the meat in my diet, in six months I was considerably better, and now at the end of the year both my troubles are gone. I lay it all to abstaining from meat, especially pork."

[Our Lord ate roast lamb and broiled fish, and that settles the vegetarian question, but He did not eat roast pork. Man was created fructivorous; and we think that in the end he will return to that diet, and be glad.—*Ed.*]

Our Diet Memorandum

By the Doctors Work (New York)

REGULAR hours. No drinking at meal time. Two regular good meals and one light one. Always have NITROGEN food twice a day.

A proper meal consists of one part NITROGEN, and five parts CARBON and other constituents.

NITROGEN FOOD

Sea foods	Meat: Beef	Peas
Fowl of all kinds	Veal	Walnuts
Eggs	Mutton	Chestnuts
Cheese	Bacon	Almonds
Beans	Ham	Whole wheat

CARBON FOOD

Malted milk	Flour: Gluten	Figs
Sweet potatoes	White	Cocoanuts
Fats	Graham	Apples
Olive oil	Honey	Grapes
Corn	Sweets	Pears
Rice		

OTHER CONSTITUENTS

Potassium:	*Sulphur:*	*Silicon:*
Parsley	Onion	Barley
Cress	Spinach	Asparagus
Dill	Carrots	Strawberries
Potato skin	Cabbage, red	Cucumbers
Dandelion		
		Sodium:
Calcium:	*Iron:*	Celery
Wheat	Rice	Egg yolk
Cabbage	Blackberries	Figs
Onion	Spinach	
Milk	Shredded wheat	*Magnesium:*
Rhubarb		Oranges
		Grapefruit
		Apples

Remember: CARBON and other constituents for ENERGY; NITROGEN for STRENGTH.

Eat slowly and at regular hours.

Avoid eating when fatigued or in a nervous condition.

Eat freely of laxative foods, especially BRAN.

Drink plenty of water between meals.

Do a few bending exercises every night and morning to strengthen the abdominal muscles.

Establish regularity in living habits.

Health Notes from Soviet Russia

MARRIAGE of anyone infected with venereal disease is punishable by three years in prison (an act that is enforced). Anyone wishing to marry must first be examined.

During illness every worker or employee receives (from the Bureaus of Social Insurance) the amount of his average wage. Every woman worker engaged in physical work receives, in case of pregnancy, a leave of absence of two months before and after the birth of the child; if engaged in mental work, she receives six weeks before and after, at full pay, during the entire four or three months. The medical care is free.

Invalids are divided into six classes according to their ability to do any work; the first class of invalids receive the full amount of wages; the second, three-fourths of the wage; the third, one-half; the fourth, one-third; the fifth, one-sixth; and the sixth, one-tenth.

Galilee

By Irene Armstrong (Canada)

I STAND today by Galilee
To watch the Master cross the sea.
The Gadarenes, with jeer and shout,
The Holy One have driven out.
One tomb-bound captive He sets free,
And now He crosses Galilee.

I wait with those beside the shore,
As they have waited here before.
His healing touch the boon they crave,
His power to bless, His will to save.
The sick, the blind, the lame I see
This day of days by Galilee.

His gentle voice is raised to bless,
And closer still the suppliants press.
While I, with years of suffering bowed,
Can scarce draw near Him for the crowd
Who throng around Him now, as He
Returns once more from Galilee.

I come and touch His garment's hem
On bended knee, unknown to them.
I touch, and life in fullness flows
And through my shattered body goes;
My bonds are loosed, and I am free—
Saved by the Man of Galilee!

Adown the ages as we go
There swells the tide of human woe.
Nor church nor creed can bring relief;
We are not freed from sin and grief
Unless there come to you, to me,
The Christ, the Man of Galilee.

Tradition of the Flood in South Africa

SAYS P. J. de Jager, of Cape Town, South Africa: "I am writing from a small village not far from the borders of the Kalahari desert (Olifantshoed). Yesterday we were working in another small village with Judge Rutherford's books when I met a gentleman living there who has spent considerable time in close association with the natives of central Africa. In our discussion the question of the Flood was mentioned, when he remarked that he has found evidence of the Flood in the traditions of those natives, and he related to me the following, which I thought might be of interest to you:

"The hippopotamus, when a fire is made close to its haunts, consistently comes forth and tramples on it till it is extinguished. He has tested it himself. So he asked one of his native servants, who frequently related to him tales about animals as they ran in their tradition, why the hippo did that, and he received the following reply:

" 'When the world was young it was destroyed by water. The hippopotamus did not mind that; for he loved water. Now the world will be destroyed by fire in future. The hippopotamus has heard that, and he makes sure that the fire will not start in his neighborhood anyway.' "

Trifocals and Quadrifocals Soon

HAROLD W. KLINE, of Pennsylvania, says: "Was talking to Otto G. Haussman, doubtless the leading optometrist in Philadelphia, at his office, 726 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, last evening, and he was showing me some spectacles, first the intricacies of ordinary spectacles, then bifocals, then trifocals and quadrifocals. The trifocals and quadrifocals are being patented, and are not on the market yet. The purpose, of course, of the trifocals and quadrifocals is the same as of the bifocals: to secure varying vision distances, due to the lack of functioning of the eye-focusing muscles.

"How happy the time when the eye, as well as all other parts of the body, will function without 'crutches', and every particle of the human body will reflect praise and glory to its Maker. I found Mr. Haussman a typical efficient German, who has attained much success by much hard work and honest dealing. He does not believe in dilating the eye by use of drugs. And, of course, the old school of doctors and oculists are opposed to him."

A Dream of a Much-needed Invention

CHARLES FABER, of Minnesota, says: "I had a dream the other night that I want to tell you about. I didn't feel like telling it to anyone except my wife until I read of the uses of the electric eye, in *The Golden Age* No. 370. I dreamed that I had an auto that didn't need to be steered unless one wanted to turn or pass another car, and then it was only to touch a button. If it got too close to another car it would stop of itself. Other cars on the road were the same, and if two cars met, as before a head-on collision, both cars would stop of themselves; and the same took place when two cars met at right angles at a crossroad.

"If people had cars like that there would be no accidents; and I wonder if we won't have just that kind of cars in the very near future. The strange part of the dream is that I never owned a car and always say that I don't want one even if I could afford to have one, as they are a dangerous thing in the hands of most people. Don't you think that the electric eye could be used on a car in the way I saw it in my dream?"

Wind Nearly Dried Niagara Falls

IN NOVEMBER, 1933, a three-day wind from the east drove the waters of Lake Erie back upon themselves, and toward the close of that time the Niagara falls were nearly dry. The great flood at Galveston, September 8, 1900, was due to a similar wind from the east blowing the waters of the Gulf of Mexico over the city. The flood, upward of twelve feet deep, caused the loss of 6,000 lives. The city is now protected against a recurrence by a sea wall twelve miles long and 17 feet high. Moses' crossing the Red sea was made possible by a strong wind from the east which separated the waters. We say that "water seeks its level", but such is not true; it seeks its curve, where each part of the surface will be equidistant from the center of the earth—unless interfered with by the moon or by high winds.

Watching the Flight of a Fly

A FLY in motion flaps its wings at the rate of 200 times a second. That is going pretty fast, but the new superspeed motion-picture camera developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology moves thirty times as fast as that, and hence, in studying the movements of a fly, gives the wing in thirty positions.

Windmill a Half Mile in Diameter

A HUGE rotor plant is projected in New Jersey, involving the laying down of a circular railway a half mile in diameter, with rails thirty feet apart. On this track will be fifty huge cars, each weighing 150 tons, and each carrying a rotor 22 feet in diameter and 90 feet high, spinning at the rate of one turn per second. The cars will be coupled to each other by cables and will circulate at twenty miles an hour. Once the system is started by the application of power from the outside, the rotors will do the rest, if the wind is as great as six miles per hour. One $140,000 unit of this huge plant has been built, and engineers declare the plan entirely practical. It seems as if such a plant would in any but the calmest weather supply a good share of all the electric current needed in New Jersey. The unit already constructed is at Burlington, in that state. The total cost of the entire projected plant is set at about $2,000,000.

Siberian Refrigerator Slowly Thawing Out

AT THE time of the Flood the ring of atmospheric vapor which encompassed the earth fell at the poles in the form of snow. Under the great pressure to which these mountainous snows were subjected they turned into ice and have made of the polar regions vast refrigerators. In Siberia, in places where the earth is frozen to a depth of 400 feet, thawing is under way, and among numerous forms of animal life brought to light have been several mammoths, great creatures taller than an elephant, with hair fourteen inches long. Several of these have become uncovered in recent years. In one instance, in 1926, a mother was found with its flesh in perfect condition; next to it was a baby mammoth, with its body pressed against that of its mother in an attitude of terror. Both were suffocated when the snows overwhelmed them. The meat was edible and of good flavor.

Searchlights with 100-Mile Radius

THE War Department is having built 104 sixty-inch searchlights; these will each be of 800,000,000 candle power and will throw a ray that will be visible for a radius of 100 miles —much the most powerful searchlights in the world. It is calculated that under good atmospheric conditions one of these will be able to locate and delineate aircraft in flight at a distance of three miles.

The Gulf Stream

THE trade winds blow the warm waters of the Atlantic ocean into the southern Caribbean sea, whence they flow out via the Gulf of Mexico and the Florida strait. Off the Grand Bank the stream, warm at the top for 600 feet and cold below that for a mile, splits into three parts. One part goes north of the British Isles, one heads for southern Ireland and turns south to Spain and then back upon itself, while the third heads for Africa and bends north upon itself.

Cajon Pass as a Furnace

CAJON PASS, in the San Bernardino mountains, is described by a meteorologist as the means by which southern California gets much of its heat. The pass, 12 miles long and 4,000 feet above sea level, is the route by which the main line of the Sante Fe railroad gets from the heated plains over into the Los Angeles valley. In that pass the winds that warm southern California receive their final baking before they plunge down to the land of oranges.

News from Italy

MILAN is to have a subway, the first in Italy; fares will be low. An overproduction of a million tons of grapes gave everybody in Italy a feast; they were distributed free to schoolchildren. On the 30th of October 827 couples were married in Rome, in obedience to the Fascist campaign to increase Italy's birth rate. Each couple was presented with a gift from the premier.

Good Fertilizer for House Flowers

A CONTRIBUTOR says: "Take egg shells, after using the eggs for food purposes, and put them in a glass jar, pouring hot water over them; let stand a couple of days. Use this fluid instead of clear water for watering the flowers. There will be a little odor for a moment, but it quickly disappears. The results are good; try it and see."

Earthquakes in Japan

EVERY day more than 20 people are killed by earthquakes in Japan. In the last ten years there have been some 22,000 earthquakes, big and little, with a death roll of 7,790, but this does not include the great earthquake of 1922 in which 99,300 persons lost their lives.

A Page of Verses

Our Tomorrow

By Edmund E. Pugsley (Canada)

What makes men struggle so
For life endowed with grief and woe,
And pleasures rare?
I do not know.

What makes men worry so,
When they can dig, and make, and grow
In plentitude?
I do not know.

What makes men battle so
With fellow men, while common foe
Of "*Fear*" escapes?
I do not know.

What makes men quibble so
Of gold, while hoarded foods decay,
And millions starve?
I cannot say.

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I can't explain these things, I say,
But this I'm satisfied:
The God whose wisdom did this day
So richly Man provide,
Will on the morrow point the way
This goodness to divide;
Nor say the humblest toiler nay,
And Peace eternal 'bide.

Seems to Be Soaking In

SOMEBODY up around Cambridge, Mass., must have dropped a hint to the Reliance Ribbon & Carbon Company, or maybe it was a sample copy. Anyway, they have a piece of advertising matter (Copyright by Harry Parrott) the sentiments of which are better than the poetry:

Through sorrow shall the world yet be
Brought nearer, O my God, to thee.

A little while, a few short years,
A journey through a vale of tears,

And then a song, a trodeny.
Lamenting hearts Thy truth shall see.

The errors and the systems gone,
Then, yes, then shall Thy will be done.

The world has reached an awful stage,
But soon, thank God, "The Golden Age."

A time of sorrow yet shall bring
When to Thy cross we all shall cling,

But through the turmoil and the rage
Shall come the glorious Golden Age.

With sweetness shall all hearts be blest,
Though troubled now, shall be at rest.

So let us, then, our thoughts engage
Toward the on-coming Golden Age.

Interest (Usury)

By W. A. Chaffee (California)

I AM Interest, originally known as Usury;
The Master forbade my practice; warning all men,
Even Christ turned me down and cast me out;
The canonical laws, in Middle Ages, forbade my use.
Martin Luther claimed my users should be hanged.
My users could not be buried on consecrated ground.
Estates my users forfeited; their children were disinherited.
The fourteenth century brought me classed with murder.

For centuries I fought for recognition, but to no avail;
For I was looked upon as most base and cruel by men.
Wherever I appeared I was despised and condemned;
Yet I struggled on unceasingly, fighting for my use.
I used every crooked mind and crooked scheme;
I whispered in the ear of man, that wealth was power;
I conceived the plan of Greed, the road to wealth.

Men listened; my hearers multiplied in numbers.
They made laws for my use. They defied their Master.
I crept into the minds of millions, seeking wealth and power;
Even nations adopted my use and fell into line.
Great companies and corporations were formed for me.
Now my agents cover the earth in about everything;
Even ruthless methods are applied for my gain;
My rate of toll is being increased beyond power to pay.

Today my toll runs into billions and billions a year,
Yet I will multiply the debt of man and nations,
That my toll will greatly increase from year to year.
The rich and poor alike are mine: wealth is my aim;
Their master now am I. I have the power and law;
The Master that gave man life, only, can give him liberty.
He may open the eyes of man and rebel against me,
But until then men and nations must pay my price.

Men working, fighting, scheming for wealth and power,
Yet they cannot escape me, I am Interest.

Proclaiming on the Housetops

"And what ye hear in the ear, proclaim upon the housetops."

THESE words of command, like all the rest of the tenth chapter of the gospel of Matthew, are addressed to the disciples of Christ, and to them alone; as it is written: "And when he had called unto him his *twelve disciples,* he . . . commanded *them,* saying, . . . And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand."—Matthew 10:1-7.

The words of Jesus uttered on that occasion were prophetic, and it is evident that His apostles fulfilled that prophecy in a miniature or small-scale way only. The prophecy has its final fulfilment upon the remnant of Christ's true disciples on earth at the present time, when preparations are going forward for the battle of the great day of God Almighty, which will wreck Satan's organization and vindicate Jehovah's name. During the past ten years there has gone forward a vigorous campaign of testimony to the name of Jehovah, particularly since 1931. That year it was made manifest to the remnant of God's faithful people on earth that He has put upon them a new name which His own mouth has named and has caused to be foretold in His written Word, namely, "Jehovah's witnesses." (Isaiah 62:2; 65:15; Revelation 2:17; Isaiah 43:10-12; 44:8) Since then this witness work has taken on a wider scope. As the witness work has greatly increased Satan and his representatives have been more persistent in their opposition, and the persecution of the faithful witnesses has increased with intensity.

It was in the year 1918, during the worst throes of the World War, that the bitter opposition against the message of God's kingdom and the ones proclaiming it began to be especially marked. Since that time the arrest and persecution of Jehovah's witnesses has continued with marked hatred and malice expressed by the ruling powers of the various nations. This exactly fulfils the words of Jesus spoken on the above-mentioned occasion to His disciples, to wit: "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."—Matthew 10:22.

Should Jehovah's witnesses expect anything from the representatives of Satan but hatred, malice and persecution? Jesus answered that question and said (verses 24, 25): "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?" As Jesus suffered contradiction and persecution at the hands of Satan's agents, so He makes it clear that all of His faithful disciples must be subject to the same thing, for the reason that it is enough for the disciple that he do as his Master, and the servant as his Lord. Jesus maintained His integrity under such suffering, and the present-day remnant of His faithful followers must do the same thing.

The Facts

Chief among the visible representatives or agents of Satan is the Roman hierarchy (ecclesiastical rulers), and many are the dupes under the control of that hierarchy. Let it be understood that there are many good and honest Catholics, but the ones who organized and still continue to operate the Roman hierarchy are cruel in the extreme. For centuries that institution has defamed and brought reproach upon the name of Jehovah by its numerous false doctrines and wicked practices, which have resulted in turning millions away from the worship of the Creator and to the service of creatures.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy, operating for more than 1,500 years, is a political organization, although claiming to be God's servant. All political organizations are selfish, but the Roman hierarchy is more than that. It is conscienceless, cruel and wicked beyond the description of human words. It resorts to all manner of sharp practices and crooked political methods to accomplish its purpose. It seeks to control every nation of earth where it operates. It is a commercial organization using the name of Christian as a camouflage. To be commercial is bad enough, but the Roman hierarchy organization cruelly and wickedly traffics in human flesh and blood. It bleeds millions of its people, deprives them of their sacred rights, by fraud and false pretenses obtains their money and property, and with its ill-got gains it strengthens and operates its powerful organization to the detriment of mankind. It is "religious" in name and in fact, because it practices formalism and ceremonies without regard to Scriptural support for the same. It misapplies the Scriptures and willfully hides the truth in order to shield its unholy practices. That would be

bad enough, but its religion is a defamation of Jehovah's holy name and the organization is used to exalt the name of creatures, which practice the Lord God denounces as an abomination. (Luke 16:15) It bears the earmarks of its father, and by the Word of God it is plainly identified as the offspring and servant of the Devil. The following appropriate words are quoted from the writing of a well-known university instructor:

"For nearly eighteen years I have closely studied and observed the papal system here at the National Capital. During the last thirteen years I have taught the history of canon law to graduate classes in a university. That experience has deepened the conviction that the Church of Rome is essentially an international empire masquerading under the pretense of religion. It overlies every nation of the earth and enforces its law and authority within their borders and upon their citizens. It never answers its critics, but seeks their destruction by the boycott, by sinister pressure and intrigue, and by vicious abuse of deceived governmental power. Its activities are all directed by authority of the triple-crowned autocrat of the Vatican, whom nobody elects and who reigns under claim of divine right."

Protestantism, which once tried to expose the Roman hierarchy, has lost its protest and has been lulled to sleep by the false and fraudulent cry: "We must have peace at any price, and there must be unity between the mother church and other Christians." Satan has thus overreached them and caused the Protestants to become a reproach to the name of Jehovah and His kingdom.

Satan's primary lie was: 'There is no death.' (Genesis 3:4, 5) This is a contradiction of God's word and a defamation of His name. For centuries Satan's representatives on earth, parading under the name of God and of Christ, have taught the people that when a man is understood to die, he does not in fact die, but that he has an immortal soul separate and distinct from the man, which soul goes to purgatory, hell torment, and probably a few to heaven.

Furthermore, Satan's representatives teach that the prayers of men can aid those who are suffering in purgatory and have their sufferings lessened. This has been a fruitful source of revenue for the hierarchy, and we know that could not have been by the will of God. These false doctrines are defamations of God's name and have turned millions away from the true God. When Jehovah's witnesses speak the truth, and cite the Word of God showing that they are telling the truth regarding these false doctrines taught by men, the truth greatly enrages the visible representatives of Satan, and these satanic agents wickedly and cruelly oppose the witness work, and this they do secretly and openly, and they seek by all manner of means to bring about the destruction of Jehovah's witnesses and to destroy their testimony.

Rome is the earthly seat of that wicked religious organization which poses before the world as the representative of God but which said organization is in fact a political mercantile institution operated selfishly and to accomplish selfish purposes and to dishonor the true God. In Italy Jehovah's witnesses are persecuted and compelled to flee and to carry on their witness work in another part of "Christendom". The Roman influence dominates the religious element of Germany. In the state of Bavaria, a stronghold of Romanism, the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses began, and within a few hours that information was published by Roman Catholic papers in America, showing that they were in touch with the headquarters in Rome. Jehovah's witnesses have no desire to fight Roman Catholics *as such,* because that is not their work. Jehovah's witnesses are commissioned to bear testimony to the truth of Jehovah's Word and they call attention to the errors taught by the Catholic hierarchy and others which defame the name of Jehovah God, and this they do in order that the people may see the truth. The Roman hierarchy refuses to hear the truth, for the reason that those who operate that system are the representatives of their father the Devil, even as Jesus stated, in John 8:40-44. Not being able to defend their false doctrines before intelligent people, and fearing that they may lose the support of many good and honest people who have been held in their institution, and in order to blind the people to the truth and hide their own wickedness, the members of this Roman hierarchy bring further reproach upon Jehovah's name by resorting to all manner of lies and vicious persecution of those who are sincerely and honestly trying to tell the truth to mankind as it is written in God's Word.

"Communists!"

The Roman Catholic servants of Satan have represented to the political rulers that Jehovah's witnesses are engaged in political schemes for the purpose of overthrowing present earth-

ly governments. Such charge is a vicious and wicked lie. These representatives of Satan charge that Jehovah's witnesses are communists and socialists; which charge is absolutely false. Jehovah's witnesses are working under the commandment of the Lord Jehovah, and as the representative of the organization of His people on earth the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society sends forth the directions for such work. This Society has been in existence for more than fifty years and never at any time has engaged in any political matters whatsoever. On the contrary, those who love God and His kingdom are diligent to obey His commandments, one of which is: 'Keep yourselves unspotted from the world.' (James 1:27) "The world" means the political, commercial and religious organizations that jointly operate as the visible rulers of this world and carry on under the supervision of the invisible overlord Satan. The true Christian cannot participate in politics in any form. He must be a witness to Jehovah and therefore hold himself aloof from political matters. Nothing in the activities of the Society can be cited to indicate that it has any connection whatsoever with any political organization. It stands entirely for God's kingdom under Christ, which kingdom is not of this world.—John 18:36.

Peddlers?

It is Satan who has made merchandise of the human race and organized a great political commercial system that has cruelly oppressed the common people and defamed God's holy name. (Ezekiel 28:13-19) In the various states, cities, towns and other municipalities laws have been enacted to govern the peddling of goods, wares and merchandise. It is well known that it was never the intention or purpose of the lawmakers in framing such laws to interfere in any wise with the preaching of the gospel of God's kingdom. It is only in recent years, and particularly since the close of the World War, that the enemy has seized upon these laws long ago on the statute books and uses them as an instrument for the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses. Because Jehovah's witnesses call upon the people with books containing the Kingdom message and accept from the people who take these books a contribution of less than it costs to make and deliver the books, the visible religious representatives of Satan cause these faithful preachers of the gospel to be arrested on the charge of 'peddling without a license'. In every instance such an arrest has been made at the complaint or influence of a clergyman, and particularly those of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Upon these false and wrongful charges many of Jehovah's witnesses have recently suffered abuse, rough treatment and imprisonment.

In Roman communities, such as Plainfield, New Jersey, Jehovah's witnesses have been arrested and imprisoned for merely distributing a notice of a Bible lecture, which notice invited the people to attend and hear the lecture; and when there was not even an ordinance of the city or any other law prohibiting the distribution of notice. The police officers, under the domination of the Roman hierarchy, took the law into their own hands and inflicted punishment upon Jehovah's witnesses; and when the courts released these witnesses who have been wrongfully convicted, police officers, still in defiance of the law, threaten to further arrest and imprison anyone who comes to their town to carry on God's witness work.

Intolerance

A theater building at Plainfield, New Jersey, was rented in which to hold a public lecture on the subject "Why Religious Intolerance Is Practiced Today". Before the meeting the chief of police, a Roman Catholic, approached the owner of the theater and tried to induce him to cancel the contract, to prevent the meeting. But the owner preferred to receive the rent. When Jehovah's witnesses were handing out to the people a small slip of paper announcing the lecture a number of these distributors were arrested and thrown into prison, among them a woman more than seventy years of age. Immediately following this certain policemen of Plainfield were overheard discussing the matter and the lecture that was to be delivered on the next day by Judge Rutherford. One of these policemen said to another: "He [undoubtedly referring to Judge Rutherford] will be here tomorrow, and he will get what is coming to him."

On the occasion of the lecture above mentioned, and without invitation from anyone who had to do with the lecture, and without any excuse or reason therefor, about sixty policemen appeared at this theater at Plainfield under the direction of a superior officer, and all of these men, policemen and private detectives were armed with heavy pistols and other deadly weapons, which included sawed-off shotguns, riot guns and other instruments of destruction.

They took their positions on the stage and throughout the building and remained in this attitude during the lecture. Before the lecture began police officers tried to provoke the speaker and others into a controversy, with the hope, no doubt, of having an excuse or opportunity to use their guns. The speaker delivered his lecture literally surrounded by many men bearing deadly weapons.

There could have been no reason for this except to coerce the speaker and prevent him from saying his speech. They failed, however, in both purposes. At the conclusion of the lecture two of these policemen seemed ashamed of their action and of being there with armed men, and they said to the speaker: "We receive our orders, and we have to obey them." These facts, and many corroborative facts which might be here related, show conclusively that Jehovah's witnesses are the ones against whom Satan and his agents direct their malicious actions and that such agents are bent on the destruction of those to whom the testimony of Jesus Christ is committed, even as the Lord foretold. (Revelation 12:17) That same class of persons whom Jesus designated as sons of the Devil called Jesus the chief of devils and wickedly persecuted Him, and Jesus declares that His followers must expect the same kind of treatment at the present time. Such is the true setting for His prophetic words: "Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light; and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops."—Matthew 10:26, 27.

True Meaning

The apostles of Jesus suffered the very things that the Lord described in the tenth chapter of Matthew, but it is very evident that in so doing they fulfilled the prophecy only in a partial manner and that the greater fulfilment must come upon those who faithfully follow Jesus and who give the final testimony before the on-coming battle of Armageddon. The great issue now before all creation is, Who is supreme, Satan or Jehovah? The world, by the course of action it takes, sides with Satan and persecutes Jehovah's witnesses because they are the ones who declare Jehovah's name. The Devil causes this persecution to be carried forward by his agents for the very purpose of intimidating Jehovah's witnesses and preventing the giving of such testimony. The Lord Jesus now says to His faithful remnant: "Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known." Otherwise stated, Jesus' words to the faithful remnant now on earth are: 'Do not fear to tell the truth in the presence of the enemy and his representatives. The Lord has nothing to hide. Let the truth be told. What you hear from Me concerning the Kingdom you are to tell openly.' What the Lord does He does openly and aboveboard, and He informs Satan and his hordes in advance what He expects to do to them.

Further then instructing the faithful remnant Jesus says to them: "What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops." What is meant by "darkness", as used here? Surely it does not mean the wicked deeds of men who steal and murder and do other crimes in the dark. The Lord is making no reference to such a thing. The word *darkness* here means obscurity, and applies as follows: Since the coming of the Lord Jesus to the great spiritual temple of Jehovah (which both Scripture and fact show occurred in the spring of 1918) (Malachi 1:1-3), the Lord has gathered His people on earth unto himself and made them members of the temple class. (1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 2:19-22) There in the temple He teaches them through the revealing of the written Word of God, and there (in the temple condition) everything is obscure or *dark* to those who are on the outside of the temple. The temple class are children of Jehovah and are taught of Him by and through Christ Jesus, the Head of the temple. (Isaiah 54:13) Thus these faithful ones are in "the secret place of the Most High", foretold in Psalm 91:1, and which is a place of security and protection under the mighty power of Jehovah God. It is in this secret place, the place of obscurity, which place is dark to the worldly ones and especially to Satan's representatives, that the Lord instructs and teaches His people just what they must do. He discloses to them His purpose and sends them forth to carry it out.

When Jesus was on earth with His apostles He taught them, and the public knew not what He taught them. What He said to His disciples was obscure or in darkness to the others about. Now the faithful remnant is scattered through the land, but all who are in the secret place are in the temple, because they are gathered there

by the Lord and there they receive their instruction from the Lord. Jesus Christ, the Head of the temple class, there sets them in this place obscure to the world and says to them: 'What you hear in this place you are to go out and tell to others, even shout it from the housetops.'

What are some of the truths which the Lord has told to those of the temple class and which they 'have heard in the ear'? Among those great truths are these: That Jehovah is the true God, and the meaning of His name Jehovah has reference to His marvelous purposes toward His creation; that Christ Jesus is Jehovah's vindicator, to vindicate His name and word; that in 1914 Jesus took His power and began His reign and has cast Satan and his hordes out of heaven (Revelation 12:1-7); that in 1918 the Lord came to the temple, awakened the faithful dead saints, built up "Zion" (Jehovah's capital organization) (Psalm 102:16) and gathered unto himself the faithful remnant on earth and made them a part of the temple class, and these are made the witnesses of Jehovah; that there are two great organizations in existence, the one righteous and which is Jehovah's, and the other wicked and which is Satan's; that the sufferings of the people at the present time do not come from God, but are due to Satan's wicked operations in his desperate effort to turn all mankind away from God (Revelation 12:12); that the Lord's people in His holy temple have been brought there for a purpose; that the Lord in His holy temple is dividing the people as sheep and goats (Matthew 25:31-46), and this He is doing by causing the truth to be proclaimed to them, and this proclamation must be made by the remnant who receive their instruction at the temple; that the preparation is now in progress for the battle of the great day of God Almighty and soon that great fight will take place and will result in the destruction of Satan's organization, which includes all the religious, political and commercial powers on the earth; that those who now take their stand on Jehovah's side may be spared in that time of tribulation (Zephaniah 2:1-3), and that God's kingdom under Christ is the only hope of mankind.

Where have Jehovah's faithful remnant learned of these truths? In the secret place, in the place that is obscure or dark to the world, that is to say, in the temple of the Lord, and since 1918. Why have they thus been instructed? Because these are taken out from the world as a people for Jehovah's name that they might bear witness to the name and purpose of Jehovah. Therefore Jesus says to them: 'Go out and preach upon the housetops what you have been taught here in the temple; that is to say, make a wide publication of these truths, and do so boldly and joyfully.

Fear

Some will say: "If in the face of so much persecution and opposition we continue to go out amongst the people and publicly tell these truths, then I fear we may be killed." That is true; and probably many of the faithful will be killed because they continue to faithfully proclaim the truth which they have learned in the secret place of the Most High. Jesus, of course, foreknew these facts, and therefore in the prophecy uttered by Him He said further: "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in [Greek: *gehenna*]." (Verse 28) The inference to be drawn from these words is that some of the faithful witnesses will be killed. Satan and his agents both visible and invisible can kill Jehovah's witnesses, and we know that they are trying to do so; but they cannot destroy the very existence (soul) of these faithful ones. Only Jehovah's Great Executioner, Christ Jesus, can do that. The question is put squarely up to the remnant now: Shall we fear man or fear Jehovah? It is written, in Proverbs 29:25: "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." The fear of man will certainly bring into a snare any who yield to fear. But Jesus speaks of God's watchcare over the sparrows as an illustration of His care for those who depend upon Him (verse 30), and then for the comfort of the remnant He adds these words: "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows."—Verse 31.

Jehovah's faithful people are surrounded by the enemy and his wicked agents. These wicked ones are using all manner of means to frighten, coerce, browbeat and put in fear, and thus prevent the remnant from delivering the testimony. That there is great danger of bodily harm and physical death there is no doubt; but those of the remnant may at all times have in mind that Jehovah has taken them out from among the nations as His witnesses to bear testimony to His

name (Acts 15:14), and that He has given the remnant His name as His witnesses, and to them the name of Jehovah is a strong tower. "The name of Jehovah is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." (Proverbs 18:10, *A.R.V.*) Let the testimony work which the Lord has committed to His people continue to be given. And let all persons of good will to whom the message of Jehovah now comes join actively in passing that most vital message on to others of the race who are thirsting for the "water of life".—Revelation 22:17.

We're Off

By Clarence C. Edwards (California)

WE'RE off the constitution: dictatorship is here.
We're off from prohibition, and swimming 'round in beer.

We're gone off the gold standard, and money will be cheap,
Prices will sky-rocket, and working folks will weep.

We're off from honest business; we're robbed by money sharks
And gouged by thieving profiteers, who call us "easy marks".

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Till no one seems to comprehend the darkness from the light.

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We're off from work, we're off from pay, and millions now are broke.

We're off from God and Bible, and Satan rules the land,
And hunger, crime and poverty are seen on every hand.

And if we don't get back to God and work and pray and fight,
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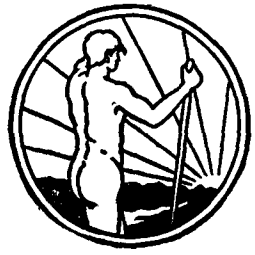
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Shall Radio Censors Rule?

MILLIONS of listeners in the United States, long accustomed to hearing the refreshing truths of the Word of the true God, JEHOVAH, when they tuned in the familiar voice of Judge Rutherford, have been wrongfully deprived of that pleasure in recent months by the action of entrenched selfish interests.

Millions of these listeners have registered their vigorous protest because of such wrongful interference with their Constitutional rights as American citizens, and have petitioned their representatives in the Congress at Washington to act in the public interest.

Many of the disappointed ones have often asked, What is the responsibility of the Congressional agency, namely, the Federal Radio Commission, with respect to the regulation of broadcasting to enable the people to hear what *they* desire and need to hear?

A similar question occurred to Congressman Sinclair, of North Dakota, when he received the "Protest and Petition" signed by many of his constituents. Immediately he wrote to the Radio Commission. Promptly the Commission's chairman replied. That reply was sent by the congressman to the Washington Watch Tower representative. When that reply was brought to the attention of Judge Rutherford, he wrote to the chairman of the Commission.

Are you interested in the immeasurable value of the radio as an agency of *public* service for the *public* welfare? Is your interest large enough to move you to take time to weigh the title question of this article in the light of reasons expressed by three men who bear a responsibility to serve the people?

Their expressions are here reproduced, in the following correspondence.

Congressman Sinclair's Letter

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D. C.

January 27, 1934.

Mr. Anton Koerber,
Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society,
117 Adams Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

DEAR SIR:

Yours of the 25th is at hand, but inasmuch as no Washington address is attached thereto, I am replying to your New York office.

A large number of petitions relative to the broadcasting of Judge Rutherford was recently delivered to my office. Inasmuch as these petitions were the first information I had directing my attention to the situation about which complaint is made, I took the matter up with the Radio Commission and am enclosing a communication received from the Chairman. Since receipt of his letter I have made inquiry of the Chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, which is in charge of radio legislation, as to any bills pending before the Committee seeking to remove grounds for complaint. I was told that there is no measure before the Committee as yet. I am not a member of that Committee, but you may be assured that any legislation reported by it and coming before the House will have my careful consideration.

Because of the heavy demands on my time during the session, and my very limited clerical force, it will be appreciated if you will convey the above information to those of my constitutents who were kind enough to give me the benefits of their views through their signatures on the petitions. It is my desire and intention to serve them at all times to the best of my ability.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Yours very truly,

J. H. SINCLAIR.

Radio Commission's Chairman Wrote

FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION
Washington, D. C.

January 24, 1934.

Hon. J. H. Sinclair,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR CONGRESSMAN SINCLAIR:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 23rd instant, enclosing petition and protest, relating to the refusal of certain stations to broadcast the speeches of Judge Rutherford of the International Bible Students Association.

The Commission, during this year, has received a number of letters protesting against these broadcasts because of their critical nature of all religions and all teachings of the Bible save that of Judge Rutherford and his institute. These broadcasts consist of both original speeches and electrical transcriptions of speeches of Judge Rutherford.

I have no doubt that a number of stations who are carrying these programs received letters of protest from listeners and I have been told that certain stations, because of these protests, declined to continue to broadcast the Rutherford programs.

Under Section 29 of the Radio Act, the Commission is forbidden to censor programs. It is only when stations have applications for renewal of their licenses pending or when other applicants apply for facilities used by existing stations that the Commission, in the public interest, convenience or necessity is permitted to judge the nature and character of the programs broadcast by stations in order to pass upon the question of public interest.

You will note from the next to the last paragraph of this petition, that petitioners complain that "The National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and others, have wrongfully by threats, coercion and other improper influence prevented many stations from broadcasting this message . . ."

Under the theory of the Radio Law, station owners are not compelled to broadcast any and all programs offered to them. It remains with them to see what programs they will or will not broadcast. I rather imagine, however, that because of the criticism of other religious faiths and the protests received by station owners was the cause of some of them discontinuing these programs.

I return the protest and petition.

If there is any further information we may be able to give you in the matter, please command us.

Sincerely yours,
E. O. SYKES,
Chairman.

Judge Rutherford Wrote Commission

February 8, 1934.

Judge E. O. Sykes, Chairman,
FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

Your letter of January 24, 1934, addressed to Honorable J. H. Sinclair, member of the House of Representatives, is, to say the least of it, hardly fair to me. The high office which you hold requires you to be fair and pass on such questions only that come within the jurisdiction of the Federal Radio Commission. Probably you have inadvertently overstepped the proper bounds.

You quote the next to the last paragraph of petition recently presented to Congress, which quotation is as follows: "The petitioners complain that the National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and others, have wrongfully by threats, coercion and other improper influence prevented many stations from broadcasting this message."

In your response thereto you completely ignore the question raised. No one for one moment would undertake to say that radio stations under the law as it now exists are compelled to broadcast any and all programs. Congress is asked to prevent by law undue discrimination. Surely no man holding a high official position could in fairness say that any corporation, person or persons can be acting righteously when using threats and coercion to prevent a radio station broadcasting whatsoever programs they wish to broadcast. The point raised by the petition is that those named are using wrongful methods, such as threats of boycott and coercion to prevent radio stations from exercising their legal rights. This Congress is asked to make it a punishable offense to use such wrongful methods, and to thus deprive radio stations from exercising their legal rights and preventing the people from hearing what they wish to hear.

The two big broadcasting corporations, and the Roman Catholic clergy in particular, are attempting to prevent the things you say that the stations have a right to do, to wit, broadcast programs as they see fit. Are you in favor of permitting powerful corporations and influential religious organizations using boycott and other threatening methods to prevent American citizens hearing what the law says they have a right to hear? If not, then you should have told the congressman that you do not favor such methods. Your letter is silent upon that point. If the Commission of which you have the privilege of being chairman favors such wrongful methods of coercion and threats, then Congress, acting as the agent and servant of the people, should abolish the Commission.

In the concluding paragraph of your letter you volunteer to furnish to the congressman further information which you may be able to give. You could have told the congressman in your letter that clergymen, and particularly Catholic priests, had a conference with members of the Federal Radio Commission, their purpose being to induce the Commission to take Rutherford off the air and to refuse to renew the license of stations that continue to broadcast his speeches. Such facts would support the petition and are quite valuable to the American people.

You could also have told the congressman that your Commission addressed letters to me asking me to file with you copies of my speech delivered on a certain occasion, to which speech objection had been made, and also asking me to file with you a list of stations that had broadcast such speech and that your request was fully complied with. You had no right as a Commission to censor the speech, and manifestly the purpose of asking for such information was to determine whether or not you had sufficient grounds to refuse a further license to stations broadcasting the same. If such was not your purpose, then what was your purpose?

Furthermore, you could have told the congressman that after you had received protests from the Roman Catholic clergymen you had made demands upon me to furnish the Commission with a list of radio stations in which I am a stockholder, and to state how much stock I hold in such stations. What could have been the purpose of the Commission in obtaining this information if it were not to aid the elergymen in accomplishing their purpose to exclude my speeches from the air? If the facts had developed that I had a large amount of financial interests in certain radio stations, would you have used those facts to require such stations to cease broadcasting my speeches or to forfeit their license or fail to have their license renewed? If that was not the purpose in getting the information, what was the purpose? Certainly an American citizen has the right to own stock in a corporation, even in a radio station, without personally being required to make report to the Federal Radio Commission. You might explain to Congress what you wanted with that information. Fortunately I had no stock in any of them, except a single share in one station, which was given to me and which since has been disposed of. It would be a great wrong for the Commission to refuse a license to a radio station merely because a man not pleasing to clergymen holds some stock in that station. You have in your files the letters of the Commission to me and my replies, and these facts you might furnish to the Congressional Committee.

Then your Commission further requested that I furnish you a list of radio stations in which our Society holds stock. That letter and my reply may also be of interest to the Congressional Committee.

Shortly after the conference of clergymen with the Federal Radio Commission, and after the Commission had received at least two copies of my speech "Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity", and after I had filed with your Commission a list of radio stations that had broadcast that speech, your Commission wrote letters to a number of radio stations requiring such stations to report to your Commission as to whether they had broadcast such speech or not. Was it merely a coincident that your Commission sent out such letters to various radio stations after the clergy had called on you, or were you aiding them to get Rutherford off the air by doing indirectly what you could not do directly? You may explain that to the Congressional Committee and also tell the Committee what was the purpose of the Commission in demanding of radio stations the information as to whether or not my above-mentioned speech was broadcast when you already had copies thereof on file. Practically at the same time the Roman Catholic press began a tirade against radio stations that had broadcast that speech and they began to employ boycott methods to compel stations to cease broadcasting any and all speeches of mine. This they began with the leading station at St. Paul and station WHK Cleveland. Was the Commission acting strictly within its legal duty in demanding such information from various radio stations, which information it already had, or was it to indirectly give a warning to those radio stations to yield to the protest of objecting clergymen and to aid them to accomplish what the Commission could not legally accomplish? Copies of the Commission's letters to the various radio stations regarding that matter might be interesting information to Congress just at this time.

In your letter to Congressman Sinclair you say: "I have been told that certain stations, because of these protests, declined to continue to broadcast Rutherford's programs." Were you told that information after your Commission had demanded of these stations the information as to whether or not they had broadcast my speech on "Holy Year", and if so, do you know just what was the moving cause of those stations discontinuing to broadcast my speeches?

Since my speeches that have been broadcast have never mentioned a human creature in a derogatory manner, but have merely called attention to the gross errors taught by men and organizations to the detriment of the peoples' vital welfare, is it your opinion that the Radio Commission has the legal right to refuse to license a station because that station broadcasts my speeches? If so, would the Commission have the legal right to refuse to license a station that broadcasts a speech severely criticizing the administration of the national government? While this Congress is in session it might be of interest to the members thereof to know just how far the Commission believes it can go in refusing a license to a station that broadcasts a speech criticizing the errors taught and practiced upon the people by various organizations.

Is the Radio Act relative to what is of public "interest, convenience and necessity" for the benefit of shielding institutions or organizations that have for years been deceiving the people, and still are deceiving them, or was that provision put in the law to permit people to hear what is the truth and what is therefore of vital public interest, convenience and necessity for them to hear?

This government was established on the theory that it belongs to the people in general and not to certain selfish interests. My associates and I are not trying to get members or to build up any kind of an organization. We are merely trying to help the people, while these selfish interests stand in the way thereof. We have no desire or inclination to attack any man personally, but we only wish to inform the people of truths upon which their very life depends. If in America it is no longer possible to expose gross errors in order that the people may learn the truth, then entrenched selfish interests teaching such errors may feel safe. It is certain that they do not want to have the public to examine the things that they are teaching, and that of itself is very persuasive evidence that they know they are wrong and that they are doing injury to the people.

In your letter you state to Mr. Sinclair that protests have come to the Commission against my speeches "because of their critical nature of all religions and all teachings of the Bible save that of Judge Rutherford and his institute". That statement is hardly in accord with the facts.

On at least two occasions when I have been before your Commission I have stated the facts as they exist, and you should know them for that reason. Besides that I personally know that you have some books which I have written also setting out the facts. Permit me to say that Rutherford has no institute, nor have I any teachings of my own. I am a follower of the plain lead of Jesus Christ, calling attention to Jehovah God's Word of truth according to His commandments. My effort is to enable the people to ascertain what is in the Bible. If the clergymen are wrongfully misleading the people as to what is in the Bible, and hiding from them the truths therein, as their prototypes did when Jesus was on earth, how could I call attention to the truth of the Bible without such truths' exposing the errors of others? I have no fight with any man. Never at any time in a public speech have I attacked any man. My sole purpose is to aid the people to understand the Bible, and you well know that the Roman Catholic system has never tried to help the people understand the Scriptures. Now when their parishioners begin to get some knowledge of the Bible, which is of vital necessity to them and which truths enable them to see that the clergy have duped them and kept them in error, these facts cause the clergymen to become violently angry at anyone who speaks the truth. They should not blame me; they should blame the Lord for having put those truths in His Word. If the position of the clergymen is right, then why not come out and defend their position and show the people wherein I am wrong? If what I am saying is wrong it will fall of its own weight; and if what I am saying is God's Word of truth there is no power under heaven that can destroy it. The clergy well know that personally I amount to little or nothing but it is the truth that angers them.

Having no adequate defense the clergymen are compelled to either keep silent or else put a gag in the mouth of the one who speaks the truth. For some years they have practiced silence, but now when they see the people learning the truth they seek to put a gag in the mouth of the one who tells them the truth. The American people have a right to hear what they desire to hear without anyone acting as their censors or guardians. Even if you desire to aid these men in keeping the people in the dark concerning the vital truths of the Bible you should not use your high official position to accomplish that purpose, but on the other hand you should unhesitatingly furnish to Congress the evidence that would help the members thereof to see what is their plain duty in protecting the interest of freedom of speech and freedom of worship of Jehovah God amongst the people.

Just before the destruction of Jerusalem Jehovah sent certain men to give notice and warning to the people of the approaching disaster coming upon that city. The clergymen of that time violently opposed those men and had them beaten and thrown into prison. The clergymen used their influence to keep the people in ignorance of the truth, and they succeeded largely in doing so. Shortly thereafter Jehovah God caused the city of Jerusalem to be completely destroyed and multitudes of people to die. What happened there, as the Scriptures show, merely foreshadowed what is now about to fall upon the nations called "Christendom", of which Jerusalem was a type.

What my associates and I are doing is merely to give notice of warning to the rulers and to the people of the approaching time of tribulation, which will be far greater than that which came upon Jerusalem. It is not man's warning, nor is it man's word. These truths of notice and warning are not man's word. These truths of notice and warning are set forth in the Word of God and those who know them and love Jehovah God are commanded to tell the people about them. Anyone, therefore, who attempts to keep these truths from the people is fighting against God and not against man, and every one who thus opposes God will experience the trouble of Armageddon and "will find no way of escape". Appropriate thereto are the words of Jehovah's prophet at Jeremiah 25: 33-36 and of Matthew 24: 21, 22. The Scriptures point out plainly that there is just one way of escape. God has commanded that the people shall be told of that way just now. Do you wish to lend your support to those who are trying to keep the people in ignorance of these

vital truths? If so, the responsibility will be upon your own head. Better let the people hear and let each man take his own responsibility as to what he shall do. My responsibility before God is to tell the people the truth, and in no other way can I be faithful to Jehovah God.—Ezekiel 3:18, 19.

God sent Moses to demand of Pharaoh of Egypt, the then great world power, that the people might be permitted to hear the truth and worship God in their own way. Pharaoh refused to permit the people to enjoy that privilege, and God killed all of their firstborn and then destroyed the nation. Now the people are again asking that they be permitted to exercise their God-given rights to proclaim the truth and to worship Jehovah God in the way that they choose. Certain selfish organizations are desperately attempting to prevent the people from exercising this privilege, and the rulers are warned not to support those selfish organizations in their wrongful course, nor to join with them in hindering the free proclamation of the Word of God, and Jehovah makes it plainly to appear in his Word that those who do interfere shall suffer a like fate that came upon Egypt.

You will recall that when I personally stood before your Commission on one occasion I used these words: "This is not a threat, but a warning," and you are familiar with what came upon some members of the Commission thereafter. I now repeat those words as applying not only to the Federal Radio Commission but to all the ruling powers of "Christendom" that interfere with the proclamation of Jehovah's Word of truth. It is a friendly warning. Opposition to me cannot affect me personally in any way whatsoever, but willful opposition to a free hearing of the Word of God in this critical hour will result disastrously to all those who oppose the free proclamation of God's Word of truth. Jehovah God through Christ Jesus will inflict the punishment. I have nothing to do with that. No man will inflict the punishment upon the nations. Receive now, if you will, this kindly warning and cease to give aid to those who are fighting against God's Word of truth. No man can successfully fight against Jehovah.

Let the Federal Radio Commission administer the law fully and fearlessly and refrain from aiding a class of selfish corporations who wish to keep the people in ignorance of the great truths of Jehovah's purpose. The congressmen must have these facts in order that they may intelligently meet the responsibility that is upon them. The National Broadcasting Company and others have set themselves up as the religious guardians of the American people. They have determined that Catholic, Protestants and Jews may speak to the people, provided they raise no controversial questions. They deny the facilities of their radio stations to those who want to tell the truth for the benefit of the people, and thus they assume the position of guardians for the people as to what they shall hear concerning the Bible. The Roman Catholic clergymen in particular desire the people to hear nothing except what they and their fellow religionists may agree upon. Does the Federal Radio Commission wish to assume the responsibility before God of agreeing that these two big radio corporations, and the clergymen, may determine what is of public interest, convenience and necessity, and thus prevent the people from hearing what they wish to hear?

If the Commission answers the foregoing question in the affirmative, then I insist that Congress in fairness to the American people should define what constitutes public interest, public convenience and public necessity, and that this be done as a guide for the Federal Radio Commission. I will here suggest a definition, which I know is in harmony with the truth. Necessity is that which the people really need. Convenience is that which builds up the people in righteousness; and public interest is that which is for the general welfare of the people. The great truths contained in the Bible are therefore of supreme public interest, public necessity and public convenience. "Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." (Proverbs 29:18) "Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me."—Proverbs 30:8.

Very sincerely,



cc
Hon. J. H. Sinclair,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

"Not a Threat, But a Warning"

Official records at the Federal Radio Commission in Washington show that it was on June 15, 1927, that those words were used by Judge Rutherford in his summary speech at the end of a two-day hearing before the original commission. Of that original group of five appointed by Calvin Coolidge, the only remaining member is Judge Sykes, the present chairman. Within a short time after that hearing, the first chairman, William Bullard, and the first vice-chairman, John Dillon, were cut off in death. Soon thereafter, the other two original members, Orestes Caldwell and Henry Bellows, resigned from the commission to pursue private ventures, as did also the commission's first secretary, Sam Pickard.

To Safeguard Broadcasting

APPRECIATING, as he does, the boundless usefulness of radio broadcasting as an instrumentality of public service, Louis T. McFadden, of Pennsylvania, has moved with characteristic boldness and foresight to do his part toward providing a timely safeguard for the steady and proper development of this marvelous means of communication.

That such a progressive step should be taken by one who was chosen by an overwhelming majority of both Democratic and Republican voters to represent all the people of the Fifteenth District of Pennsylvania in the Seventy-third Congress is noteworthy.

On February 14, 1934, in the House of Representatives, at Washington, Congressman McFadden introduced a bill to amend the Radio Act of 1927. Its provisions are unique. Its spirit of fairness is at once arresting and refreshing. The bill was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio, and Fisheries and ordered to be printed. It is designated as H. R. 7986 of the 73d Congress, 2d Session, and is here presented in full text:

A BILL

To amend the Radio Act of 1927, approved February 23, 1927, as amended (44 Stat. 1162).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Radio Act of 1927, approved February 23, 1927, as amended (44 Stat. 1162), is amended by the addition of two new sections to follow section 28 of said Act (44 Stat. 1172), said new sections to read as follows:

"No person, persons, company, association, or corporation owning and operating a radio broadcasting station, and receiving and broadcasting radio programs for hire, shall discriminate in the use of such station in favor of a program of speech sponsored by any person who is a legally qualified candidate for any public office, and/or by any religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society or any other like association or society, and against or to the exclusion of another person who is a legally qualified candidate for any public office, or of another religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society chartered or licensed under the laws of the United States, because and for the reason that such person, religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society holds and promulgates and advocates views contrary to those expressed in programs that have been broadcast. The owner, lessee, or operator of any broadcasting station contracting for or accepting and broadcasting radio programs for one legally qualified candidate for a public office, and for one class of religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association or society, and refusing to contract for or to accept and broadcast for hire radio programs of speech offered for broadcast by another legally qualified candidate for a public office, or by any other religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society within the provisions of this section, because or for the reason that such legally qualified candidate, or such religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society holds or promulgates a contrary or different view from that which is expressed by the person or parties broadcasting programs, shall be deemed guilty of an unlawful discrimination. All persons, companies, corporations, or associations owning and operating a radio station who shall be guilty of a misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine of not less than $500 nor more than $5,000, and in addition thereto may be required to forfeit the license for operating such broadcasting station.

"No person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation shall by threats, or by coercion, or by misrepresentation, or any other like manner interfere with or prevent, or attempt to interfere with or prevent, the broadcasting of any radio program by any owner, lessee, or operator of any radio broadcasting station; or interfere with or attempt to interfere with, or to prevent any owner, lessee, or operator of any radio broadcasting station from entering into a contract with another person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation, to accept, receive, and broadcast programs of speech and music by radio. No person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation shall induce or attempt to induce any person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation to withdraw business or financial support or social intercourse from any radio broadcasting station, or the owner, lessee, or operator of any radio broadcasting station in the use and operation of such radio station or in the broadcasting of any and all programs offered to be broadcast, or which may be broadcast at any such station. Any person, persons, association, society, or corporation violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than $500 nor more than $5,000, or in the case of an individual or the responsible officials of an association or corporation, by imprisonment for a term of not less than sixty days nor more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

Norway—Land of the Midnight Sun

IF YOU were at the north pole on or about March 21 you would see the edge of the sun for the first time in six months, and if you could remain there six months you would see it all the while until September 23, when it would retreat below the horizon, to be out of sight for as long a time as it was visible. On June 21 the sun is at its highest point and bathes everything within the arctic circle in continuous light throughout the entire 24 hours. From that point of view we could say that all the lands within the arctic circle, northern Alaska, northern Canada, northern Greenland, northern Russia and northern Siberia are lands of the midnight sun; but by common consent that name is applied to Norway, because it is the most accessible of them all, and enjoys the best climate.

The Gulf Stream is the making of the country. If it were not for that, Norway would be almost uninhabitable; but its influence is so potent that it makes possible permanent human habitation within 700 miles of the north pole, and so, because Spitsbergen is politically a part of Norway, and Norway is the subject of this article, we begin with the northernmost part of the land of the north, and the northernmost habitation of civilized man.

The Spitsbergen islands, comprising an archipelago of 25,000 square miles (half the size of New York state), have been known since 1194, and often visited by Norwegians and Russians. More than a hundred kinds of flowering plants grow there. Sea fowl are so plentiful that at times they literally darken the air. Foxes, bears, reindeer, walruses and seals abound.

In 1870 rich coal deposits were found, now estimated at 9,000,000,000 tons, and 1,200 persons, including miners and their families, live there the year around. In the summer, when they have one day which is four months long, it is not such a bad place to live; but in the winter, when they have a night of the same length, it is not so attractive.

The Stor coal company of Spitsbergen, formerly an American concern, has the most modern colliery in Europe. Cutting machinery in the mines, and modern docks and loading facilities, enable the loading of a 6,000-ton vessel in 24 hours; this one company now ships some 200,000 tons of coal a year all over Europe.

Jumping-Off Place for Explorers

It was from Kings Bay, Spitsbergen, on May 21, 1925, that Amundsen and Ellsworth set out to fly to the pole and back. They started with two planes, but after going to within 136 miles of the pole one was forced down and the other went to its relief. After three weeks of desperate effort the six men aboard returned safely in one of the planes. The other plane was abandoned.

It was from Kings Bay, Spitsbergen, May 9, 1926, that Byrd and Bennett flew direct to the pole, circled it several times, and returned to their base in 15½ hours, having flown 1,360 miles without a stop.

Two days later, May 11, 1926, the Amundsen-Ellsworth-Nobile expedition set out from Kings Bay in the Italian-built dirigible Norge, sailed over the pole, and landed safely in Alaska after a flight of 71 hours.

Two years later Amundsen lost his life in a desperate attempt to save by airplane some of the members of the last, ill-fated, Nobile expedition. He was a typical Norwegian, in many respects the most remarkable of explorers, the first to negotiate the Northwest Passage, and the first to reach the south pole. From a youth of 15 he trained himself to be an Arctic explorer, always sleeping, in the bitterest weather, with his windows wide open. He had the scientific training, the will and the muscle to make a great success of his chosen field of work.

Nansen was another of the Northland's successful explorers. For twelve years he was the acknowledged athlete of his country, which means, in Norway, that he was the champion cross-country skier. At twenty-eight he first crossed the mountains of central Greenland. Subsequently he designed and built the Fram, drifted with it across the Arctic ocean, and by means of it, April 8, 1895, attained 86° 14 north latitude, the highest until then attained. He was eminent as a peace-worker and considered as the most eminent of Norsemen.

Another Norwegian, Henrik Ibsen, greatest dramatist of his time, was eminent, but not loved as was Nansen. The people of Norway and of the world had respect for his ability, but his countrymen despised his vanity and selfishness. He was an explorer and advertiser of the follies of mankind.

Coming Down to North Cape

From everywhere else in the world it is *up* to North cape, but from Spitsbergen it is 650 miles *down*. North cape is far above the arctic circle, but, as it is on an island in the midst of the Gulf Stream, it is in waters that never freeze. This bold headland, 968 feet high, is a suitable landmark at which to begin our consideration of Norway proper, a country that is more mountainous than Switzerland.

Norway is of the shape of a huge dog, with its head to the south and its tail to the northeast, over a thousand miles away. The southern cape, called The Naze (Norwegian for nose), is in the same latitude as Juneau, Alaska. Oslo, the capital, is of the same latitude as the northern boundary of British Columbia. Trondhjem is of the same latitude as Nome, Alaska, and North cape is of the same latitude as Point Barrow.

There is rail connection from the iron mines at Victoria Havn over the Kjolen mountains to the most northerly part of Sweden; there is rail connection from the important city of Trondhjem across the same mountains to the central part of Sweden; and there is rail connection from the metropolis of Bergen, via Oslo, the capital, to the southern part of Sweden; and Trondhjem and Oslo are connected; but, for the most part, Norway must always depend for transportation upon the sea, for it is strictly a sea country.

The northern lands of Maine, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Labrador, Greenland, Scotland, and especially Norway, are bordered by submerged mountain valleys which in Scotland are called firths or friths and in Norway are called fjords. Depressed by the ice deposited upon them in the time of the Flood, these valleys and headlands have risen as the ice melted, and in many places elevated ocean beaches or terraces are to be seen.

There are numerous peaks and ridges many thousands of feet in height boldly jutting out into the ocean. The fjords extend far inward, sometimes as far as a hundred miles. Hardanger fjord, 1,000 feet deep, is flanked by cliffs 6,000 feet high. Numerous torrents fall over these cliffs, and when the brinks are covered with mists, as is often the case, these waterfalls, seen from the ships in the fjords, have the appearance of falling from the sky.

Widows of Lofoden

The great fishing ground of Norway is off the Lofoden islands, well above the arctic circle, due west of the northern tip of Sweden. Here the tides wrestle with one another as great volumes of water seek to flow in opposite directions, and twice each day the innocent-looking fjords become channels of death.

In calm weather, and between tides, a small boat can navigate safely, but during the spring tides, and when natural currents are whipped up by heavy western gales, vortices are created in which no ship can survive. Not only have boats actually been swallowed up in these whirlpools, but even whales caught in them have been whirled around until they were dead. The scenery is sublime.

The departure of mail boats is very carefully regulated so as to take full advantage of the tides, but, even when care is taken, many lives are sacrificed. As a consequence, there are two islands in the archipelago populated almost entirely by widows and orphans, the men having been lost in storms at sea. Sixty-seven million pounds of cod are taken off the Lofoden islands in a year. "Men must work and women must weep."

Norway is the most sparsely populated country in Europe. Nine-tenths of the population live along the coast, or near the fjords, or on the small islands called skerries, of which there are about twelve hundred occupied. In many places these skerries form a natural breakwater and render navigation of near-by fjords comparatively safe and delightful.

As the country is so far north, and is so mountainous, much of Norway is under snow the year around. The line of perpetual snow is at 3,000 feet elevation in the north, and at 5,000 feet in the south. Even on some of the farm lands there are snowdrifts in the pastures as late as June 27, with the next season's frosts only eight weeks away.

Effect of the Midnight Sun

The midnight sun does something else besides bringing tourists to Hammerfest and North cape. Once the summer gets really started it keeps right on coming without any let-up, for most of the time the sun continues to pour its light- and life-giving rays upon vegetation and it grows very rapidly. Flowers and fruits grow of unusual size and fragrance.

There is an abundance of moisture: seventy inches of rain on the western coast, and from ten to twelve inches on the mountains that bor-

der Sweden. The mountain slopes are therefore well clothed with oak, beech and magnificent pine forests, while willows and birches extend almost to the snow line. Wild cranberries, raspberries, blueberries and strawberries abound.

Song birds are plentiful, sea fowl breed by the million in the cliffs, and bears, foxes, wolves, lynxes, hares and lemmings find shelter in the forests. All life accommodates itself to the nocturnal sun; the poultry goes to roost while the sun hangs high in the northwestern heavens. A rooster must feel abashed to wake up and find the sun shining full in his face, and realize that he had nothing to do about causing such effect.

The trip to Hammerfest and North cape is a favorite with Germans. They train themselves to sleep during eight hours of the twenty-four by turning on all the lights in their staterooms at night and accustoming themselves to sleeping in the glare. The German is willing to pay to see the midnight sun, but he is not willing to go without his customary sleep.

Hyperboreans and Vikings

The ancient Greeks and Romans thought that the north of Europe was made up entirely of ice, snow, mists, clouds and darkness, but that far beyond the north wind was a race of Hyperboreans, living in perfect peace, dwelling in a land where fruits and grains ripened without the care of the husbandman. No one suffered pain or illness, but when the old men and women grew weary of existence, they threw themselves headlong from some high cliff into the sea. Back of these fancies there may be some reference to the "land of the midnight sun", as the fruits, longevity and cliffs are certainly all features of present-day Norway, and doubtless were of the Norway of long ago.

There is some doubt about the word "viking", whether it is derived from *vick,* an Icelandic word for bay, or fjord, or from *vigt,* which means to fight, but there is no doubt about what the vikings did during the eighth to tenth centuries. They issued forth from the fjords or vicks, and they issued forth to fight their way to thrones in all parts of Europe from southern Russia to Great Britain. The vikings were the sailors par excellence of their time.

Norwegian school children are taught that America was discovered by Leif Ericson in the eleventh century, and it is probably true; his father Eric the Red was the discoverer of Greenland. One of the viking boats was recently discovered, buried in blue clay. The keel is 103 feet long, the solid trunk of an oak tree. The vessel is sixteen feet in width and contained all the equipment and implements of war with which the Norsemen, as they were also called, made their fame known in every country of Europe that borders on the sea. There was even one Norse crusade to the Holy Land.

Are the Norwegians the Goths?

The sovereign of Norway subscribes himself king of the Goths. Whether this means that the Norwegians claim to be Goths or that they claim to rule Goths is not clear; but it is clear that the Goths, from the fourth to the eighth century, overran the whole of Europe from Russia to Spain, and were largely responsible for the destruction of the Roman Empire. The Goths never accepted the headship of the 'pope'. The Norwegians are like that.

In the days of Alexander the Great, Pytheas, a Greek astronomer and trader, living at Marseilles, was commissioned to visit the countries to the north. He evidently got as far as Norway; for he describes a land where the nights at midsummer were only two or three hours long. His description of ice fields and icebergs is most amusing. It is, so he says, "of neither earth, sea, nor sky, but a blending together of all three, a something in which land, air and water seemed to float and mingle together, producing a heavy girdle round the shore, along which the feet of neither men nor animals could make their way, nor boats be moved by oars or sails."

That the Atlantic can be crossed in open boats has often been proved in recent years. In 1886 Magnus Anderson, in a boat some eighty feet long, crossed in 63 days. He was 42 days out of sight of land and capsized twice in midocean, but finished the trip safe and sound. Subsequently Captain Folgero, with three companions, sailed a 42-foot boat, drawing four feet of water, from Bergen, Norway, to Chicago, via Shetland islands, Faroe islands, Iceland, Greenland, Labrador, Newfoundland, Boston and Philadelphia. More recently (1933) Alfon Hansen, with cat and dog, sailed from Bergen to Chicago, and from there to Rio de Janeiro, by way of Halifax, in a 36-foot sloop, making the trip in 77 days; and, apparently after sailing eastward over the Atlantic, is now again on his way to Rio de Janeiro, this time from Sierra Leone, Africa.

In marine tonnage Norway ranks eighth

among the nations, and her ships, mainly tramp steamers, are familiar sights in every corner of the world, especially in the sugar and lumber trades and in China's coastwise trade. In the whaling industry Norway stands supreme.

Fishers and Traders

Besides being the world's banner whalers, the Norwegians shine as fishermen and traders. Here is a clipping from an English paper published in Brazil. It explains that 100,000 Norwegians are employed in the cod fisheries and that some 80,000,000 fish are marketed annually. Many of these go to the South American continent, in Norwegian ships loaded down with paper, timber, cement, machinery, paint and other Norwegian products. The annual output of wood pulp is about 1,000,000 tons.

A Norwegian product that has much influence on human comfort is eider down. Eider ducks are found along the entire coast. From each nest about one ounce of down is taken, which is cleaned and used for making the most comfortable of bedquilts. The total product of eider down is about 3,000 pounds a year.

The United States has, as high-grade American citizens, about 400,000 persons that were born in Norway. That is a goodly number from a little land that has only 2,650,000 population—less than that of Chicago. The United States could take all they have left and would be in luck to get them.

Devoted to the frozen north, the Norwegians sought to gain a foothold on the shores of Greenland, but after forty-nine sittings the World Court ruled against Norway and in favor of Denmark, and Norway accepted the decision gracefully. About the same time it seized the whaling island of Jan Mayen and made each of its two inhabitants an official of the realm. Jan Mayen is out in the middle of nowhere, on the way from northern Norway to northern Greenland.

A Bit of Norse History

In the year 872 Haral Haarfager made a vow that he would not cut his hair or whiskers till he had united Norway under a single government. That same year he was entitled to a shave and haircut. This union of Norway under one government had far-reaching effects. The petty chiefs no longer quarreled among themselves, and united to raid the coasts and rivers of all European lands. Charlemagne, before he died, is said to have been greatly worried by these incursions.

Oslo, the capital, was founded in the middle of the eleventh century, A.D. 1048. Oslo was the name of the capital until 1624, when the name was changed to Christiania, in honor of King Christian IV, who rebuilt it after a fire. On January 1, 1925, the town resumed its old name. Oslo is of the size of Providence, R. I., 260,000.

About the time Oslo got its old name back the Norwegian parliament tried to change the name of Trondhjem to Nidaros, but ran into a hornets' nest. The people, to the number of 25,000, came out in a pouring rain to protest against the change.

From the year 1397 to 1523, under arrangements known as the Union of Calmar, the three Scandinavian kingdoms, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, were ruled by a common sovereign. Norway separated peacefully from Sweden in 1905. In the World War, though entirely neutral, Norway lost over 800 vessels, with a total of 1,200 lives. There is not a more peace-loving or peaceable people in the world than the Norwegians of the twentieth century.

The people are very democratic and industrious, care little for luxuries, and are among the most progressive and enlightened of mankind. Children between seven and fourteen must be in school. Women voted thirteen years before they did in the United States. The Norwegians care little for royalty.

Even the poorest people have six meals a day, at 5:00, 7:30 and 11:00 in the morning and 1:00, 4:00 and 7:00 in the evening. It seems that all mankind delight in showing how they can misuse their digestive apparatus and still keep going. It is claimed, however, that, with the exception of Sweden, the death rate in Norway is less than in any other country in the world.

More About the Customs

A Norwegian marriage feast is a thing to be dreaded. Months are spent in preparation for it, and friends, neighbors, acquaintances and kinsmen come from far and near. There must be such an abundance that none of the numerous items of food or drink will run short. Several couples are usually married at once. The gowns worn by the brides are frequently the property of the church, hired for a nominal sum.

The public "steam kitchen" provides wholesome food for the poor at low prices and is a

huge success, patronized by thousands of bachelors, of both sexes, and by hundreds of families. The charter granted to the company limits its profits to 6 percent; its stock has been watered four times and it still has no difficulty in making its 6 percent.

One of the public conveniences of Norway is a telegram box attached to every street car. At the post office a messenger opens the box, takes out the messages, to which stamps have been affixed, and sees to their transmission over the wires. The costs of telegrams are nominal. Norway has thirteen radio stations.

A writer on music says: "Through all Norwegian music runs an undercurrent of melancholy. The mighty ocean that beats incessantly upon the rocky shores, the murmur or roar of the waterfalls, the dark and mysterious fjords, the imposing cliffs, the gloomy forests of pines, the wastes of rock and ice, the long nights of winter, and the desperate struggle for existence against the forces of nature cast a shadow of seriousness over the souls of the people, whose lips are not so free with songs as those of the southern latitudes of Europe." Grieg is one of Norway's outstanding composers.

Whenever Americans think of Norwegian music they involuntarily think of Ole Bull, admitted master of the violin, and so recognized the world over. Though an American citizen for many years, he contrived to visit Norway May 17, of every year, the Norwegian "Fourth of July". On his last public appearance in Bergen, his home city, he played for an hour in a pouring rain, and the thousands of people that heard him stood bareheaded in the rain as long as he continued to play.

We are not much impressed with the sagas (sayings) or eddas (poems) of ancient Scandinavia. Filled with tales of murder, cruelty and demonism, they manifestly dishonor Jehovah God and honor the Devil, and the quicker they are forgotten, the better. The skalds, singers, that recited these sagas and eddas corresponded with the minstrels of England and the continent. No doubt many of them, like the clergy of all ages and nations, were mere tools of demons.

The state church of Norway is Lutheran. All sects are allowed to preach, teach and hold meetings, except Jesuits. On Sunday nearly everybody dresses up and goes to church in the morning, spending the afternoon in recreation and visiting. The higher clergy are appointed by the government; all the clergy are unpopular with the people. Norway has, or did have, a state lottery.

Agriculture in a Land of Rocks

Norway is a land of rocks. Its stone walls are the thickest and the highest to be found. Travelers report seeing women cutting hay upon the sides of mountains so steep that they have to be anchored with ropes around their waists to keep them from falling over the precipices. Potato patches are often at an angle of 45°. It is common for a farmer to have a waterfall on his premises, and cliffs 2,000 to 4,000 feet high in lieu of fences.

Norway does not raise enough food to supply its own wants, and is a large importer of Minneapolis flour. The buildings on many of the farms are seven or eight hundred years old. Anything built within a century is considered modern. The eldest son inherits the father's farm, but must make compensation to the other heirs. The farms are not cut up for inheritance purposes.

Farm buildings are all united with the house. This is almost necessary where the winter is so long and cold, but in case of a fire it means the loss of everything. Potatoes and other root crops are stored under the house, where they will not be frozen. There are cellars under the stables, where the manure is housed so that it will not lose its strength by exposure to the weather. The woodshed adjoins the kitchen.

The stabbur, or storehouse, is two stories high, and contains the winter's supply of provisions for the family, such as flour, fish, dried meat, pork, bread (which is baked only once or twice a year), butter, cheese, and extra clothing and bedding. The storehouse is protected from invasion by rats.

Grain, instead of being stacked, is hung over wooden frames to dry. In some places snowsheds are erected to catch the drifts in the meadows and grain fields, to prevent the snow from piling up in one place. It is often necessary to feed the cattle in the barns until the middle of June.

The Norwegian farmer has plenty of difficulties. The farms are very small and very hard to work. The average Norwegian farm has less than eight acres of arable land. The season is short. The building of one barn at present prices costs more than a farm is worth. Mos-

quitoes are most rapacious, as in Alaska. They make some places uninhabitable.

A Comparison with New Mexico

Norway is of the same size as New Mexico. There is much waste land in each. The numbers of acres of arable land are approximately the same, 1,711,224 in New Mexico and 1,795,000 in Norway. A comparison of some of the items will be interesting.

	New Mexico	Norway
Corn, bushels	4,420,000	
Oats, bushels	1,512,000	13,621,000
Potatoes, bushels	166,000	28,143,000
Wheat, bushels	777,000	720,000
Barley, bushels	208,000	4,922,000
Apples, bushels	1,147,000	
Rye, bushels		556,000
Horses	166,000	176,823
Cattle	1,189,000	1,309,655
Sheep	2,490,000	1,692,406
Swine	54,000	317,343
Goats	226,282	344,352

Norway also reports 2,227,000 metric tons of hay, 686,000 tons of beets, and 12,000 tons of mixed grain. New Mexico, to offset this, had 4,400 tons of broom corn, 34,000 mules, 64,000 milch cows, and 5,937 burros. Norway supports more than seven times as many people on her arable acres as does New Mexico, but if it were not for her fisheries she could not begin to do it.

Norway has a revolving fund loaned to young farmers at 3 percent for a term of 25 years. These loans are often made to young couples just starting in life and enable them to acquire farms and improve themselves and the state.

There is no export of fruit from Norway, but in the berry season everybody has an ample share. Wild strawberries are of a size and flavor not obtainable elsewhere, and cherries, currants and gooseberries are particularly good.

Some Items of Government

Every year Norway plants about 15,000,000 new trees to take the place of the ones cut down. You have heard of Norway pine and Norway spruce. In the days of sailing vessels the masts came from Norway, the best ones from the tops of the hills, where they stood alone, exposed to all the fury of the wintry blasts. Sheltered trees are like sheltered men: they are too soft to stand the storms, and snap when needed most.

Norway tried prohibition and gave it up; some other countries have done that too. Liquor is now purchasable in certain official stores. No person is allowed to profit personally by its sale. For administrative purposes the country is divided into six dioceses and subdivided into twenty bailiwicks. The great powers have guaranteed its independence.

Ten years or so ago Norway made a flourish in the direction of Bolshevism, but gave it up; the people are too independent and liberty-loving to wish for dictation from Moscow or anywhere else. Norway now (1934) has a laborite leader in the chair of the Storthing.

All Scandinavia, including Norway, is extremely humane—socially-minded. Nobody is left sick and destitute; everybody is looked after. Sixteen hundred skilled, government-trained midwives give close attention to the arrival of new Norwegians. Sick clubs, for the mutual protection of the poor, have been in operation in all Scandinavian countries ever since the Middle Ages.

Iceland—the Oldest Republic

Iceland was settled by the Norwegians in the ninth century. It is mostly a treeless waste of volcanoes and snow fields, yet there are fertile valleys that support nearly 100,000 people. At times the volcanoes erupt, and melt the snow fields back of these valleys, and the ensuing floods cause great loss of life and property.

There are two technical schools, a university, and twenty newspapers which are widely distributed and diligently read. The Icelanders are educated, intelligent, industrious, frugal and temperate. They have no army, no navy, no fortifications, no deficit, no criminals, and no jails. In June, 1930, Iceland celebrated the 1,000th anniversary of the oldest parliament in the world. It is of the size of Kentucky.

There are no railways, but there are 379 miles of roads; and 1,742 miles of telegraph lines serve 200 stations. Regular steamship service carries the mails to all points. Hay, potatoes, turnips and berries are the crops. Stockraising and fishing are the principal industries.

There are hundreds of geysers. The Great Geyser has a vent 8 feet in diameter. At irregular intervals, six to thirty hours, it ejects a column of boiling water from 80 to 150 feet in the air.

It was in Iceland that the Spanish Hebrew, Christopher Columbus, learned of Leif Ericson's discovery of America. Traces of Leif's settlement near New Bedford, Mass., have been discovered.

The Lapps and Their Country

Lapland is one of the most forbidding regions of the globe, consisting of mountains nearly always covered with snow, separated by vast tracts of moorland wastes. The governments of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia nominally divide between them the responsibility, but the Lapps actually carry that responsibility themselves.

The Lapps all profess Christianity. They are the shortest people in Europe, often not more than four feet, but capable of great exertion and fatigue. Their vision is many times as keen as that of so-called "civilized" people. They are said to be sad, melancholy, self-indulgent, good natured, miserly, selfish, and not infrequently wealthy. The Lapp receives his last bath when two years of age. Every good Lapp goes to church once a year, when all religious affairs for the year are attended to with neatness and dispatch.

The Lapps live on the flesh and milk of the reindeer, use it as a beast of burden, and clothe themselves in its skin. They move constantly with the herds from place to place, living in tents the year around. There are 30,000 Lapps, mostly in the Norway portion, and there are estimated to be 400,000 reindeer, semi-wild.

The Lapp woman carries her baby strapped to a board which hangs over her back. In the domestic economy every part of the reindeer is used, the intestines for gloves, the sinews for thread and the bladders for bags and pouches. The reindeer is milked twice a week; the cheese made from its milk is said to be very gamy.

The Lapp changes his clothes only when they wear out, but he does not bathe even then. The hair of his reindeer suit is next to his flesh day and night, winter and summer. His skin, protected from sun and wind, is milk-white, but, as he never washes, this peculiar fact is generally unknown. The Lapps pay no taxes.

The reindeers subsist on a peculiar kind of moss which grows only in the arctic regions and is very nutritious. The Arctic ocean fields of perpetual ice lie about 350 miles from the section of Norway in which the Lapps make their nomadic homes.

Finland—"Land of Marshes"

The country of Finland borders on Norway only in that portion of both countries which is above the arctic circle and which we have just described under the name "Lapland", but, now that we are into it, we will say it is a very highly educated, progressive country.

Finland, called by the natives, in their own tongue, "Land of Marshes," is also called the "Land of a Thousand Lakes". These extend like a network over a large proportion of its surface, some of them being of very considerable size. Dense fogs are frequent.

Finland is of the combined size of Pennsylvania, New York, and all of New England except Connecticut. Winter lasts from six to nine months. In the north the sun is absent during December and January, but during the short summer, while the sun is almost constantly above the horizon, the heat is often very great. Crops are sown and reaped in six weeks.

Finland's great and valuable forests provide her with her most important industry, but there are 280,000 farms, raising wheat, rye, barley, oats, potatoes, flax, hay and live stock in abundance. There are three universities. Illiteracy is less than one percent.

It is singular that the Lapps should live in the same country with the Finns, the one the most unwashed, and the other the cleanest people known. The Finnish bath, or sauna, is to all intents and purposes a Turkish bath. Stones are heated in a metal container, and on them cold water is thrown. The skin is stimulated by means of cold water and a vigorous switching with bundles of water-soaked twigs. At the last an old lady rubs the bathers down, men and women alike, and in the same sauna at the same time.

The people seem never to get colds or pneumonia, and are among the most athletic of all peoples. In the break-up of the czar's government the Finns, all Protestants, regained their ancient liberties. Women vote as well as men. Cooperatives are highly developed. Liquor may be sold only between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., except in hotels, between noon and 1 a.m. Profits are restricted to 7 percent.

Filching from Pay Envelopes

OUT of fifty contractors examined by the New York county attorney general it developed that forty-nine had been forcing employees to surrender part of their weekly wage or lose their jobs. How does it come that the fiftieth man failed to live up to the code?

The Self-satisfied Evangelist

MRS. WALTER FERGUSON, writing in the Cincinnati *Post,* says:

"There is no person in the world quite so self-satisfied as the average evangelist. He not only knows he is always right, but is equally sure you are always wrong.

"Personally, I am not able to understand how men and women with such religion ever manage to get through life. If I really believed as they say they do, that all men who thought differently would burn forever in hell-fire, I know I should be too miserable to exist. Why bother with such a world?

"But let us give them the benefit of sincerity. This man believes himself hand-picked by divinity to be right in his religious thinking and probably does pray for such lost souls as mine. There is no complacency like unto the complacency of the self-righteous.

"But this evangelist's god and mine are not on speaking terms. I, pitiful mortal, who would faint with pity to see one man burned in the physical body, cannot even dimly imagine a divine Father who could burn his erring children in perpetual flames.

"And if I believed multitudes of my fellows were doomed to such a fate, I should pray, not for my soul, but that death would end everything and immortality prove but a madman's dream."

What Is the Cross?

GUY THORNE, on page 25 of his book, *When It Was Dark,* says:

"What is that cross to which all (?) Christians bow? It was the symbol of the water god of the Gauls, a mere piece of their iconography. The Phœnician ruin of Gigantina is built in the shape of a cross. The Druids used it in their ceremonies. It was Thor's hammer long before it became Christ's gibbet. It is used by the pagan Icelanders to this day as a magic sign in connection with storms of wind. The symbol of Buddha on the reverse of a coin found at Ugain is the same cross, the fylfot of Thor. The cross was carved by the Brahmans a thousand years before Christ, in the caves of Elephanta. I have seen it in India with my own eyes, in the hands of Swa Brahma and Vishnu. The Vishnu attributes as many virtues to it as the most pious Roman Catholic. There is the very strongest evidence that the origin of the cross is phallic. The *crux ansata* was the sign of Venus. It appears before Baal and Astarte."

"Out of the Mouth of Babes"

P. J. DE JAGER, pioneer, writing some time ago from Brandfort, South Africa, says:

"A class of children at the above little country town of the province of Orange Free State was instructed by their teacher to write an essay on the latest book each had read. Judge Rutherford's *Hell* booklet was the one read by a young girl of about fourteen years, whose father is greatly enthused by this and other truth literature. She wrote her essay on this subject and got a VG (very good) mark from her teacher, who happens to be a Roman Catholic (no doubt the only R. C. in this little dorp). The teacher made special mention of this remarkable essay to the father and expressed surprise that a child of that age should be imbued with ideas such as these, ideas so foreign to most people of more mature years."

A Christian's Dialogue with a Jew

DR. H. H. HEWETT, of Philadelphia, reports the following conversation with a Jew:

CHRISTIAN: Who was Jesus Christ?

JEW: He was a religious man and a prophet.

C: You believe He was thoroughly honest?

J: O yes; and He had a large following.

C: Do you believe He was the Messiah that Moses wrote about?

J: No; He was a great and good man, but not the Messiah.

C: Do you think one could do the miracles He did without God's help?

J: No.

C: But Christ said He was the Messiah. He said, "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me." Read John 5:39, 45, 46. Christ was either the worst faker that ever lived or He was the real Messiah. To prove this one way or the other, study the New Testament: it will help you believe the Old Testament; for the New proves the Old, and the Old proves the New. And then if you are honest with yourself you will believe, yes know, that the Christ who was crucified was the real Messiah.

A Jew without Christ is not a Jew at all.

The Dead Know Not Anything

MRS. C. C. BURCH, of Pennsylvania, says: "Here is something that happened in our family which might be of interest to *Golden Age* readers. My husband's brother, who lives in Detroit, and his wife, ate for the evening meal some Hamburg. A little while after eating both became very sick. My brother-in-law was found

by someone after lying all that night, and next day until evening. He had his hands over his head, eyes wide open, and was purple. They rushed them both to a hospital. They called it food poisoning, gave him every test for life there is, pronounced him dead, and went to work on her.

"Here are his words for it. 'They put me on a stretcher to take me to the morgue. A couple of internes must have thought they would see what they could do. They gave me a shot of adrenalin and I came to life. Now I can say no one can tell me there is any existence after death, because I knew nothing.'"

Sees It Coming

H. GRUBBS, of Kentucky, says: "On Sunday, October 4, Dr. David M. Walker, pastor of the 9th Street Christian Church, Hopkinsville, Ky., in his lecture to the men's Bible class, made the following statements, prefacing them with the remark that he did not know whether he dared make them or not, but that there was no longer a shadow of doubt in his mind that our modern civilization had failed, that the present type of religion has failed and the present type of orthodox preacher was a failure, and that they all would have to be, and shortly will be, replaced by something better.

"This strikes me as being something so exactly in line with the teaching of Jehovah's witnesses that I thought I would send it on to you.

"I was there in person and heard these statements first-hand."

Working on Sunday!

SAYS Mrs. M. R. Reed, of Pennsylvania: "It happened just six miles from here, in Reedsville, and if you want the names I can get them for you. The story is of a butcher and a preacher's wife.

"The butcher was very worldly and did not go to church Sundays, but very often killed and prepared his meat for sale. One Monday the preacher's wife came out to his wagon and purchased a piece of meat. After paying for it, she said, 'Was this meat killed on Sunday?' 'Yes,' he replied, and she said, 'Well, I don't want meat that was killed on Sunday'; and he replied, 'Very well,' and took the meat off her plate and refunded the money.

"Sometime after that she again purchased meat. After she had it on her plate and had paid for it and was leaving the wagon, he cried, 'Wait a minute; was this money earned on Sunday?' Much astonished, she said, 'Yes.' 'Well,' he said, 'I don't want money that was earned on Sunday; give me the meat.' He took the meat off her plate and returned her money."

Superstition, Hypocrisy and Fear

SAYS M. T. Butcher, of Canada: "Some fifty years ago, an American was visiting at a certain place in the old country. He was accompanied by a black Negro servant. He and the Negro attended church service one Sunday. They were seated below the high pulpit, which had steps leading up to it. The preacher, with great fervor, was denouncing a certain sect, saying they were a bad lot, exceedingly bad. He was using very abusive language and striking the desk of his pulpit so violently that the hymn book was thrown down to the floor near where the two men sat. The master motioned to the black man to take the book up to the preacher. Just as the preacher remarked 'if I am not telling the truth, may the Devil take me' he spied a black-looking personage coming up the steps. Thinking the Devil was taking him at his word he began to take back some of his statements, and with fearfulness began to say that, after all, those people were not so bad as some thought them to be; in fact, they were 'as good as some of us'. As the black man entered the pulpit it was too much for the preacher. He fainted."

Effect of World War on Chinese

C. W. ORSER, of Ontario, writes: "I was operating a meat shop in the city of Owen Sound. Two customers happened in together one day, viz., a Chinaman and a Canadian churchman. A religious debate sprang up between them. The Chinaman said to the churchman, 'Do you believe there is a God?' and the churchman said, 'Yes.'

"Chinaman: 'Do you believe there is a Jesus?'

"Churchman: 'Yes.'

"Chinaman: 'Do you believe there is a heaven?'

"Churchman: 'Yes.'

"Chinaman: 'Do you believe there is a place of torment?'

"Churchman: 'Yes.'

"Chinaman: 'We Chinamen once think there was a God, we once think there was a Jesus, we once think there was a heaven, we once think there was a hell of torture. Germany and Austria sent their missionaries to our country to

tell us all those things and to love each other, not to kill each other, not to return evil for evil. Britain and France sent their missionaries to our country and tell us all the same things and to love our enemies. Then a great war start between Austria and Germany on one side and Britain and France on the other, and we see them murder each other after telling us to be good. We know then, no God, we know then, no Jesus, we know then, no heaven, we know then, no hell.'

"The Chinaman continued, 'Rich man, he can have everything, big car, big house, lots of servants, send his family to college, if they go wrong he can buy them off; that's the only heaven. If a man is poor he is all right if he can get work, he can feed his wife and family, but if he can't get work and has to steal for his wife and family he goes to jail; that's hell. All the missionaries told us was lies.'

"Notice that the churchman was dumb. Nothing further was said."

Official Stupidity in Baltimore

ADELA ROGERS ST. JOHNS, writing some time back in the New York *American,* said:

"A police magistrate in Baltimore has decided that you can't sell the Bible in that city on Sunday. Joseph Degutis was arrested for going from door to door selling the Holy Book on the Sabbath and the magistrate declared he had broken the law by working on Sunday.

"In a long and varied experience, that is the absolute height of intolerance, stupidity and short-sighted policy.

"Probably it would be a good idea if Degutis sold the police and the city of Baltimore a Bible on some other day, and they might then read therein:

" 'Which of you, if his ox or his ass fall into a pit on the Sabbath, will not pull him out?'

"Jesus preached upon the Sabbath. Not exclusively. But He did preach on Sunday. The words of those great sermons are contained in the Bible. To pass them on to humanity, which needs them more today than for some centuries, whether it is done on Sunday or any other day, is an act of good. To sell one Bible which will be read is an achievement.

"The specter of intolerance assumes more and more gigantic proportions when we read of a thing like that. And the meeting in Washington of a congress of preachers of all religions to fight against intolerance might make a good start by trying to reason with Baltimore on a deal such as was given Degutis."

(Subscribers of *The Golden Age* will be interested to know that the Degutis above referred to is one of Jehovah's witnesses. He was charged with "working on Sunday". The Magistrate dismissed the case.—*Ed.*)

False Charges a Boomerang

L. L. CAMPBELL, Esq.,* of Ohio, says: "I am enclosing herewith a clipping from the *Sunday School Times* which I thought would be of interest to you. I think that this paper is published in Philadelphia. The following language of the article is significant:

" 'Russellism, one of the most plausible and convincing *false* cults of today is sweeping America. . . . So much of the teaching is entirely in accord with prophetic scriptures that the cult is the (more) dangerous and misleading.'

"To me, it seems rather paradoxical that you are 'the more dangerous and misleading' because 'much of your teaching is entirely in accord with prophetic scriptures'. If it be a fact that your teachings are 'the most plausible and convincing' and are 'sweeping America' it is not within the realm of my reasoning power to understand how, in this educated land, with all of its radio, press and pulpit, any 'false' teaching could be, or remain, plausible and convincing, at least to the extent that it would sweep all America.

"As a seeker after the Truth I have read what you have had to say, along with reading and listening to many prominent writers, statesmen, financiers and preachers. For my part I am convinced that you more nearly approach THE TRUTH than all of the others put together. There are just any number of my business friends and associates who think the same thing. Our vaunted leaders have led us into the present mess and now admit that they do not know the way out. Your teaching seems to offer the only hope."

*(Mr. Campbell is general counsel for a large Ohio corporation.—*Ed.*)

Civil Service Raises Age Limit

PERCEIVING that older workers must live, the United States Civil Service Commission has raised the age limit at which stenographers may apply for examinations from age 40 to age 53 years. Meantime, in some private businesses, the age limit is as low as 35.

Back to the Rain Barrel

ROY D. GOODRICH, pioneer, spends his busy winters in Florida. As to what he drinks, he says: "Rejoice with the citizens of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida! Read the following advertisement from the Fort Lauderdale *Daily News* and see how our city solons are saving for us a whole $50 every three months. Isn't it wonderful? And as you read, rejoice again that a large part of that 40,000 pounds of alum from Philadelphia goes down the sewers, without our drinking it; for according to my pencil, if we thirteen thousand souls in this city had to drink the entire 40,000 pounds of alum every three months that would be just a little over one pound of the stuff each, per month. We have a fine rain-water tank from which we drink 'aqua pura'. The clipping from today's local paper follows. Rejoice, and again I say rejoice."

SAVE MONEY

A saving of $50 every three months is being made by the city of Fort Lauderdale on freight rates by having alum bought to be used in purifying process at the municipal water works shipped through Port Everglades, Alwen Neuharth, city auditor and clerk, stated this morning. The alum, which is bought in lots of 40,000 pounds, is shipped from Philadelphia.

Food Recipes

MAY BERG, of Maryland, says: "Some workers can work all day with no dinner; others can not; so am sending what I take on road in a small covered can.

"1 cup raisins, 1 cup dates, ½ cup figs, ½ cup nuts (any kind); grind in food chopper. A teaspoonful of honey should then be added. You can vary by using coconut or a few drops of lemon or orange juice. Grease palms with butter, and roll in small balls size of marble. Lay on platter until dry. Cheap, nourishing, and leaves one mentally alert.

"For chop suey: Dice, season, fry a little, either pork, veal or lamb chops—four of them. Add one large cup of diced onions. In five minutes add one cup of diced celery and one cup of diced potatoes. Cover with water, stirring often with turner, adding water as needed to just cover, until potatoes are just done. Do not cook too long. Ten minutes before taking up add four tablespoons of Oriental show-you sauce. (All chain stores keep sauce.) Vegetables may be prepared night before and placed in a covered granite dish with just a little water in the bottom. A nice, quickly prepared meal for tired, cold workers, and everyone who eats it says, 'Delicious.'"

Vivisection Useless and Barbaric

FORBES WINSLOW, D.C.L., M.R.C.P., LL.D., of England, says:

"I have had forty years' experience as a busy London physician and have been at three different hospitals for ten years, and at one for over twenty years. During that time I have never seen a single case of disease treated by means of anything that had been learned from vivisection. . . . The vivisection of animals is only the preliminary to vivisecting human beings. At the present time patients are placed in some hospitals—and I can say what I know, and am prepared to support—purely to be experimented upon. The same thing also happens in some lunatic asylums. . . ." (From an address delivered at Ware, England, London, November 29, 1910.)

"I trust you will do your utmost to remove the belief that some people may have as to the usefulness of vivisection. If a person like myself can get through his professional career without the aid or assistance of vivisection, surely that is a sufficient reason and a sufficient argument that humanity can be treated and suffering can be alleviated without resorting to a cruel practice. . . . As a result of forty years' experience I say that vivisection should not be tolerated." (From an address in London, December 5, 1910.)

An Embarrassing Question

THE Wisconsin Anti-Vivisection Society says:

"Hundreds of thousands of our dumb animals are, every year, in the medical schools and laboratories, being mangled—cut up alive—conscious, helpless and strapped down, so they cannot move a muscle, any more than they can utter a sound, because their vocal cords are split! These barbarities are done under the cloak of 'medical research' and for commercial profit! Would the public allow men to turn hot lead into dogs' ears and burn out their eyes with carbolic acid out in the street? Would they allow men to sit out on a street corner and bore holes in cats' heads and paddle the brains around? Would the public stand for a man's strapping a dog down to the sidewalk and disemboweling him and stuffing him with towels? Would they allow anyone out in the street to sever a dog's head from his body, with the exception of a large vein, 'to see how long he will live with his head cut off'? Certainly not! They would at once take action against such revolting cruelties! Then why should a public think that these crimes are any less criminal because committed behind closed doors in the medical schools and laboratories, by professors or men with 'scientist' after their names?

A Prescription That Worked

MARY A. DE GROFF, of New York, says: "I have been a subscriber for the *Golden Age* magazine since its first issue, and have found it very interesting and instructive. In one issue we found a recipe to be used as a help for constipation which we can recommend very highly, as we have found it is also a cure for eczema. Knowing from experience how annoying this disease is, I feel sure that some of your readers will be pleased to learn of this simple remedy. My husband was badly afflicted with eczema and spent many dollars on different so-called 'remedies' without obtaining much relief. He decided to try this remedy for constipation, and before many months had passed the eczema had entirely disappeared, and he has now been quite free from it for over a year. Am repeating the formula for the benefit of those who may desire to give it a trial:

"Take one pound of prunes, one pound of raisins, and 10c worth of senna leaves. Pit prunes and mix all the ingredients together. Put through food chopper twice. Mix thoroughly. Dose: 1 heaping teaspoonful each night before retiring.

"This is but one of the many helpful things we have found in the *Golden Age* magazine."

What Columbus People Drink

WHEN you meet them the people of Columbus, Ohio, seem like exceptionally fine people, but listen to this item from the Columbus *Citizen* which shows what they drink. It says:

An idea of the amount of chemicals used in purifying Columbus water was revealed Monday night when City Council authorized the Board of Purchase to advertise for bids for chemicals to be used in 1932. The needs for next year were as follows: 8000 tons of lime, 3000 tons soda ash, 1200 tons sulphuric acid, 500 tons bauxite, eight tons of liquid chlorine, and 500 tons of coke.

Probably there is some water mixed with that highball, enough to wash it down, but we should think that a people that would be able to drink that much lime, soda ash, sulphuric acid, bauxite (an aluminum ore compound), liquid chlorine and coke would be afraid to mix with it two such dangerous gases as hydrogen and oxygen for fear they would cause an explosion that would wreck the works.

What a race of supermen and superwomen they must be that have internal apparatus that can handle such corrosive and malodorous libations. It is astonishing how much abuse the human frame can stand, and how much it has to stand, in Columbus and elsewhere.

Social and Educational

Springfield Company Wide Awake

A WRITER in the Springfield (Mo.) *Leader,* has the following amusing skit regarding one of Jehovah's witnesses in that city:

"Numerous people have been surprised in all sorts of inconvenient and embarrassing situations lately by Jehovah's witness. The witness is a very serious and very forward young woman who is selling a book and leaving printed tracts with people who don't buy the book, whether they want the tract or not. Sunday morning a young householder was down in his basement, shirtless, an old pair of trousers rolled up to his knees, washing his car, scrubbing the basement, sorting his fishing tackle, and all the other little jobs which go to make a Sunday morning, when suddenly he heard a voice at his elbow say, 'I'm the messenger of Jehovah!' At first he thought a visitation had arrived to chide him for not going to church instead of piddling in the basement. After firmly refusing to buy a book, he found himself standing alone in the middle of the basement, a broom in one hand and a printed lecture in the other. Another man was taking a bath the other morning when he heard a knock at the door of his apartment. He called out that he couldn't come to the door because he was, as he put it, naked as a jaybird. 'All right,' a voice came back, 'I'll wait.' There was nothing to do but to go to the door. He slipped on a robe and opened the door. It was Jehovah's witness, calling him from his tub to buy a book. If the witness continues with her present tactics, we predict that she will soon be an angel."

Demons Often Incite to Murder

DEMONS often incite to murder. The ouija board is one of the contrivances employed, it being a means or device by which they can spell out messages to those willing to make use of it. In St. Johns, Arizona, a girl of fifteen who made use of a ouija board was instructed to shoot her father in the back so that her mother might marry another man, and went ahead and did as she was instructed.

Too Busy to Live

THE *Michigan Tradesman* says about somebody who is always in a hurry:

"He hadn't time to greet the day,
He hadn't time to laugh or play;
He hadn't time to wait a while,
He hadn't time to give a smile;
He hadn't time to glean the news,
He hadn't time to dream or muse;
He hadn't time to train his mind,
He hadn't time to be just kind;
He hadn't time to see a joke,
He hadn't time to write his folk;
He hadn't time to eat a meal,
He hadn't time to deeply feel;
He hadn't time to take a rest,
He hadn't time to act his best;
He hadn't time to help a cause,
He hadn't time to make a pause;
He hadn't time to sing a song,
He hadn't time to right a wrong;
He hadn't time to send a gift,
He hadn't time to practice thrift;
He hadn't time to exercise,
He hadn't time to scan the skies;
He hadn't time to heed a cry,
He hadn't time to say good-bye;
He hadn't time to study poise,
He hadn't time to repress noise;
He hadn't time to go abroad,
He hadn't time to serve his God;
He hadn't time to lend or give,
He hadn't time to really live;
He hadn't time to read this verse,
He hadn't time—he's in a hearse."

All Came True Except the Clock

G. P. MCCORKLE, of California, says: "Once upon a time, and for many years, I was in the banking business. Along in 1920 a young man came along and sold me *The Golden Age,* which I have been reading ever since; and it has taught me many lessons.

"It put the banker and the preacher in a class together and said something about a time coming soon when we would be exchanging our white collars and silk shirts and patent leather shoes for blue shirts, coveralls and brogan shoes, and our gold pen for a hoe and an alarm clock.

"You know, somehow or other, that sounded pretty good to me and I sent several dollars to you to pay for new subscriptions. Then the bank stock changed hands, the new owner took my job from me, foreclosed against my home and left me and my family afoot.

"So I came up here into these hills, bought this wild and woolly ranch, donned the blue shirt, the brogans, the coveralls, and annexed myself to a fine grubbinghoe. Raising things to eat and a settin' out little orange, pecan and persimmon trees.

"What I'm writing this letter for is to ask now if you are able to tell me just where I might buy a suitable alarm clock? Please do! If you will, then your words and prophecy, in my case at least, will become fact. Your faith will be lost in sight."

Delayed Mental Recovery

(*Selected*)

SAM BARNES had been in an insane asylum for some time, but his was not a hopeless case, and finally the doctor slapped him on the back and said: "You're getting along fine, old man. Write home to your folks that you'll be with them inside of two weeks."

Sam went joyfully to his room and wrote the letter. Then he addressed the envelope and took out a stamp. He had just licked it when it slipped from his fingers and landed, sticky side down, on the back of a beetle which was crossing the floor.

When Sam saw the stamp zigzag across the floor, climb the wall, and disappear into a crack, the expressions on his face would have taxed Lon Chaney to reproduce. Laying hold of the letter, he tore it fiercely into fragments, and yelled bitterly: "Home in two weeks! I won't be out of here in three years!"

The World Is Not So Crowded

THE world is not so crowded as we sometimes think it is. In the immediate neighborhood of a great city it seems over full. But only recently three youths strayed into the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas, not one of whom had before that day ever seen a barber shop, a street car or a railroad train. Their ages 19, 20 and 21, they had come to town to see if they could get work on the forestry program. They decided to return to whence they came, concluding that the noises of the big city of Fort Smith were too terrifying. None of them before visiting Fort Smith had ever been in a town of more than a hundred inhabitants. They were from forty miles back in the hills.

Answers of School Children

LONDONERS get a lot of fun out of answers of school children to questions put to them at examination time. The following is from a London paper:

A miracle is something that mother doesn't understand.

Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offense.

Gorilla warfare means when the sides get up to monkey tricks.

A Tory is a man who is for some time on one side.

The prevailing religion of England is Hypocrisy.

The Roman civilization was about as good as ours except for gunpowder.

George Lansbury is the fiercest Christian in England.

Britain has been responsible for many damns on the Nile.

The chief industry of Ireland is fighting.

A ball falls to the ground because it is pulled by gratitude.

The objective of "he" is "she".

Wild beasts used once to roam at will through the whole of England and Ireland, but now wild beasts are only found in theological gardens.

Sins of omission are those we have forgotten to do.

The expression "Chance my arm" means, "Will you marry me?"

Democracy is the form of government where quantity rules and quality pays.

The Dictatorship of the Proletariat is a few knaves holding clubs bluffing many innocents holding spades.

The horse you bet on is called a cert; if it loses it is called a dead cert.

Boyhood in Denmark

REFERRING to his boyhood in Denmark, Chris Jensen, of New York, says: "My childhood was spent out on the farm, in the country of Denmark, some forty years ago. In those days, of the dark ages, a child had to work.

"I remember the summer I was nine years old. I was hired out to a farmer for the six summer months, for the munificent wage of one cent a day and my keep. I was allowed to sleep in a little room next the cows. It was hardly fit for a dog. I had to get up at five o'clock and work for an hour and a half, and then go in to breakfast. I went to school only a half day a week, and had to do up my morning chores before I went, and then walk about two miles to school.

"The next summer, when I was ten years old, I was hired out to another farmer for six months, for my keep and about one and one-fifth cents a day, Sunday included; for I never rested on Sundays at either place. From that place I had to walk about ten miles to school, after doing my morning chores; so you see that it was not all roses to be a child in those days.

"After that summer I stayed at home until I was fourteen, and during that time went mostly with my father to work, and had to follow him, which was not hard, as I was used to the outdoors and was healthy and strong, even though I was only a little shaver.

"When I reached the age of fourteen, my father hired me out to another farmer, to do a regular man's work, for a year. I had not been working there more than two months when I was thrown into a machine, and my left upper leg almost half severed. That kept me in bed for two weeks. But the farmer could not afford to keep me in bed and still pay my wages. So I had to get up, and hobble around with a cane resting against my stomach, as my leg was too weak to stand upon. That cost me plenty in suffering during the years to follow; for my leg was not sufficiently healed, and my foot turned sidewise when I walked. I can feel it to this day, and that happened thirty-five years ago. This cost me in doctor's bills my winter's wages.

"The year after that I was hired out to a different farmer. But there I stayed for only nine months, when I left and went to the city. That was a turning point in my life, as then I had a chance to learn something useful, where I could make a decent wage with lighter and more pleasant work.

"I often shudder when I think of my childhood days, spent in hard manual labor, when I should have spent my time in study and play. Those were hard days and harder bosses. But those hard knocks have stood me in good stead many a time in later years, when I was up against it. In such a school you learn to take trouble without a murmur."

Singing in the Face of Death

SEVEN bridge workers were down in a caisson 102 feet below the surface of the Missouri river at Kansas City. The caisson caught fire and the only air that could get to them was filled with choking smoke. The men lay face down in the mud and water and began to sing. The fire was put out and they were rescued ten minutes before it would have been too late. And, somehow, it makes you feel glad that they sang when they knew it would be all over, one way or

the other, in a few minutes. Makes you think of the band on the Titanic that never left their seats, but went down, down, and as the waters flowed into their horns they were softly playing, "Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee."

L. & N. Asks for a 2c Fare

BEFORE the accursed World War came along, the railroads were all selling thousand-mile tickets and round-trip tickets at a 2c-a-mile rate of fare, and glad to get it. A person could get a night's ride in a Pullman, in a lower berth, for $2. Day coaches and Pullmans were crowded, the railroads were making money, and the people were happy.

Then came the Pork era. Fares were doubled, but for shame's sake 10 percent was deducted from the doubled rate, and ever since the war the people have had to pay 3.6c per mile or go by the bus or use the old Ford or stay at home. They did all four, and the railroads were the losers. Pullman fares were not exactly doubled, but almost so. On a 200-mile night run the railroads and Pullmans used to get $6; under the Pork arrangement they get $10.20, which is more than the people will pay.

When the Interstate Commerce Commission sent out a questionnaire inviting suggestions, the L. & N. responded that they would like to go back to the 2c fare, but would be willing to charge 3c in sleeping cars. They pointed out that this seems to them the only chance of regaining their lost business; and we believe that they are correct.

The experience of the L. & N. in trying to charge all the traffic will bear is a mournful one. Passenger receipts in 1923 were $26,000,000; in 1932 they were $5,000,000.

Commerce and Finance

Ability of Dillon, Read & Company

THE ability (and some other things) of Dillon, Read & Company, Big Business financiers of New York city, may be judged from the fact that they so planned and engineered one of their great investment projects that their firm put up $5,100,000 while the general public put up $25,000,000. Yet Dillon, Read & Company had absolute voting control, while the public, which contributed, all told, six times as much money as the promoters, held only one-quarter of the voting strength of the company. This company is said to be the first in the world to work out to perfection the scheme of selling a property and still controlling it. How well they have succeeded may be gathered from the fact that one of the members of the firm unloaded on the public at a profit of $6,843,380 on an investment of $24,110, and did this in the face of the fact that he well knew no dividends would be paid on the stock with which he parted company. Captain Kidd and Jesse James meant well, but they were mere infants, and pikers at that.

The Power Trust and San Francisco

SAYS Franklin Hichborn, of California: "Twenty years ago, 1913, San Francisco voted $45,000,000 in bonds to bring water from the Sierras. Since then additional bonds to the amount of $40,000,000 have been issued, making a total of $85,000,000. Dams have been built; reservoirs constructed; the power crop developed and brought to Newark, within twenty miles of San Francisco. At Newark this power has been turned over to a power company for 4.5 mills a kilowatt hour, to be resold to the people of San Francisco.

"The power company has now been enjoying the benefit of and profits from that power for six years. But although twenty years have passed since San Francisco voted vast bond issues that the people might enjoy the benefit of pure water from the Sierras, not one drop of Sierra water has flowed in San Francisco mains. The people of San Francisco have paid the bills for the dams, the reservoirs, and the power development. But San Francisco has no water from those reservoirs, and the power company has the electric energy. The people of San Francisco are buying the power back from the power company at monopoly rates."

Growth of Winnipeg

IN 1870 Winnipeg was a Hudson Bay trading station with 215 people; it was incorporated in 1873; its present population is 212,815, making it the third largest city in Canada. In 1876 nine farmers shipped 857 bushels of grain, the first appearance of its grain to the outside world. In 1930 the shipment of all kinds of grain

passing through Winnipeg was 400,000,000 bushels. In an average year the volume of wheat passing through Winnipeg amounts to one carload every forty seconds, day and night. It accordingly has the world's largest railway terminal yards.

Winnipeg enjoys the cheapest electric power of any city in the world, supplied by its own municipal plants and those of the private concern, The Winnipeg Electric Company. While in 172 representative North American cities an average domestic rate per kilowatt hour is 6.55 cents, in Winnipeg it is only .921. Winnipeg homes use 5,553 kilowatt hours a year, against an average for the 172 cities of 418 hours.

The Manitoba telephone system is owned by the province, and employs 1000 to 1300 people.

This Depression

R. BIRCH, of New York, says: "The doctors tell us that the depression has helped people a lot, as many now are eating in a saner manner.

"Oh, yes! The depression helps—

1. The holes in my clothes let in sunshine vitamin D.

2. Fewer people are being injured in auto accidents, as I haven't the 'jack' to buy a license.

3. The neighbors aren't bothered by my radio any more, as the electric company shut off my power, through my failure to pay my bill.

4. This walking around looking for work is surely helping the shoe industry, and, of course, it gives me exercise.

5. I never could do much hand work, but now, after cutting my own hair with the aid of two mirrors, my fingers are getting very nimble.

6. I am no longer proud. Put in your pants as many patches as there are in mine and your pride will soon disappear.

7. Maybe we are not supposed to shave off our beards. Anyway, I find this helps to cut down the cost of razor blades.

8. Continually listening to 'No' when asking for work, I become meek.

"So, being healthy, humble and meek, I welcome the depression. Isn't that so?"

Agriculture and Miscellany

What an Apple Does

HEALTH CULTURE says of an apple, that: "It starts all the secretions into vigorous action and floods the system with a new tide of life. It is a friend to health and a foe to disease. It is a food, tonic, condiment and cosmetic all in one. It kindles the brilliancy of the eye and it plants roses in the cheeks. You cannot eat too many—after the heartiest meal there is always room for an apple. An apple is a social fruit; it draws human creatures together in fellowship. Plenty of good apples will keep the children at home and in at night—husbands as well—and keep the doctor away. It promotes temperance. It appears on our table in many appetizing forms. Raw fruit as it comes fresh and crisp from the trees and the refrigerators needs no culinary art to improve it. A knife spoils it; let it be crushed and crunched in the mouth, and then it gives out its richest flavor and yields the greatest satisfaction. The apple family contains in its varieties exquisite flavors adapted to all tastes. It is the oldest of our known food necessities."

"Judge" De Meza Slow to Learn

RUTH A. WHEELER, of New Jersey, says: "Sometime in the second week of September, I do not recall the exact date, I was on the way down town accompanied by my collie dog, Lad. Just before I came to the corner of H—— and P—— avenues, a white streak flashed across the street, landed on top of my dog, and tumbled off on the other side. I then realized that it was De Meza's dog, a fox terrier, not Wm. G. De Meza's, but T. L. De Meza's, his brother. Mrs. De Meza came out of the house and looked for the dog. I pointed to him and she started to call him, 'Here, Judge; come, Judge; here, Judge.' Meanwhile the dog, not paying any attention to her, had followed me, in the street, until he was directly in the middle of the cross streets. There he stood, barking at us, while Mrs. De Meza stood on the sidewalk clapping her hands and frantically calling for 'Judge' to come. While he stubbornly remained standing there three cars came from three different directions and had to stand and wait until 'Judge De Meza' removed himself from the middle of the crossroads."

Beaufort's Scale Ashore

THE Weather Bureau has adapted the Beaufort's Scale to use ashore, largely for the benefit of foresters. We show the combined table.

Numeral.	*Wind Velocity in Statute Miles.*
0—Calm. Smoke rises vertically.	Less than 1
1—Light air. Direction of wind shown by smoke drift, but not by wind vanes.	1— 3
2—Slight breeze. Wind felt on face; leaves rustle; ordinary vane moved by wind.	4— 7
3—Gentle breeze. Leaves and twigs in constant motion; winds extend light flag.	8—12
4—Moderate breeze. Raises dust and loose paper; small branches are moved.	13—18
5—Fresh breeze. Small trees in leaf begin to sway; crested wavelets form on inland waters.	19—24
6—Strong breeze. Large branches in motion; whistling heard in telegraph wires; umbrellas used with difficulty.	25—31
7—High wind. Whole trees in motion; inconvenience felt in walking against the wind.	32—38
8—Gale. Breaks twigs off trees; generally impedes progress.	39—46
9—Strong gale. Slight structural damage occurs (chimney pots and slate removed).	47—54
10—Whole gale. Seldom experienced inland; trees uprooted; considerable structural damage occurs.	55—63
11—Storm. Very rarely experienced; accompanied by widespread damage.	64—75
12—Hurricane. No definition needed.	Above 75

Where the Nebraska Money Goes

REPRESENTATIVE MOREHEAD, of Nebraska, made the following statement in the House of Representatives:

"Nothing is wrong with Nebraska, except that entirely too many of us get up in the morning at the alarm of a Connecticut clock; button a pair of Chicago trousers to Ohio suspenders; put on a pair of shoes made in Massachusetts, wash in a Pittsburgh tin basin, using Cincinnati soap and a cotton towel made in New Hampshire; sit down to a Grand Rapids table and eat pancakes made of Minneapolis flour, with Vermont syrup and Kansas City bacon fried on a St. Louis stove; buy fruit put up in California seasoned with Rhode Island spices and sweetened with Colorado sugar.

"Then we put on a hat made in Philadelphia, hitch a 'Detroit mule', fed on Texas gasoline, to an Ohio plow, and work like hell all day long on a Nebraska farm covered by a New England mortgage.

"We send our money to Ohio for auto tires and wonder why the taxes are about $2.75 per acre, while the farmers of Ohio pay only $1 per acre taxes and drive on paved roads.

"At night we crawl under a New Jersey blanket, to be kept awake by a damned dog, the only home product on the place, wondering all the while why ready money and prosperity are not more abundant in this wonderful State of ours."

Down on the Farm

LOUIS LUDLOW, Congressman from Indiana, recited the following poem on the floor of the House:

"Down on the farm, 'bout half past four,
I slip on my pants and sneak out of the door;
Out of the yard I run like the dickens
To milk ten cows and feed the chickens,
Clean out the barn, curry Nancy and Jiggs,
Separate the cream, and slop the pigs;
Work two hours, then eat like a Turk,
And, by heck, I'm ready for a full day's work.

"Then I grease the wagon and put on the rack,
Throw a jug of water in an old grain sack,
Hitch up the horses, hustle down the lane—
Must get the hay in, for it looks like rain.
Look over yonder! Sure as I'm born,
Cattle on the rampage and cows in the corn!
Start across the medder, run a mile or two,
Heaving like I'm wind-broke, get wet clear through.
Get back to the horses, then for recompense,
Nancy gets a-straddle of the barbed-wire fence.
Joints all a-aching and muscles in a jerk,
I'm fit as a fiddle for a full day's work!

"Work all summer till winter is nigh,
Then figure up the books and heave a big sigh.
Worked all year, didn't make a thing;
Got less cash now than I had last spring.
Now, some people tell us that there ain't no hell;
But they never farmed, so how can they tell?
When spring rolls 'round I take another chance,
While the fringe grows longer on my old gray pants.
Give my s'spenders a hitch, my belt another jerk,
And, by heck, I'm ready for another year's work!"

Why American Municipal Governments Are What They Are

OSCAR AMERINGER, of Oklahoma, says: "The fundamental cause of the inefficiency, corruption, and bankruptcy of American cities, so clearly demonstrated by New York and Chicago, is the private ownership of public utilities, resulting in an unholy alliance between their uppermost and bottom-most elements, in which the assumed protectors of the common good function as procurers, defenders and apologists of special privileges engaged in the looting of the masses of their decent, honest, and law-abiding citizens.

"For illustration, under the American plan of municipal government, cities are permitted to remove ashes and cinders, but are not allowed to sell coal. They are empowered to pump sewage out of the cities through 10-foot sewers, but they cannot pump gas into cities through eight-inch pipes. They can maintain fire departments but must not sell fire insurance. They are qualified to conduct schools, but are incapable of publishing school books for their school children. They can pave and repair streets, but cannot operate street railways. They can furnish police protection for banks, but the street light protecting the bank entrance at night must be furnished by a private concern. They can operate switchboards in police stations, courthouses, and city halls, but the connecting telephone wires must be owned privately. In brief, the American municipality is a house divided against itself, in which the earnings go to big brother Big Bizz while the operating expenses are borne by the rest of the family."

Obiter Dictum

CHARLES E. KREMER, of the Chicago bar, writer and lecturer on admiralty, and dean of the Admiralty Bar of the Great Lakes, gives the following thoughtful presentation of the now all too common "incidental, collateral and therefore not binding opinions of judges", called *obiter dictum* (i.e., those opinions, expressed by the court, which have no direct bearing upon the case in hand, and are therefore entirely out of order):

"Of obiter dictum we have to say, that it is like the illegitimate offspring, conceived in mistake and born in error, with no parent but the one that gave it birth, and the fair name of that blighted by the birth of it. Brought into the family of the good and proper, it is disowned by those who stand its sponsors whenever it seeks to take its proper place among them. It is cast out by reason, because it is without right.

"Tolerated but not adopted, found but not followed, fit for space but not for place, writing without right, print without principle, done but to be undone. It is far-fetched and unfair; it is not wicked, but worse. It flatters the fools and fights the fair. It is words without wisdom. More than nothing, yet less than something. To follow it is to go from error to wrong, and the perversion of right, placing with the things that are the things that seem to be.

"Usually bad reason, always bad taste, and never good law. It is a fiction and a failure. Ill-conceived, ill-considered, and ill-born. Like the hanging culprit, it stands on nothing and kicks at law."

A Few Profitable Investments

UNITED STATES SENATOR GERALD P. NYE, of North Dakota, told the Senate and the people something of great public interest when he said:

"The records are filled with instances of favors accorded campaign contributors. Men with selfish interests to be served through legislation find it profitable to contribute to the campaign funds of a party, and at times to both parties. Investments in the form of such contributions have been found to be productive of certain and positive returns—returns of such proportions as make ordinary investments seem silly. Campaign contributions buy political favors. To establish that this is true, may I offer the very concrete evidence afforded through the record of campaign contributions in 1924 and legislative returns enjoyed by these same contributors in 1926? In 1924, with a presidential and congressional election on, John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Mellon, Payne Whitney, the Marshall Field estate, George F. Baker, sr., George F. Baker, jr., Vincent Astor, J. B. Duke, Julius Fleischmann, Cyrus Curtis, and Joseph E. Widener, to name only a few men, made contributions to party campaign funds ranging from $5,000 to $25,000. In 1926 the parties to which they contributed became sponsors of a tax reduction bill, which was whipped through Congress by party leaders and which saved to these men each and every year sums ranging from $200,000 to nearly $3,000,000."

Larkman Should Have the Money

EDWARD LARKMAN, of Buffalo, is suing the State of New York for $15,000 for keeping him locked up eight years for a murder it is now known he did not commit. The man should have the money without a question, and should not have to sue for it, and he did not ask for enough. For the state to fail to pay is to commit an act of felony.

London "Bobbies" versus American Police

JIM TULLY, American novelist, writing in the Shanghai *Mercury*, says:

"The London police are the finest I have seen under the sun. Their courtesy, kindness, and efficiency would, or at least should, shame the police of any American city.

"In America the police are belligerent. They carry clubs and wear gruff expressions. Prisoners, long before trial, are often beaten unconscious by them. They are past-masters at many devious ways of torture. American citizens chatter about the Land of the Free—and grovel before the police. Tainted with the money madness so prevalent in America, the police often betray the government they carry clubs to defend. Often if a citizen tries to explain an action to a policeman he is tersely commanded to 'tell it to the judge'. That official, too often a graduate from shyster lawyerdom, is more arrogant than the policeman.

"An American who becomes successful after an enforced environment in the underworld never loses his early inculcated fear of the police. This fear, in a greater or lesser degree, permeates the whole American social system. That fear in itself is a worthless weapon is proved by the fact that America is undoubtedly the most lawless of the so-called 'civilized' nations.

"In my wandering about London I have talked to and observed scores of 'Bobbies'. I am continually amazed that such a group of high-class men can exist in the world."

Russia's "Voluntary Settlers"

"REVEREND" ABR. KROEKER, of Minnesota, is quoted in the Hutchinson (Kans.) *News* as saying:

In the month of March 1930, and also in the beginning of April of the same year, several millions of people were sent out from all parts of South Russia into the icy regions of the northern part of Russia, where they were forced to work in the woods and mines; this can be proved by authentic reports. This transportation was carried out in the most inhuman manner. Aged people, up to eighty-five years old, women who were about to become mothers, sick and maimed, were crowded into cattle cars. The doors were locked and a pail was put into each car for convenience. They then had to endure a most discouraging voyage of from seven to ten days, if not longer. Even water was given them in insufficient quantities. These railroad cars bore the inscription with large letters "Voluntary Settlers."

One woman, well known to me, became the mother of twins in the midst of the throng in the car; the babies, of course, could not live. When these people arrived at their destination they had to go to work at once, felling trees and dragging them away, etc. No exception was made for weak women and girls. Their food was the most unsatisfactory and unsanitary, and many perished, due to the inhuman struggle and hunger; among these are individuals whom I know personally and who were very respectable citizens and had never harmed any one.

Conditions in West Australia

MRS. ELLEN DAVIES, pioneer, says: "There has been no starvation in West Australia during this year of all years of depression; but doles and meal tickets, free rents, etc., have been gladly availed of by many. Old age and sick pensions also have been a blessing to hundreds. If all the churches were closed down, the people would all be comfortable; but the hundreds of useless, expensive buildings and their hangers-on take much hard-earned money which would be better spent in clothing and housing the people. However, Armageddon will soon clean up all rubbish off the earth, and create a better and healthier atmosphere.

"This is only a tiny town; yet there are three churches, and almost every week there is some social get-up for one or the other. People are so superstitious and afraid to refuse, for fear they will lose their parson and have no parson to sprinkle their children, marry or bury them. This even after the truth has been shown them on these subjects. One poor man who committed suicide was refused service by the priest, while a rich man who did the same had a great funeral with services by the same priest.

"This is a wheat-growing district, also sheep-farming, with a fine healthy climate and fair rainfall."

The Problem One of Destination

SENATOR DICKINSON, of Iowa, in an article in the December *Review of Reviews*, says, "We are no longer a going concern. We could not liquidate now and pay off our debts." If a concern that is able to borrow ten million dollars a day, and *has* to borrow it, to keep the hunger mobs off the streets, isn't a going concern we just don't know what a going concern is. Looks as if the real problem in this instance were not one of going, but one of destination. Here our good old truck is headed down a five-mile hill, and making eighty miles an hour, with nobody able to throw it into second gear, and yet a statesman is trying to tell us we are not going. Tell that to the chauffeur, Mr. Roosevelt. He knows we are going.

What a Receiver Is For

A SUBSCRIBER in a town in Illinois had the misfortune to have funds in a bank in his home town which went into the hands of a receiver. After the lapse of 26 months the following information was available, and readily suggests what a receiver is for: his business is to receive. Theoretically he is a trustee for the depositors, but there is nothing in this statement to indicate it, and everything to indicate the reverse. Six months after this statement was made, no settlement had been made.

Expenses as reported by the receiver to date:
Bank closed April 24, 1930, or 26 months before this report.

To receiver's salary and expenses (to date)	$5,167.70
To legal expense and attorney's fees (to date)	4,123.74
Clerk and stenographer hire, and janitor	1,509.49
To auditor's expense closing the bank	642.37
To other miscellaneous expenses	5,003.85
Total expenses to date	$16,447.15
Total expenses to date averaged $632.00	per month.
Balance in hand of receiver at date	$7,046.89

Senator Long Is Pessimistic

SENATOR HUEY LONG, of Louisiana, says he feels sorry for the new president; that he has admitted that we must scale down the big fortunes and spread it out among the people, but that the blind financial powers and their powerful influences do not seem willing to let loose one inch. The way Senator Long puts it:

"I think they would let the country and all its people go slap damn to hell, and go with us, before they would surrender their mastery of money control in America. What use on earth has a man for $1,000,000,000? He cannot use it. If 300 men owned that much apiece there would not be a dime left for anyone else. And yet we have some fortunes that were rated as high as $8,000,000,000 and $10,000,000,000. A few financial overlords have not sense enough to see that they can only eat and wear and live in just so much. They cannot see, will not see, that if they take 90 percent of everything unto a handful of people, and let the balance have but 10 percent, their 90 percent will rot and the people starve because they cannot get it, even in the midst of plenty."

Russia Not a Paradise—Yet

A DISPATCH by a special correspondent of the London *Times* says of conditions in Russia:

"During the last two years 70,000,000 peasants have been driven from 14,000,000 holdings on to 200,000 collective farms. Those who have proved themselves successful farmers are hunted down, exiled to labor and timber camps in the north, massacred, and destroyed, and in their place young, politically inflated party members seek to 'plan' the new agriculture.

"Sowing operations take two or three times longer than they did before. In many districts 90 percent of the new machinery imported from abroad now is so much scrap. A complicated harvester machine loses a bolt and there is no one to make the necessary adjustment. Where it is now necessary to revert to horse implements neither horses nor implements exist.

"The introduction of the passport, intended, apart from its use for political terror, to keep workers in fields and factories at their work, can succeed only by brute force aided by the ruthless use of hunger as a weapon."

Majesty of Law in Evansville

FOSTER LEWIS, an Evansville (Ind.) business man, found in his yard a redbird with a broken wing. He took it into his house and tended it until it was able to fly, but the bird was grateful and did not wish to leave. Thereupon the deputy game warden came along and had Mr. Lewis arrested for illegal possession of a migratory bird. Evansville must be thrilled to have an officer of the law who is so conscientious. But maybe besides being conscientious he was in hope of making a few dollars, no matter how he made it, and his conscience works only when he sees a chance to make something. Some people have a conscience like that.

155,222.21 Reasons for Feeling Grateful

BILLS which the Democratic national committee forgot to pay in cash were $107,571.71 owing to the National Broadcasting company and $47,650.50 owing to the Columbia Broadcasting System. We wonder if it is not just possible that these broadcasting companies feel that the present administration has, collectively, 155,222.21 reasons for feeling grateful to them and allowing them to have about anything they want that is not already nailed down.

No More Winter Evictions in North Dakota

IN NORTH DAKOTA, at present, a debtor who is in default from inability to pay cannot be evicted from his home or farm on mortgage, contract or tax deed; the tenant who cannot pay the terms of his lease may not be turned out; and the householder or farmer cannot be dispossessed of personal property and chattels except it be proved that, having the means, he willfully refuses to satisfy his creditors.

Obedience Sweetens the Friendships of God

A LITTLE German-American woman, the wife of a miner, was suddenly left a widow with eight small children. All she could do to keep her household together was to go out by the day to do washing, cleaning, scrubbing, the hardest work that women do. She did it all with such a cheerful spirit that when it was kindly hinted to her that the burden seemed too much for one pair of shoulders, and perhaps good homes could be found for some of the youngsters under some other roof, she smiled sweetly and said, "Nein! I keeps der childer; each one has him's place."

It is that way with friendships. No matter how many we have, each friend has his own place in our hearts, and it is a place none other may ever occupy. The friend may pass to another continent or another world; the friendship remains. The friend may prove false and the friendship may die, but the place in the heart remains unoccupied. The friend may become nearer and dearer as his faithfulness becomes more and more manifest, and the years stretch into decades, and thus the friendship becomes sweetened until it becomes one of the dearest things in life.

> This is my beloved,
> and this is my friend,
> O daughters of Jerusalem.
> —*Canticles 5:16.*

What is true of the friendship of humans for each other is true, also, of the friendship of God for those who were made to be in His likeness, and who even in their fallen condition still retain something of the original godlikeness of our first parents.

Only two persons are needed to link up Adam with Abraham; namely, Methuselah and Shem. Methuselah lived 243 years with Adam and 100 years with Shem; Shem, in turn, lived 150 years with Abraham. Without a question of doubt, Shem and his grandfather, Methuselah, were, between them, well acquainted with Adam and with Abraham.

And thus we see that though Abraham did not come into the world until 1,078 years after Adam had passed from the scene, and though actually there were nine patriarchs in the line between them, yet in effect they were as close to each other as a child to his great-grandfather.

Abraham the Friend of God

If the Scriptures did not bring the matter to our attention we should be almost afraid to say that Abraham was the friend of God, yet there it is in the Book, and in God's own words, "But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend."—Isaiah 41:8.

The expression occurs earlier. It is the time when the Moabites, the Ammonites and the people of Mount Seir were in conspiracy against Israel. They were discerned coming with their hosts to attack the people of God. Then Jehoshaphat stood and cried out his prayer to Jehovah God, "Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?"—2 Chronicles 20:7.

The thought is earlier still. Abraham was old and he was childless. He had talked with Jehovah God about the matter. "And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in [Jehovah]; and he counted it to him for righteousness."—Genesis 15:5, 6.

There we have one of the principles of friendship demonstrated. It is that of confidence in the word and the motives of another. Abraham believed God and fully trusted Him when the way did not seem clear, and God loved and trusted him for it. A little later He said to Abraham, "Walk before me, and be thou perfect." (Genesis 17:1) Here is another principle of friendship, a right course, a praiseworthy course; true friendship cannot be lavished on an unworthy object. Abraham walked with God, and, because of that, God was his friend.

And finally God took Abraham into His confidence regarding the destruction of Sodom, and He tells us of the reason why He did so. It shows a third principle of true friendship: knowledge and appreciation of one's justice and judgment. The account says:

> And [Jehovah] said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of [Jehovah], to do justice and judgment; that [Jehovah] may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.—Genesis 18:17-19.

Prior to all these rich and sweet expressions and manifestations of divine friendship for an earthly creature, Abraham had shown his un-

qualified obedience and submission to the divine will in coming out of the land of his nativity into a land in which he lived as a pilgrim and a stranger all the remainder of his days. He did this in obedience to a divine command.

Reason for Mentioning Abraham

The reason why we mention Abraham, the friend of God, is that he so well illustrates those principles which we would properly expect to find in those who have received God's friendship. Such a friend, we may feel sure, was Joseph, the humble carpenter, who was the foster father of our Lord.

Joseph, according to tradition, was elderly at the time of his marriage to Mary, the mother of our Savior. It is an interesting fact that all the early pictures of him represent him as an elderly man. Tradition is that he died about one year after our Lord had begun His ministry.

Tradition has it that he was previously married; that his brother Cleophas had died without issue, and Joseph, in obedience to the Mosaic law, had reared a family of four sons and two daughters before his engagement to Mary had taken place. There are many reasons why this does not seem unreasonable. We state the matter briefly.

This theory makes Joseph the father of James, Joses, Simon and Jude and two daughters, these children being born to him by Mary the wife of Cleophas, and the eldest son of the couple raised up to the name of Cleophas, though Joseph was his actual father. Nothing in the Jewish law would deter Joseph from engagement to and marriage of a virgin of Israel as his own wife after or while his levirate marriage to his brother's wife was in effect.

It is certain that God had a reason for establishing the law of levirate marriage, that He honored it in the case of Tamar, and honored it again in the case of Boaz and Ruth, and finally and most convincingly, it would seem, in the case of Joseph and Mary the wife of Cleophas. This last levirate marriage resulted in the birth of "James the Lord's brother", whose identity with "James the son of Alphæus (Cleophas)" is taken for granted in this connection. The couple thus had the great privilege of being the parents of two of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, James and Jude, while Joseph, in addition, had the grand privilege of being the foster father of Jesus and shielding Him and His mother in the years when they needed such aid.

Joseph Was a Good Man

Joseph was a good man, a kind, simple-minded, obedient, lovable soul. When, after his betrothal to Mary the mother of Jesus, she proved to be with child, he was naturally grieved and disposed to break off the connection, but his obedience to the will of God survived this great test, and so we have the Scriptural account of the whole incident:

> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the holy [spirit]. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the holy [spirit]. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Then Joseph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.—Matthew 1:18-21, 24, 25.

Joseph was most certainly entitled to be called and to be considered as the friend of God. Not only did God specially communicate with him a very personal, private message by one of His holy angels, in itself a marked evidence of confidence and of interest, but He allowed this man to be the caretaker for many years of His own dear Son, the Savior of mankind, and of His Son's mother.

He allowed this good man, Joseph, to bear the stigma of having a child born in bastardy, and yet from among his children He selected two of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, and two of the six apostolic writers of the New Testament Scriptures.

Joseph Not of the Body of Christ

There is good reason to believe that Mary is of the Body of Christ, for she is expressly mentioned as being present in the upper room at Pentecost, and as she made her home with the beloved disciple John there is no reason to suppose that she did not make her calling and election sure as one of the overcoming church of God. It would be the most natural place in which to look for Mary.

Honored above all other women in that she was privileged to be the mother of the Lord, she would yet, it is clearly seen, not occupy any

especially advantageous position in the Body because of that. The position she will always have will depend on what happened after Pentecost, and not on what happened before. Only those who have the Lord's spirit can understand such a statement as this, but it is manifestly true.

Jehovah God could have found thousands of women in Israel that He could have used to become the Lord's mother, and any one of them could have fulfilled the duties of motherhood as well as the one selected, yet the choice was a good one, a proper one, and Mary was a proper person to receive the honor which came to her. In her place in the Body of Christ she will be well treated by all in the Body and outside of it, but she will not be worshiped in any manner whatsoever.

Joseph, the man with whom she lived for probably thirty-one years, is almost certainly not of the Body of Christ, as he died before the spirit was poured out at Pentecost. This is in no way to his discredit. We cannot be positive, but it seems very reasonable that he will be grouped with the fathers of the former dispensation who will eventually be made princes in all the earth.

But if that be true, the honors and opportunities that will shortly come to him in the earth will be his not because he was the foster father of the Lord, nor because he was the father of two of the apostles of the Lamb; but very probably the principal reason for it will be found in the fact that in his youth and up to advanced years he obediently performed the divine will in raising up a family to his brother, and only in his later years considered raising up a family of his very own.

We can be sure that because he was thoroughly obedient at heart God selected this man to be the consort of Mary the mother of our Lord, made him the caretaker of the infant Jesus, made him the head of the home in which Jesus came to maturity; and it seems very certain that we can say of him that, like Abraham of old, he was the friend of God; and yet he was just a plain man, just an obedient, honest, truthful, trustful, patient, upright man, such as one would wish to have for a friend, and such as, having, one would appreciate.

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Sweden — Whence the Days of the Week

ONE cannot mention the days of the week without giving honor to some of Sweden's ancient gods. Besides worshiping the sun on Sunday, the moon on Monday, and Saturn on Saturday, the ancient Swedes worshiped Woden on Wodensday, Woden's wife Frigg or Friga on Friday, their son Tyr or Zeus on Tuesday, and Thor, the god of thunder, on Thursday. Apparently, when those same ancient Swedes chased our Anglo-Saxon ancestors back into the hills, the said ancestors were so impressed with the gods of these fair-haired worshipers of Woden that they never got over it.

Sweden is a little larger than California, and of much the same shape, except that its chain of mountains is on the west instead of the east, and the seacoast, instead of being an ocean, is the Baltic sea and its great extension, the Gulf of Bothnia.

But there is a big difference between the climate of California and that of Sweden. The most southern part of Sweden is far north of any portion of the United States, and its upper reaches project above the Arctic circle. The Swedes are very practical. They say if you are in Sweden along the latter part of June and you wish to see the midnight sun, all you have to do is to take the train up to the northern part of the country, where you can witness the midnight sun and visit a great iron-ore mine at the same time.

The Swedes, by the way, cannot persuade the Lapps to work in the mines, and so the 10,000 miners at work in far northern Gellivara are a cosmopolitan lot of people from all over the world that do not much mind the climate so long as they have steady work. They have everything in their town that any town has, and besides, once a year, they have a day several days long, when the sun merely makes a low bow to the northern horizon at midnight, but steadfastly refuses to go below it. They have a long night too, but electric lights and movies, the same as on Broadway.

Plenty of Lakes and Rivers

There are plenty of lakes and rivers all over Sweden. In the northern half there are about twenty rivers, rising on the Norway border and flowing some 200-odd miles through chains of lakes southeast to the Gulf of Bothnia. One of these is navigable for 70 miles. This part of the country is mostly covered with a scrub growth of stunted trees, and is rather flat and uninteresting.

The heart of Sweden is in the southern half, for two hundred miles north or south of the magnificent system of lakes and canals that cut clear across the peninsula from Gottenborg to Linkoping and really make an island out of the great southern province of Gotland. Several of the country's important cities are on the shores of the two great lakes, Wenner and Wetter, that comprise essential parts of this famous transportation system.

Stockholm, which lies to the north and east of the system of water transportation last named, is the eastern terminus of Lake Malar, where it empties into the Baltic sea. On this important lake, which is about seventy-five miles long, are several other of Sweden's important cities, and on the shores of all these great lakes in the southern part of the country are fertile farm lands running back as far as the eye can see.

Lake Malar, upon which Stockholm is located, is remarkable for the number of islands which so crowd its surface that it is hardly possible to find a square mile of open water. These islands are studded with homes of the wealthy residents of the capital. Indeed, the city itself is built on numerous islands, and is sometimes called "the northern Venice".

Stockholm is unique in that the harbor is right in the midst of the residence section of the city.

When the wind is from the east it blows the smoke from the steamers directly into the palace windows. Firewood and other freight is dumped almost on the doorsteps of the aristocracy, where it lies until it is hauled away. The aristocracy do not seem to mind it, and it would not matter if they did. Swedes are practical.

More About the Gotha Canal

Nobody today has any leisure, but it is said that if anybody did have such he would find a trip through the Gotha canal, above mentioned, a very interesting experience. The trip takes two and one-half days. It requires seven hours to cross Lake Wenner, and for at least two hours the steamer is out of sight of land. There are 74 locks, of solid granite, which lift the steamer a total of 167 feet. In places the route is through virgin forests of silver birches whose boughs overhang the banks. The landscape throughout is the loveliest in Sweden. By rail the same journey takes less than 12 hours.

About the middle of the journey Lake Wetter is crossed. The height of the surface of this lake above the Baltic is 300 feet, but its depth is 400 feet, and in one place no bottom has ever been found. The behavior of this body of water is most singular. It has periodic rises and falls independent of the wetness or dryness of the season, and is subject, even in the calmest weather, to violent underground swells, emitting terrific sounds when covered with ice. The claim is made, but denied, that this lake is directly connected with a lake, the Boden See, in Switzerland.

A further extraordinary feature of Lake Wetter is the mirages, frequently visible to many people and for hours at a time. These include marching armies of cavalry, infantry and artillery with banners and glittering weapons; palaces, castles and ships have been seen to rise from the water and remain in view for hours; caravans of camels have crossed from shore to shore in full view of multitudes. We judge that natural conditions are favorable to mirages and that perhaps the demons have a hand in it.

Gefle the Prettiest Town

Gefle, 100 miles north of Stockholm, is said to be the prettiest town in Sweden. In 1869 this town was visited by a great fire which obliterated the greater part of it. The residents of the burned area met together and agreed to pool their interests and rebuild a replanned city. Accordingly, every other street has a line of shade trees and a promenade in the center, with driveways on either side. At intervals are parks, parade grounds and open squares. It makes one feel that the best thing that could happen to some of our American cities would be a big fire that would compel the adoption of similar measures. Dannemora, near Gefle, is famous for its high-grade ore. There are places on the coast of Sweden where forty or fifty tide marks may be counted one above the other, upon the rocks. These tide marks show that the water was once higher by seventy feet. The shores are indented by cliffs which formerly inclosed bays and beaches that are now thirty, forty or fifty feet above the level of the sea. These tide marks are particularly noticeable on the island of Gotland, which is slowly being pushed up from the sea. Gotland, by the way, is 75 miles long, and important enough to have its own railway system and a branch line besides.

It is an interesting fact that the north parts of Sweden are rising more rapidly than the south parts. The evident explanation is that the ice cap was heavier in the north, heavy enough at one time to cause subsidence of the earth's crust, but as the ice deposited in Noah's day gradually melted the earth returned to its former position, or level.

Some Comparisons with California

There is much waste land in California, but there is much more waste land in Sweden. Several items of interest are presented:

	California	Sweden
Acres in farm lands	30,442,581	9,193,000
Number of farms	135,676	430,000
Gross farm income, 1930	$586,538,000	$258,108,000
Average acreage per farm	224	21
Average farm income	$4,323	$600
Average income per acre	$19	$29

A little consideration of these figures shows why America has many thousands of citizens of sterling worth that were born in Sweden, and why Sweden has almost no citizens that were born in America.

It never gets cold enough to freeze in California, though under certain conditions there is a penetration to the chilliness that one feels more than freezing weather. In Stockholm they get the real thing; in January it goes to 26 below zero and in July may rise to as much as 97°.

Of the forest lands, 23,547,375 acres, about 45 percent are owned by farmers, 4 percent by large landed proprietors, 27 percent by companies having sawmills or pulp mills, and 24 percent by the state. In forestry, lumbering, sawmills and pulp mills 100,000 men are regularly employed, and 400,000 more obtain some part of their living therefrom.

The iron mines at Dannemora already mentioned, have been operated continuously for 300 years and produce the iron from which the very best tool steel is made. The mine, which is over 600 feet deep, extends beneath a lake of the same name. The miners never know, when they touch off a blast, whether or not the whole lake will be in upon them.

Three-fourths of all the mechanical energy produced in Sweden is hydroelectric. About 45 percent of the farms are equipped with electricity. Some of the Danish cities are lighted and their street cars operated by current supplied from Sweden.

The Swedes love their country, hate to leave it, and love to return to it. In the year 1929, after 250 years of exile in southern Russia, several hundred Swedes returned to their homeland at one time. They had managed to preserve their language, and many of their customs, but were reabsorbed with difficulty.

A Law-abiding Country

In the beautiful and charming American city of Jacksonville, in a recent calendar year, there were three times as many people killed as in the whole of Sweden, which has sixty times the population. That is 180 to 1. The same year New York city had 387 murders, while in the whole of Sweden, which has the same population, the total of homicides was 20; that is 19 to 1, and plenty bad enough. In Stockholm, with 474,000 inhabitants, in the year 1929, the total number of homicides was 3; one of the slayers was under the influence of liquor.

Five percent profit is the amount which the liquor monopolies of Sweden may receive. There are 121 liquor control districts, with a separate company to each district; each must buy its supplies from the one wholesale house. All concessions are granted by the county authorities. Stock in the liquor control companies may not be sold.

Each reputable citizen may purchase one gallon per month, but must pass an examination to prove that he is financially and socially responsible. In restaurants liquor may be had only with hot foods, and not at all after midnight. People below par are limited as to the amount of liquor they may purchase; those wholly irresponsible may not have it at all. Police keep the liquor control companies posted as to who are responsible.

In all Sweden there are but 201 retail liquor stores; 2,200 districts are dry. Bootlegging is unknown; there is no enforcement problem; since 1912 the consumption of liquor has decreased 50 percent. The total prison population is but 2,000; many jails house but two or three inmates.

A Peace-loving Country

It is a curious fact of history that Alfred Nobel, discoverer of dynamite, explosive gelatines and ballistite, who made his millions in the manufacture of ordnance and nitroglycerin, is chiefly perpetuating his name by the Nobel peace prizes, awarded, among others, to Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Root, Woodrow Wilson, Fridtjof Nansen, Aristide Briand, Gustave Streseman, Austen Chamberlain, and Charles G. Dawes. The prizes are of $50,000 each, and awarded annually, not only for peace, but for the greatest discoveries in physics, chemistry, medicine and literature.

Though Sweden once dominated all northern Europe, and had huge possessions in Russia, Denmark, Poland and Prussia, yet the Swedes as a people are peaceable and peace-loving. There is universal military service, with about 600,000 men on the army roll. The navy is maintained merely for coast defense, but has 4,000 officers and men stationed on its 80-odd vessels. Sweden is more proud of its old folks' homes than of its navy.

In every community there is a director of public relief, aided by a committee of representative citizens whose business it is to inquire into the needs of the unemployed and the poor. Hospital care for such is provided free of charge. There are also child welfare committees in every community, and committees to distribute funds to widowed and abandoned mothers. Old age and invalidity insurance is obligatory for every person between 16 and 66 years of age.

Divorces are granted by mutual consent and may be secured by either party after a separation of three years. Woman suffrage was granted in 1909, and more women vote than men.

Sweden was the first country to recognize the equality of sons and daughters in the inheritance of property. The country is world-famous for its cleanliness.

The First to Recognize America

On April 3, 1783, five months to the day before the peace treaty was signed between Great Britain and the United States, the king of Sweden, Gustav III, was the first of all monarchs and of all governments to recognize the United States as an independent nation. The two countries have always felt a special interest in each other from that time.

The Swedes are said to be the proudest people in Europe. One reason for this is that Sweden has always been Sweden, and it is the only nation in Europe that has never been invaded or conquered or had its boundaries changed by foreign powers.

The people are too conservative to take kindly to Bolshevism. Fifty thousand people paraded in Stockholm in a demonstration against Socialism, and some have taken it from this that Fascism would be acceptable to many. The country was strongly socialistic some years ago, but has swung away from Communism.

The public debt is only $500,000,000, most of which is held at home. The king must be a Lutheran; he has the absolute power of veto. All public officials, including school teachers, must be Lutherans, and, by law, the Lutheran religion is taught in all schools.

The country is divided into six bishoprics, 83 deaneries and 482 parishes. The parishes are grouped into 24 provinces, each with its own government, responsible to the national government, the Rigsdag, one of the oldest of parliamentary bodies. The clergy are theoretically all appointed by the king.

The nobles have no legal privileges, but only social advantages. They meet once a year to consider subjects pertaining to their welfare. The "house of knights" in which they meet is considered the finest specimen of old Stockholm architecture. A noble may run for office, the same as anybody else, but being a noble may prevent him from getting the office, as the people do not take much stock in titled aristocracy.

In 1811 the Swedish parliament designated one of Napoleon's field marshals, General Bernadotte, the son of a French lawyer, as crown prince, and his descendants are still on the throne. Napoleon advised him not to take the job, but he did, and, in the final coalition, was on the opposite side. The royal palace at Stockholm, 348 by 372 feet in size, is the largest building in Sweden, and the most imposing. Street traffic, the music from a neighboring cafe, and the smoke from a dozen steamers, with the confusion of loading and unloading cargoes, make it an unlovely place to live.

The princes are all millionaires, interested in science, sports and art; they are not permitted to occupy governmental positions. One of the princes married a commoner; the princess Astrid married the crown prince of Belgium. Everybody in the king business in Europe is related to everybody else in the same industry.

Some Ancient History

The first historic mention of Sweden is by the great Roman historian Tacitus, toward the end of the first century A.D. He mentions the Suiones, living in the midst of the Baltic, as powerful both in warriors and in ships. The bows and sterns of their ships were constructed alike, and therefore equally well suited for landing. The boats did not carry sails; the oars were not fastened in a row along the sides, but left free.

The northern part of Sweden was peopled by the Svea, or Swedes; the southern part by the Gota, or Goths, the latter an offshoot of the former. These people, consolidated into one, were migratory, restless, courageous and indomitable. For hundreds of years the tribes were at war with one another, but Upsala, where the heathen gods were worshiped, gradually came to be the acknowledged center. There the heathen priests offered human as well as animal sacrifices. Priests are like that.

One of the sacred acts was to throw a poor man into a sacred well in the precincts of the temple. When the priests could not recover his dead body, it was taken as a token that the wishes of the people would be fulfilled. The poor people had not yet caught the brilliant thought that, if they really wanted peace and happiness, what was needed was that somebody should throw all the priests into the well and then put a cover on the well. Upsala is the present seat of Swedish learning.

The Goths, under the name Goutoi, are mentioned by the Greek geographer Ptolemy in A.D. 150. Southern Sweden is still called Gotland; it was once called Scania, hence the name Scandinavia. The Greek historian Procopius

mentions the Heruli, who inhabited Hungary in the sixth century, as sending messengers to the Heruli of Scandinavia, requesting that a member of the old dynasty might come and rule over them.

The Goths Always Enterprising

Several Arabian geographers give interesting information about the Scandinavian merchants, who sold furs as well as slaves. They are described as tall and invariably armed with axe, knife and sword; they adorned themselves with chains of gold and silver; they prayed to wooden images.

Forty thousand oriental coins of this period were found in Swedish soil. The word Russ was used by Arabs and Slavs to describe the Swedes who were the first rulers of Russia. The Goths (Swedes) overran Russia, Poland, Ukrainia, Bulgaria, and menaced and finally destroyed the Roman Empire. The most important geographical names in Russia are Swedish names. A Greek writer of the tenth century uses Scandinavian names for the rapids of the Dnieper river. The Gothic historian Jordanes, living in the sixth century, speaks of Skadza (Scandinavia) as "bosom of peoples".

Both as warriors and as merchants the Swedes, or Russ, as they were also called, made their way from the Baltic to the Black sea. One of their chiefs, Rurik by name, in 859 was chosen by certain wild tribes of the country now called Russia to be their first prince. His capital was Novgorod, thence shifted to Kief, and finally to Moscow, where at length his successor became the czar of all the Russias.

In those days, when the Swedes (Vikings, Northmen, Goths) made their way into every European land, bands of them entered the service of the eastern emperor at Constantinople, where they received the name Varangians, from the oath by which they were bound. They are frequently referred to in literature under that name.

Rome Obscures the Record

It is manifest that the people who knew how to write (the Romans) did not give the Varangians or Goths or Swedes the attention they should have had. Visby, on the island of Gotland, was for centuries the wealthiest city of its size in the world; it had 13,000 merchants, divided into sixteen guilds. The elaborate rules of trade formulated by these guilds are the basis of the present admiralty laws of Great Britain, and America.

Lawsuits were strictly formal. If the evidence was obscure, one of the parties had to prove his case by oath. This oath was corroborated by a certain number of "trusted men". Out of this curious institution a jury was developed, whose business it was to acquit or condemn the accused. It was the business of the lagman (lawman, lawyer) to recite from memory the law of the province which applied to the case in hand. Result, our modern courts.

The Viking lords brought back from their raiding and trading trips the wealth of the world. When they died they were buried in magnificent armor, together with their boats, weapons, household goods, dogs and horses, fully equipped, so it was supposed, to continue their earthly life of warfare and adventure in the kingdom of the dead. Actually, of course, they are merely dead.

In due time the Swedes became "Christians". At the dawn of the Reformation the Catholic king, Christian II, gathered 82 of the most prominent men of Sweden for a conference and put them to the sword. Thereupon Gustavus Eriksson Vasa, son of one of the magistrates that had been put to death, organized the movement that drove the king back to Denmark and placed Sweden definitely on the Protestant side, and it is there yet.

Vasa was clever enough to discern that the Roman Catholic system is the greatest of all possible enemies of the common people; he lined the whole of Sweden up against the papacy, and his grandson Gustavus Adolphus, the victor in the Thirty Years' War, nearly destroyed it.

The latter, with an army of 13,000 handpicked Swedes, crossed the Baltic sea and overcame the combined forces of the Catholic kings until he was master from the Alps to the polar sea. No man, before or since, wielded greater power in Europe, and he was at the height of his fame and influence when he was killed in battle. His army went out in the morning singing a hymn he had composed, and returned in confusion at evening bringing his lifeless body.

Queen Christina and Ivar Kreuger

He had a fool for a daughter. Educated and trained to take her father's place, she surrounded herself with the worst of rascals, eventuating in her public profession of conversion to the Roman Catholic faith and abdication of her

throne in favor of her cousin. After relinquishing the throne of a Protestant country she tried in vain to get herself made sovereign of the Roman Catholic countries of Poland and Naples. But Christina is not the only Swede that ever made a mistake.

How about Ivar Kreuger? There is the boy who got our greatest (?) and wisest (?) American bankers to sell the American public $250,000,000 worth of blue sky that had nothing more substantial under it than hot air. Our internationally famous robbers of widows and orphans let this man have anything he wanted, and were so polite about it that they never bothered to ask him if he had any assets. All they did was fork the money over.

Kreuger was clever enough to loan $75,000,000 of the above to the French government. Kreuger left personal debts of $93,500,000 and direct liabilities of $74,800,000. He was a clever juggler of books and a good paymaster of bribes to the Swedish premier.

The Match Industry

Everybody knows that Swedish matches are the best in the world. The first phosphorus matches were manufactured at Jonkoping, Sweden, in 1843, and it is today the match center of creation. A single machine in the factory there puts up 40,000 boxes in a day of 11 hours.

Kreuger's trustification of the match business nearly wrecked Sweden financially. Sweden is not a rich country, and it was impossible for her to safely embark on the career into which his financial operations plunged her. The government was compelled to grant moratoria on private debts, close the stock exchange, and take heroic efforts to keep the most important banks in the country from going to the wall.

Swedish engineers are famous the world over. John Ericsson, inventor of the screw propeller, and of the ironclad battleship, was employed as a surveyor on engineering works when he was seven years of age, and at twelve was in charge of the work of six hundred men.

Electrification of the railway lines of the country has proceeded apace, financed in America. With her water powers fully developed (set at 5,000,000 horsepower) Sweden could become a great industrial country.

An interesting Swedish invention enables the seasoning of wood artificially in two days. A log is placed in a cylinder, a centrifugal pump creates a vacuum and out comes the sap from the entire log, including the heart. In 48 hours the lumber is ready for use; the cost is only about one dollar per thousand board feet.

Somebody figured it out that the annual yield of Swedish forests would make a hoop around the world one inch thick and one hundred and forty-four feet wide. To handle this lumber and take care of its extensive iron-mining industry, Sweden has more miles of trackage in proportion to its population than any other European country.

Not only are the Swedes famous as engineers, but they literally take to the water like ducks. Every Swede is a swimmer and a sailor. There are 1100 lakes in the country; so there is plenty of chance to learn.

Some More Industrial Items

Sweden has admittedly the best servants in the world; children are trained to the duties of the kitchen and general housekeeping as thoroughly as in the schools they are trained in other matters of education. Formerly the relations between master and servant were close and confidential. In our evil times this is breaking down, and within the past few years Sweden had one labor riot where troops were called out and shot and killed four men and one woman. The Ford Company has a plant at Stockholm.

The General Export Association maintains commercial stipendiaries in all lands that obtain merchants, agents and buyers for Swedish goods and put foreign business houses in communication with Swedish exporters. It has a great fund of information available to all inquirers who pay the actual expenses.

In 1929 it arranged for large shipments of Canadian silver and black foxes and of American skunks and muskrats into Sweden, for breeding purposes. The Swedes intend to make the best use of their cut-over lands. Wolf and bear are still found in Swedish forests and often commit great ravages. Elk and deer are also found. Lemmings in immense numbers often lay waste large areas. There are 34,000 persons engaged in fisheries.

The Swedes have been called the proudest people in Europe except the Spaniards. The children are taught to say yes and no and to mean it. Some give no titles to anybody, not even the king, while others give titles to everybody, invariably giving their occupation every time they are mentioned. This creates a curious

situation where people are constantly referred to as "Thora-daughter-of-Upholsterer Anderson", or "Son-of-Organist Nilsson", or "Mr. -the-Wholesaledealer Smith". A doctor's wife is always a doctoress, and a colonel's wife is a coloneless. Every man is an uncle, and every woman an aunt.

About half the proper names in Sweden end in "son", and half the space in city directories is monopolized by the families of Oleson, Larson, Anderson, Johnson, and Peterson. There are no colors in the nomenclature—no Whites, Greens, Blacks, Browns or Grays.

A Desire for Excellence

The Swedes have a desire for excellence in everything, including athletics. Diplomas and degrees are awarded for superior swimming. Everybody can skate as well as swim. The nation's winter sport is skiing, skimming over the country on snowshoes. A skillful skier can make a mile in two minutes, and the jumping record is 70 feet. In 1930 a swimmer jumped 115 feet from a bridge in Stockholm and was uninjured. Ice-yachting and sailing are popular sports.

Music? Answer—Jenny Lind. At nine, admitted to the Stockholm Conservatory of Music; at eighteen, made her debut with great success; at twenty-four, acknowledged the leading singer of Europe; at twenty-seven, carried England by storm; at thirty, sang in Auburn, New York. A man who was there (and, to get the chance to hear her, paid $1 to stand on a ladder outside of the opera house window) said that when the Swedish Nightingale sang the old Negro melody "Old Black Joe" her voice was so inexpressibly sweet and tender that every person in the audience wept, including himself. Music is taught in all Swedish schools, and every town has its singing society.

In Spain every other person is illiterate—the Roman Catholic ideal. In Sweden only one person in five hundred is illiterate—the opposite ideal. Women in Sweden have every right that men have. Children are taught to save; the government opens an account with each child and puts two crowns to its credit to start it off.

Museums have been constructed on the most elaborate scale. These museums show several complete farmhouses, with every feature of Swedish country life just as it exists in various sections, and families living in the houses just as they did before they were moved to their present locations. The scientific museums of Sweden contain more than a half million treasures of antiquity, and are said to be the richest prehistoric relics in the world.

The Lutheran Religious System

By somewhat the same methods as link sausage is made, "religion" is made a part of the education of every Swedish child. When the child reaches 16 the young girl wears her first long dress, and the boy his first black suit; there is an examination in the catechism by the pastor and the elders of the church, and the following Sunday, no matter what interest they have in the Lord, in the Scriptures, or in anything else, they take their first communion and are "confirmed". As a result of this entirely unscriptural plan of procedure, Lutherans are about the hardest people in the world to have listen to a message from the Lord's Word; they know it all—learned it by machinery when they were young.

It was formerly against the law for Roman Catholics to enter Sweden, but now they have 3,424 communicants, and are growing rapidly in numbers among the aristocracy. The king, a Bernadotte, is of Jewish ancestry. Formerly everybody went to church on Sunday morning; now Sunday is becoming, as in America, a day of excitement and amusement.

In his own country Swedenborg is held in appreciative memory, not for his religious views, which few accept, but for his works on iron, copper, geology and algebra, which are standard. Linnæus, one of the greatest of botanists, was a Swede; so also was the famous chemist Scheele, who discovered oxygen. Baron Nordenskjold, the first to accomplish the Northeast Passage, though born in Finland, was a Swede, and all his explorations were on behalf of the Swedish government.

Ever Hear of Swedish Massage?

Friction, kneading, rolling and percussion of the external tissues of the body was mentioned by Homer and Hippocrates and long ago practiced by the Japanese, Chinese, Turks, and Egyptians. The value of these operations depends upon the skill of the operator, which in Sweden has been brought to its highest level.

In Sweden doctors more often recommend massage than medicine. They do not send bills to their patients, but depend upon their generosity. They receive an annual fee, with some-

thing extra in case of serious illness in the family. Electrical treatments of various sorts are much in vogue. Sick clubs are popular in all the Scandinavian countries; they should be a feature of every country. In Sweden the national government contributes 15 percent and the communes 25 percent of the clubs' funds; when a member falls ill he collects 83c per day.

As a result of attention to their bodies the Swedes are rapidly growing taller and stronger. Between 1841 and 1928 the average height of 21-year-old recruits increased from 5 feet 5 inches to 5 feet 8 inches.

There are comparatively few poor. At the "people's kitchen" in the wintertime a man may get a substantial dinner here for 9c, and a breakfast or supper for 4c. It is not intended as a charity, and nothing is given away. At some hotels a man and his wife are charged as 1½ persons if they occupy the same room. There is high respect for motherhood, both married and unmarried. It is regarded as a special service to the state.

The only thing we have to say against the Swedes is that they are the greatest coffee-drinkers in the world, averaging 600 cups apiece annually. And that is not a very serious charge, now, is it?

Radio Petition Attacked

SHALL the American people hear the truth, or shall clergymen, who want to shield themselves, prevent the truth from being told? The responsibility is upon Congress to say whether or not an organization can browbeat and threaten any citizen into doing anything in the United States. Almost two and one-half million Americans have recently voiced themselves as being against such browbeating and threatening methods by signing the Protest and Petition circulated by Jehovah's witnesses, for freedom of speech on the radio.

Fearing the consequences of this tremendous popular expression, the Catholic press is throwing sand in the eyes of the people by howling "Fraud!" in the obtaining of the signatures to the Petition. Using the Catholic press as its instrument of inquisition, the Hierarchy is making an investigation the results of which can be colored to meet the urgent need of the moment; for "statistics", properly selected and presented, can be made to 'prove' almost anything. But it is most difficult to explain away 2,416,141 signatures to a petition of national significance. It is important, vitally important, to the continued power of the Catholic hierarchy that Catholics, or those who can still be induced to read the Catholic papers, shall not realize what it is all about. So the petition for freedom of speech over the radio is persistently misrepresented as of no consequence.

Petition Indicates Public Attitude

The fact remains that the petition, circulated by men and women in all walks of life, furnishes a remarkable cross-section of public opinion, not only with regard to free speech in general, but also in respect to interference with Judge Rutherford's broadcasts in particular. Similarly, polls taken by leading periodicals have proved effective previews of public action in political and other campaigns. The petition may be misrepresented by the Hierarchy, and it may even be ignored by certain unfaithful representatives of the people, but it will have its effect nevertheless.

But how useless, how utterly useless, to try to misrepresent a man whose works are as well known as Judge Rutherford's, or to try to besmirch a class of people who are known and read of all men, whose works testify to their integrity. All these misrepresentations, together with defamations and outright lies, must inevitably react upon those who send them forth; because not what is said, but the truth or falsity of what is said, will tell in the ultimate reckoning. When the Catholic hierarchy (and we say this with sincere sympathy and regard for honest Catholics) is governed by its age-old maxim, "The end justifies the means," it is not strange that it imputes the same course to others. Jehovah's witnesses, however, are prohibited from following any such rule. With them the means must conform to the end to be gained; nor could they by any stretch of the imagination follow the

course of those who say "Let us do evil, that good may come", which course Paul so specifically denounced. (Romans 3:8) To Jehovah's witnesses the two things are incompatible; for no good can result from wickedness, nor is any one of them permitted, by the Word of Almighty God, Jehovah, ever to inflict evil or use coercion. The claim that they misrepresented their mission is therefore incredible. Their instructions were clear and to the point. In *The Golden Age* No. 374 the method followed in presenting the petition to the people was clearly set forth to offset a malicious statement by the *Catholic Universe Bulletin,* Cleveland, Ohio, of December 15, 1933, to the effect that Jehovah's witnesses had misrepresented the petition. But the falsity of the charge is so evident that no statement in contradiction could make it more palpable. Every one of the sheets upon which the signatures were to be placed had at the head a full, clear statement of what it was for.

Inquisition in the U. S.

Note how desperately, how recklessly, the *Catholic Universe Bulletin,* issue of February 23, 1934, seeks to make out a case. It says, "Signed statements in the possession of this paper in cases of seven persons are unanimous in declaration that the Rutherford solicitor approached these persons, mostly Catholics, with a plea for continuance of Father Coughlin's radio sermons, saying that by so signing efforts to ban the Sunday afternoon discourses would be squelched." Seven persons, approached by the inquisitor, were persuaded to give the *Universe Bulletin* a signed statement. (That leaves 2,416,134 signatures still to be accounted for.) It would be interesting to know how these seven were persuaded to sign this statement which states that they did not know what they were signing previously, though the wording of the petition was before them in plain type. It may also be queried whether they knew what they were signing the second time (for the *Catholic Universe Bulletin*), or under what conditions they signed their "recantation".

But suppose a few Catholics did sign the Petition to Congress under a misapprehension. Does that give the Catholics any right to threaten and coerce radio stations to break their written contract to broadcast the speeches of Judge Rutherford or to refuse to renew such contract? Does it justify the Catholics in having actually used such threats and coercion? Or does it give the big radio corporations of America any right to discriminate unjustly in favor of one broadcaster and against another? Judge Rutherford has not attacked any individual, but is only setting out the Bible doctrines or truths and thus merely following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in declaring the truth.

In its desperate attempt to discredit the petition and its sponsors the *Catholic Universe Bulletin* stoops to such inanities as saying that many people signed the petition being circulated by Jehovah's witnesses "to get rid of them", not knowing what they were signing! Let it even be granted that some who signed the petition *may* have done so without appreciating fully its significance, it is utterly absurd to claim that 'they signed because the circulators of the petition represented themselves as trying to keep Mr. Coughlin on the air'. As a matter of fact, however, Jehovah's witnesses would not move a finger to get Mr. Coughlin off the air. They realize and appreciate the fact that liberty of speech over the air will likewise mean a continuance of Mr. Coughlin's talks, regardless of their estimate of that radio speaker's efforts. They are willing to give to others the same liberties they ask for themselves, and, no doubt, in circulating the petition they so stated when the name of Mr. Coughlin was brought up by the person called on. The petition first of all calls for liberty of speech over the air, and secondly expresses disapproval of a notorious effort to interfere with such liberty. No one who signed the petition blanks can truthfully say that he did not understand what he was signing because Jehovah's witnesses made no effort to help him understand. The congressmen who received the petition can testify that every sheet was headed by the full wording of the petition.

Do Congressmen Cater to Hierarchy?

But how does it come that the *Catholic Universe Bulletin* and other Catholic papers run by priests are in possession of signatures to a petition presented to representatives of the people at Washington? This petition was submitted to congressmen for presentation to the proper authorities at Washington, and not to the Catholic hierarchy. Further, if certain congressmen thought it well to check up on the matter, why was the work of inquisition entrusted to a highly prejudiced agency, one of the very groups against which the protest was made? It is an

unheard-of situation in the "land of the free". The Constitution prohibits the union of church and state. It smacks of the Dark Ages, of Mexico and of Spain. Is it to be the policy of the representatives of independent Americans to turn over to the Catholic hierarchy information of whatever sort may come into their hands? Shall the people protest to Congress and have their representatives turn their protests over to highly prejudiced agencies? Shall they be subjected to inquisition by those who have no interest in America other than to make it a duplicate of Spain and Mexico and other benighted and oppressed countries?

Another characteristic observation by the aforementioned paper, and similar statements by other Catholic papers, belittles the petition because it contains signatures of colored citizens. Most assuredly it does; and why not? Are not Negroes people, and citizens? Are they not a part of the population? Do they not have equal rights with other Americans? The petition was circulated among all classes, rich and poor, great and small, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and the large number of unchurched and unfettered individuals not represented in any religious organization. The petition is therefore most emphatically representative. It seems that the Catholic press in America still retains the viewpoint that the average man and woman, the lowly and the working classes, are not to be taken into consideration, and that any petition signed by them is of no consequence. This is evidently the Catholic hierarchy's traditional attitude toward the people generally. Witness such countries as Spain, Mexico and Portugal.

Does the Catholic press want us to believe that the many Catholics who signed the petition were so ignorant and so lacking in common sense as to sign under complete misapprehension a clearly printed petition, or worse still, to sign something the purpose of which (according to this false claim) was artfully concealed from them? We believe that Catholics are more intelligent than that, and that the Catholic press was moved to its attack upon the petition for precisely the reason that so many Catholics, resenting the un-American actions of the Hierarchy, wished to put themselves on record as being in harmony with the constitutional provisions for free speech, and which includes free radio.

Let Congress Safeguard Rights

It is of highest importance to the American Congress to safeguard the rights of the people to worship God without hindrance. If the Catholics concede that Jehovah's witnesses have a right to broadcast their views, then they have no right to use coercive means to prevent it. Therefore everyone should be in favor of the Bill to amend the Radio Act of 1927, to prevent any further discrimination and coercion of this sort.

Pennsylvania Railroad Items

(From *The Pennsylvania News*)

APPROXIMATELY three-quarters of a million dollars a day is paid in wages to Pennsylvania Railroad employees.

Nearly $22,000,000 was paid in wages by the Railroad in January to men and women in more than 400 different occupations.

Practically every form of gainful employment known to the human race is represented in the ranks of Pennsylvania workers. There are men skilled in science, and there are track laborers. There are surgeons and ditch diggers; sea captains and blacksmiths; artists and freight handlers; architects and carpenters; lawyers and porters, and civil engineers and cooks.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's great fleet of trains requires the services of the largest group of employees on the railroad. The men who man the Broadway and The American, together with the Pennsylvania's other passenger and freight trains, including enginemen, conductors, firemen, brakemen, flagmen and baggagemen, number more than 32,000. Clerical workers number 16,400, and track and roadway employees, 13,000. The smallest group is composed of teamsters and stablemen. Only three men are left to take care of old Dobbin.

Contrary to popular opinion, women play a prominent part in the operation of the modern railroad. There are several thousand of them employed on the Pennsylvania, and they are not all clerical workers and telephone operators.

Went to Jail for His Baby

OUT of work, his wife dead, and not knowing how to care for his baby boy, a laborer in Sofia, Bulgaria, laid the child on a doorstep in plain sight of a policeman and made as if to move away hurriedly. The officer arrested the man and the child was put in an orphanage in which the father had previously tried in vain to have it placed. The man himself is now in jail and happy that his child is now where it is being cared for.

God's Kingdom the Hope of the World

THE following paragraphs from Henry Knight Miller's work *Life Triumphant* reveals anew the discernment of thoughtful men that God's kingdom is the only hope of the world. Mr. Miller was formerly a clergyman; he is now an editor. We would say this is a great reformation.

In the laudable effort to meet these needs (food, fellowship and culture) three principal means have been tried—education, invention and religion. But education has been too abstract and far removed from actual life. It consists too largely of the profitless accumulation of facts, figures and dates, while too little attention is given to the inculcation of mighty, transforming idealism and practical programs for the triumphant organization of personal and social life.

Invention has made mighty contributions in labor-saving devices, intended to free man from economic drudgery and produce bread and beauty in abundance for all. Yet the masses still live but little removed from want, so close to the poverty line that the sickness or death of the principal bread-winner renders severe indeed the struggle for existence.

Even religion has not answered the need, not because the potentialities are lacking. . . . But the soul of religion has ever been crushed under the godless heel of cold, grasping and heartless ecclesiastical organization. Religion given up to externals, competing for property, membership and power, has become an empty fetish, devoid of redemptive force, a parasite upon the social structure. It has fostered hate instead of brotherhood.

Increase in Hours of Automobile Workers

DESPITE the fact that there are thousands of automobile workers who have no work, the NRA has allowed automobile manufacturers to increase the weekly hours of work from thirty-five to forty. This means that thousands of families that had hoped to help themselves will continue to be objects of charity.

Harvester Machines Shipped to France

SAYS John A. Simpson, president of the National Farmers Union: "All war is for profit. During a war the manufacturers make the profit. After a war those who hold the obligations of the Government and of the people make the profit. Let me give you an illustration. In the last war the manufacturers of this country in making contracts with Uncle Sam wrote into the contracts three provisions. First, that Uncle Sam must take the goods contracted for even though the war ended the next day. Second, Uncle Sam must ship those goods to France. Third, Uncle Sam must not bring them back to this country. Under this contract this government was shipping goods to France a year after the war had ended. When the war did end the government found itself with $4,000,000,000 worth of property in France. Under the contract our government could not bring this property back. They sold it to France at 10 cents on the dollar, or for a sum of $400,000,000. However, France has never paid the bill and we have now granted her a moratorium. Let me give you an illustration of how the manufacturers operated. The International Harvester Co., under this contract, sold and the Government shipped to France every kind of farm implement made by them. There was shipped to France of International Harvester make, corn planters, cultivators, grain drills, drag harrows, disc harrows, and if it were not such a tragedy it would be a real comedy, the International Harvester Co. sold to the United States and shipped to France, to be used in whipping the kaiser, thousands of International Harvester Co. manure spreaders."

Members of Flock Must Stay in Jail

HERETOFORE the sheriff of Middlebourne, West Virginia, took erring members of local flocks to church with him Sunday morning, so that they might at least make obeisance to the collection basket when it was passed. Now the circuit court judge has notified the sheriff that when he sends a man to prison he expects him to spend his whole time there until his sentence expires. Dominies are mourning the enforced absence of some of their members and have threatened to take it up with the governor of the state.

Catholic Control of the Press

(Reprinted from *The Protestant*)

FROM the most commodious political headquarters ever permanently maintained in this country, the hierarchy supplies weekly voluminous authoritative propaganda from the National Capital to its periodical press. In a peerless card index and comprehensive records it is reported to have at the headquarters mentioned the most exhaustive information touching men and measures of public interest that can be found in the New World.

In the secrecy of the confessional twenty-five thousand priests can obtain that information from millions of men and women in every station of public and private life. Virtual monopoly of strategical police and secret service positions opens another avenue to personal, domestic and political secrets hidden from the general public.

So completely does the hierarchy control the daily and magazine press that scarcely a paper in the United States dares exploit any news or editorial matter distasteful to the papal authorities. The censorship is applied with equal rigor to the great national and international news-gathering syndicates. Nor do the other chief opinion-forming instrumentalities dare brook the wrath of the papal thrones.

No patriotic periodical of limited circulation can match weapons so powerful and far-reaching. The artillery range is too unequal. The hierarchy does not answer the disclosures of such periodicals. They cannot be answered. It is easier to ignore them. While they reach and enlighten a few score thousand people, the controlled press reaches a hundred million.

In Love with the Image of the Beast

THE Federal Council of Churches in America is certainly in love with the Image of the Beast, and with everything that looks like it. Convinced that they hold the politicians of the world in their hands, and that the politicians hold everything else, at a meeting in Philadelphia they urged that the United States stampede into the World Court before the Arms Conference.

They also recommended a 25-percent reduction in armament budgets. That would make us a 25-percent less unchristian world, wouldn't it? And three more cuts of the same size, and the whole world would wake up and find they were real Christians. How exciting that would be! Then they politely recommend the abolition of poison gas, and every polite militarist on earth will be glad to explain that the only reason why he is making it is that everybody else is making it.

And they want America to cut down the war debts, but those naughty Europeans, they will just understand, won't they? and they must promise, too, that the money they borrowed, but which they are now not to pay, must not be used for increased armaments.

The nations will be glad to have reduced the debts they never intend to pay.

And then they want abolition of compulsory military training in colleges and high schools, and the old men who endow colleges and who start all our wars will see the dominies all in Hades first. And that's all for now.

The Threat of Fascism in America

SAYS Harold Kelso, of Illinois: "The workers of America face a fourth winter of starvation. To more than ten million workers and their families the NRA means nothing. They are still without jobs, and dependent on a humiliating and inadequate relief system for their food, clothing, and shelter.

"Our country is not alone in the misery of mass unemployment. Every nation controlled by an owning class has its millions of jobless men and women, denied the right to work which should be their birthright. Capitalism is showing more clearly than ever before that it is incapable even of feeding its people.

"This crisis differs from the many others in American history, in that millions of people have finally become convinced that 'rugged individualism' has gone for ever. Workers and government alike are agreed on this. The government, however, supported by a large proportion of the bosses, wants to replace this old individualism with something which would be even more dangerous.

"President Roosevelt was swept into office on a wave of disgust with Hoover's reactionary individualism. The size of his majority indicated the strength of sentiment behind change of some sort. He has made political capital of the sentiment to set up the machinery for a controlled, well organized state capitalism, run by the bosses for their own benefit. All the workers have received from the new deal are empty honors and empty stomachs."

145 Times as Many Paupers

CONNECTICUT is making progress. In the year 1929 the state had only 189 classified paupers, but by the end of June, 1933, it had 27,409; and if you figure it up that is 145 times as many. If it keeps on at the same rate of increase, in forty-five months more Connecticut's troubles will all be over, for everybody will be in the poorhouse, and some 2,367,402 people besides.

National Economy League

THE Veterans of Foreign Wars of U. S. draw attention to the facts that: "Admiral Richard E. Byrd, chairman of the National Economy League, was awarded approximately $4,200 a year by Act of Congress as a 'reward' for his polar explorations. If Admiral Byrd (age 44) lives the allotted span of seventy years, he is still due to receive $109,200 as an outright gift from the taxpayers of the United States—a large proportion of whom are veterans. Today Admiral Byrd is lending his energy and his name to a movement that would take away from a disabled veteran the monthly sum of $12—the amount he receives for a 25 percent disability —or $144 a year. Should this veteran by some miracle defeat the mortality rate among disabled veterans and survive another thirty years until he reaches the age of seventy, he will have received a total of $4,320.

"Here is the picture. One gets $109,200 for taking a trip to the barren ice wastes of the south pole, while the other gets $4,320 for risking his life on the battlefield in time of war.

"Others whose names are linked with the leadership of the National Economy League are also beneficiaries of gratuities paid from public funds in the form of pensions, retired pay, annuities, etc. For example, General John J. Pershing receives $21,500 annually; Major General James G. Harbord, $6,000; Admiral William Sims, $6,000; Alfred E. Smith, $6,100.

Baptist Pastor Had to Shoot

WHEN a Baptist pastor at Ringling, Oklahoma, shot the village justice of the peace he explained to the sheriff that he "had to do it". Just why he "had to" is not clear, as he failed to give the chapter and verse. It is all wrong for hardware men to sell guns to the unemployed and worthless members of the community.

Can Never Go Back to Planless Society

THE eminent engineer Charles E. Stuart, described by George Bernard Shaw as "the man that showed Russia how to do it", pointing out that the income of the United States has been cut from $90,000,000,000 in 1929 to half that amount at present, but that it has to support an equal pyramid of debt, declares that it is impossible for the country ever to return to a planless society. Some form of socialism is, he thinks, man's only hope. But God's kingdom is still better, and is really the only hope of the world.

Just Preceding the Avalanche

JUST preceding an avalanche a few loose stones come sliding down the hill. A little later the whole side of the mountain comes tumbling. We notice one of the stones in the following postal card mailed in Corbin, Kentucky, on January 23:

Corbin, Ky., Monday, Jan. 23, ——.

Dear Fellow Member:—

We are fighting with our backs to the wall. We are going to lose our church if we do not do something, and that something NOW. The Louisville Title Company has offered to settle our $62,000.00 debt for $30,000.00 if we will act now, and unless we do they are going to FORECLOSE. WHAT DOES IT MEAN? It means that we will lose our church building. It means that 90 families that have signed the note will lose their homes. It means that it will be a calamity that not only the church but the entire City of Corbin will never be able to overcome. Are you willing to see this happen? Of course not. THEN—when the folks come to you this week for a pledge to save the situation, will you make the largest pledge you can? We can borrow the money if we raise $800.00 per month. We can, WE MUST. Do not fail the church in this crucial hour. The Church, the Town, the Lord, is waiting to see. What will your answer be?

FINANCE COMMITTEE,
First Christian Church

News Stand Racket

NOTHING shocks New York very much, but it was a little disturbed when it found that one wounded war veteran had paid $7,000 for a news stand location and then had lost it when he was commanded to pay $2,000 more. Many dealers in newspapers have poor eyes, and are compelled to select some such line of work for that reason, but a little thing like robbing a blind man or an ex-soldier would never get on the nerves of a Tammany politician; it would all be counted as part of the day's work.

Blessing the Hounds in Kentucky

THE Chicago *Tribune* contains a picture showing the Right Reverend H. P. Almon Abbott, Episcopal bishop of Lexington, blessing the hounds at the opening of the hunting season. We remember reading where Christ blessed little children, but don't seem to remember any place where He blessed a pack of dogs about to run down and tear to pieces a frightened little fox.

What Is Wrong with the Devil?

WHAT is wrong with the Devil these days? He does not seem to be able to get anywhere with anything he undertakes. Take, for instance, the religious crowd. They have always been willing to do anything he wanted them to do, and yet when he asks 200 of them, who are met together to discuss "religious education", to please tell him what religious education is, there is not a man in the crowd who can give the answer. See this item in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* for May 3.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Just what is religious education?

Even the most prominent religious educators in the country, in Cincinnati to discuss what's wrong with it, can't agree on what it is.

Several demands—and they were demands!—for a definition were made at last night's conference session of the Religious Education Association at the University of Cincinnati.

One delegate said it would be impossible—that no six delegates present could agree on a definition.

Another offered a more material suggestion. He said that inasmuch as some of the most prominent religious educators in the nation were present, three of them should get together and draft a definition overnight, this to be chalked on a blackboard this morning for the delegates to accept or reject.

He made it in the form of a motion "to get action", but the chairman ruled it out.

And there the matter stands—with 200 religious educators meeting to solve the pressing problems of religious education and yet, by their own admission, not knowing what religious education is.

Flight of 400 Planes in Turkey

TURKEY has recently been celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Turkish Republic. One of the features was a flight by 400 Turkish planes at one time, and it makes one pause for breath when he thinks of the possibilities that are wrapped up in such a demonstration.

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

(Abstract of a reprint of an address delivered by Company Sergeant Major Franklin, M.C., to the Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps on July 19, 1918, and now being broadcast over the British Isles)

"IT WAS a good thing to show Tommy how to kill a 'boche' and to get that delightful feeling of putting him out with a bayonet—to feel that he had finished off one of those dirty creatures that we call Germans. . . . You've got to get down and hook them out with a bayonet; you will enjoy that, I can assure you. [Laughter] Don't think, as Rev. Meyer says, 'two blacks don't make a white.' Get sympathy out of your head. We go out to kill. We don't care how, so long as they are killed. . . . And I say to you, if you see a wounded German, shove him out and have no nonsense about it. . . . Kill them, every mother's son of them. Remember that your job is to kill them—that is the only way—exterminate the vile creatures. . . . When a German says 'Kamarad', you know that he wants to be put out of his agony. [Laughter]

"I remember a corporal saying to me, pointing to some German prisoners close by, 'Can I do these blokes in, sir?' I said, 'Please yourself.' He did. When the corporal came back he said, 'I felt something that I have never felt before . . . and I have been in Dartmoor (prison) too. [Laughter] I felt what it is like to kill; but it's damned hard to get it out. God! He had a belly like iron!' [Laughter]

"Now a closing word. Don't be afraid to die. Go forward, chance your luck; you will come out in the end. Keep your mind employed and you won't think of what might happen."

Talmudic Cure for Nosebleed

THE Talmud comprises the teachings of the Jewish doctors of the law, their explanations and applications of the Scriptures and Jewish traditions. The following gem from the Talmud gives one an idea of what must be the condition of mind of one who reverences its teachings:

"For the bleeding of the nose, let a man be brought who is a priest, and whose name is Levi, and let him write the word Levi backwards. If this cannot be done, get a layman, and let him write the following words backwards: *'Ana pipi shila bar Sumki';* or let him write these words: *'Taam dili bemi Keseph, taam li bemi paggan.'* Or let him take a root of grass, and the cord of an old bed, and paper and saffron and the red part of the inside of a palm tree, and let him burn them together."

Moscow's Anti-Religious Museum

SAYS Dr. B. A. Jenkins: "Everybody visits the anti-religious museum in Moscow. It really represents an attack upon the Orthodox Russian church and its abuses, hypocrisies and self-interest. It sets out in great display the money-boxes and the system of wringing kopecks from the hard hands of peasants. It exposes fraud in the sacred relics.

"It has little theatrical figures to represent a woman in the confessional, and then a priest hurrying in to tell the secrets to the bull-necked military commandant, who represented czarist oppression. It uses every means to make clear the connection of the established church and the autocracy.

"There is a figure of a monk bending under a heavy load of faggots at the monastery gate, while a woman's face, poorly hidden, peeps from among the sticks. Shamelessness of the clergy is played up. Rasputin's photographs and the late czarina's are much in evidence. The fear of judgment is depicted in the faces of the crowd in a huge painting; and the priests are depicted receiving heavy bribes to save the people from the flames. Indeed, after seeing so many miserable little villages of logs, mud and straw, overtopped by gorgeous and expensive stone churches with golden or deep-blue domes that had risen out of the penury of these poor peasants, one could not much wonder at the hostility of the Soviets to the institutional religion."

Seventeen Happy Churches

SOME will be surprised to know that, in these strenuous times, there are so many as seventeen happy churches; but there are that many at Waterbury, Conn. On an evening recently they met for an interchurch dance at the YMCA. Concerning their plans for the dance the Waterbury *American* said:

The theme of the dance and the basis for the decorative scheme is "Dante's Inferno". The committee has planned a unique method of decorating. The center of the hall will contain a huge pile of field stone with unusual lighting effects and electric fans blowing streamers to represent flames. The entire hall will be decorated in red. Di Pietro's orchestra will be in a flame-color pit wearing red cowls. As a part of the entertainment one of the dancers in a red devil's suit will mount Satan's throne to be shot and carried away. A huge coffin draped in black will be then brought in bearing the remains. William McGraw, in a skeleton costume, will then do an eccentric dance.

Gruesome Exhibits in the Capucine Church

IN THE Capucine church, which is a part of the imperial palace at Vienna, is a collection of church relics said to be the most magnificent in the world. Parts of the exhibit, so it is said, are teeth of Saints Peter, Elizabeth, Joseph and Christopher. Sometime, when conditions permit, it will be proper, if not expedient, to inquire as to the circumstances of how these people came to lose their teeth. If it can be proved that one of the saints pasted Chris so hard that some of his teeth dropped out, and a bystander picked them up to strengthen our present weak faith, then the names of all the actors should be sent in and we will publish the full story in *The Golden Age*. About Elizabeth, we feel that there must be some mistake. Nobody who was anybody would hit a lady hard enough to dislocate any of her teeth, and it would not seem just ethical to pull them after she was dead. The story has its difficulties, no matter how one looks at it. Perhaps the slant to it that would be the least strain on our faith is that some dentist gave a handful of these to the priest who made up the exhibit, and he just attached the names of the saints to them because he thought the idea would go over better. That is probably it.

Summit Receives Free Advertisement

SUMMIT, New Jersey, received wide publicity last summer for the warrants, signed by Patrick J. Kelly, in which the names of Judge Rutherford and the Watch Tower were printed as part of the form to be filled out for haling men and women to prison. The men and women to be imprisoned were Jehovah's witnesses; their offense, preaching the gospel. Now Summit has another advertisement. The Cleveland *Plain Dealer* has a two-column story about a kindergarten for blind children, the matron of which may have attended the same church as Mr. Kelly. It developed at the inquiry that she had doused blind children with cold water, taped their hands, threatened to cut off their hands, bound children's mouths with adhesive tape, made a child lick a cake of soap, and encouraged a grown man to frighten the children by entering through a window and pretending to cut a blind child's throat by drawing a dull-edged knife across it. It is hard to exaggerate how useful such a woman would be in purgatory, where she could have full opportunity to manifest her training to the full.

Rutherford Books Awarded French Diplomas

HOW diametrically opposite is the recent decision of French literary judges to the un-American efforts of certain powerful selfish interests, commercial and religious, in this country to get and keep Judge Rutherford off the radio!

September and December, 1933, witnessed two expositions in Paris. As these were organized and held for the public welfare, *La Tour de Garde* (the branch of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society in Paris) displayed the books written by Judge Rutherford and which have been translated into French. At both expositions these books were awarded diplomas of merit, the basis of judgment here being, not the binding and other features of workmanship, admittedly excellent, but the literary contents. These awards express the liberal-mindedness and lack of religious prejudice, and an eye open to true worth and helpfulness, on the part of the judges, even though the expositions were "placed under important and high political patronage".

In connection therewith *La Tour de Garde* was favored with a letter from the central office for expositions, at Paris. A translation thereof from the French, as furnished us, together with small facsimiles of the diplomas, is reproduced below:

Translation:

ART-COMMERCE-INDUSTRY-GASTRONOMY-HYGIENE

Expositions organized for the welfare and with the help of social works of charity placed under important and high political patronage.

General Secretary:
Emile Jalaguier
4, Boulevard Saint Martin
Paris X. Tél. Botzaris 25, 63

CENTRAL OFFICE FOR EXPOSITIONS

PARIS, January 20, 1934.

"LA TOUR de GARDE"
129 Fbg Poissonniere
PARIS

To the Director:

SIR:

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your few lines of December 30 last year, which were addressed to our colaborer, Mr. Louis Criblet, who transmitted your message to us in due time.

Today we have the pleasure of answering it.

The Diplomas, which had been appointed to you at the occasion of the expositions in September and December 1933, had been delivered as a recompense for the moral value of your work and the indisputable honesty shining forth out of your library.

With pleasure I remember here a conversation



Translation:

EXPOSITION
OF COMFORT AT HOME
Organized with the cooperation of the Colony for Holidays in Chaillot, Dauphiné

DIPLOMA
of the
GOLDEN MEDAL
awarded to the
WATCH TOWER
Religious Literature

PARIS, SEPTEMBER 1933

Translation

EXPOSITION
OF DOMESTIC ECONOMY

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DIPLOMA
of Honor with Cross
awarded to the Watch Tower
Religious Books and Journals

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PARIS, DECEMBER 1933



which took place during our last manifestation with regard to the propaganda in which you are actively engaged for the good in general—when one of our principal colaborers expressed himself as follows:

The literature of the Tour de Garde is a symbol of honesty, loyalty and courage.

I profit of this opportunity to address to you my personal felicitation assuring you of my devoted feelings.

CENTRAL OFFICE FOR
EXPOSITIONS
General Secretary:
(Signature) E. JALAGUIER

Comment by the French "Golden Age"

Referring to the above, *L'Age d'Or* (French edition of *The Golden Age*) says in its issue of February 1, 1934: "On the occasion of an 'Exposition of Comfort at Home', organized under the patronage of the president of the Municipal Council of Paris, the president of the General Council of Department Seine, and the president of the Chamber of Commerce in Paris, the members of the jury, delighted with the magnificent presentation of our books and *L'Age d'Or* [*The Golden Age*], amazed by the rich contents thereof and the importance of this purely philanthropic work, have awarded the Society the great 'Golden Medal'."

We are informed that the badge cross as illustrated on the diploma is the highest award for literature. In going from house to house and exhibiting to the people the above books of Judge Rutherford, the witnesses of Jehovah throughout France find it a splendid recommendation of these valuable Bible helps to show the people the small facsimiles of the above diplomas. It offsets the religious prejudice stirred up by the clergy who warn the people to burn Judge Rutherford's books and not to listen to him on the radio and who have caused many public book-burnings.

Judge Rutherford's Addresses Appreciated

CENTERVILLE, Md. "The addresses by Judge Rutherford are very wonderful and to the point on the truths of God's Word. They should indeed help multitudes of those who believe and those who have never understood, or those who know not God as yet. How powerful is the radio as a missionary to the many thousands who are isolated, or who do not care to have the message as preached in church!"

Some Recipes

(Referred to a Good Cook, and Approved)

CRACKED WHEAT CEREAL

1 cup cracked wheat
3¼ cups boiling water
Salt to taste.

Cook twenty minutes over an open flame.

CRACKED WHEAT PUDDING

Cook cracked wheat by cereal recipe (as above), using milk or water. To save time mix the following ingredients while hot. Bake in moderate oven 20 minutes.

2 egg yolks thoroughly mixed with ¾ cup of cream or milk
1 cup sugar (brown or white)
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon vanilla or ½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cinnamon

HOMEMADE BAKING POWDER

1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
Sift two or three times.

WHOLE-WHEAT CAKE

2 eggs
1 cup sugar
½ cup shortening
1 cup milk
3 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice
2 cups whole-wheat flour or 1½ cups whole-wheat and ½ cup white flour

Cream sugar and shortening, add eggs, which have been separated, and beat stiff; then add milk and dry ingredients.

Sift your dry ingredients together two or three times before adding to milk. The more you cream cake, the finer it will be; the smoother the batter will be. This makes a small cake of two layers; if a larger cake is wanted, double the recipe.

A Breadless Sandwich

A NOURISHING and appetizing sandwich may be made without bread. Simply slice cabbage crosswise and spread the slices with butter and peanut butter.

Medical "Science"

SAYS Dr. W. G. Wright, D.C., of Michigan: "The following two items may prove very interesting to those readers of *The Golden Age* who are not under the dominance of the allopathic cult. The first one was related to me by a chiropractor who has studied medicine for six years and subsequently studied chiropractic. He told me that while he was serving in the American army the doctors inoculated a company of 250 men with an anti-meningitis serum. Within two weeks 235 of the 250 were dead. He said that he was an eyewitness of this tragedy, and, since I have always found him to be a man of unquestioned veracity, I see no reason to doubt his story.

"I read the other article in *Clinical Medicine and Surgery* and it concerns the orthodox treatment of pneumonia which consists of the administration of digitalis to bolster up the heart when the disease reaches the crisis. A New York physician who was in charge of the pneumonia ward in a large hospital decided to try nursing and hygienic treatment in half of his cases, and gave the other half the regular treatment including the administration of digitalis. Of those who received digitalis 40 percent died, while of those who received only careful nursing 30 percent died. This would seem to indicate that the allopath's efficiency in pneumonia is minus 10 percent."

Red Pepper Virtues

SAYS Joseph Greig, pioneer: "As a knock-out for malaria and typhoid, the virtue of the red pepper, both in the sauce and in the raw form, is not well known as yet; hence this word of commendation at a time when the rainy spells are gendering these germs of stagnation.

"Quinine has been the one remedy exalted by the medics when confronted with these foes of good health. But, like its twin sister aspirin, it has an after-effect not wholesome for the system. Hence the wisdom of the pepperist, as witnessed for centuries in the sunny South, where these malarial poisons get into the pores through the very atmosphere.

"Mark, therefore, how the wise southerner shoots his enemy with the chili and hot tamale ammunition, until he makes the system respond to pep through the mangoes and biting ingredients of nature's 'tastifiers'; for there are times

when everything fails to bring quick action and one despairs of help.

"At such times, by casting around for a benefactor, one will find in nature's wondrous laboratory a just-right preparation which, when linked eclectically with other proven 'healthifiers', works the change which restores normality. Evidently no one set of doctors has a patent on perfect life; otherwise the Great Physician would be out of a job for His scheduled reign of a thousand years.

"Moreover, life comes through food and its proper assimilation. Wise, then, is he who eats the right thing for his present need, and likewise respects the words of Paul: 'Let no man judge you in meat or in drink, etc.'; for no two systems require exactly the same ration. Hurrah for the red pepper!"

Food Chart

[Sent in by James Pearl (Ohio)]

STARCHES		DO NOT COMBINE	PROTEINS	
Cereals	Macaroni		All game	Eggs
Rice	White flour		All meats	Cheese
Potatoes	Cornstarch		Fish	Mushrooms
Bread	Bananas		Clams	Nuts
Pastries	Beans (dry)		Crabs	Brains
Pumpkin	Peas (dry)		Oysters	
Combine with SUGARS			Combine with FRUITS	
All sweets	Raisins		All berries	Lemons
Preserves	Sugar		Apples	Limes
Honey	Figs		Apricots	Oranges
Molasses	Dates		Cherries	Peaches
Maple sugar			Currants	Pears
			Grapes	Pineapple
			Grapefruit	Tomatoes

Combine with VEGETABLES

(Non-starchy) (Alkaline forming)

Artichokes	Cauliflower	Green peas	Peppers
Asparagus	Celery	Kale	Radishes
Beans (fresh green)	Corn (sweet, first day picked)	Leeks	Spinach
Beets	Cucumbers	Lettuce	String beans
Beet tops	Dandelion	Olives	Summer squash
Brussels sprouts	Endive	Onions	Turnips
Cabbage	Garlic	Oyster plant	Water cress
Carrots		Parsley	
		Parsnips	

Combine with FATS

Fat bacon	Cod liver oil	Egg yolk	Olive oil
Butter	Cream	Lard	Peanut oil

Take milk with fresh fruits and vegetables only. Take vegetable salad with either starch or protein meal.

Take fruit salad only with a protein meal.

How Fruit Is Grown in Germany

SAYS John M. Spielmann, of Michigan: "Have read all arguments about spraying apples, in *The Golden Age,* and will here express my standpoint of thinking. I came to this country from Germany, from Underfranken, which is known as the greatest fruit section in Germany. To my knowledge there has never been any spraying done on apples or other fruits except grapes, and they have been sprayed with bluestone, sulphur and fresh-made lime. I have been an overseer on a large farm, Neuhof by Wertheim a/m, which did belong to Furst von Lowenstein, Wertheim and Freudenberg, which is claimed to have 99 large farms, and we never did any spraying on fruits, due to the better care of trees and of the land. We never were bothered with bugs or germs, and always had good crops. I absolutely believe that spraying of apples or other fruits or vegetables with poison is very injurious to human health.

"To grow fruits without spraying them, try this: Every year, in the fall, when the leaves begin to fall, scrape off the loose bark, whitewash your tree with fresh-made lime from limestone. It must be fresh-made from limestone or it has no strength. Then cut a parchment paper a foot wide, and tie this paper around the tree below the limbs with two strings and paint this paper with moist tar and black wagon-grease. You have to heat this and stir it well. Repeat this every year in the spring and fall. Plow your ground two times a year, at least, and dig the ground up deep under the trees. In the fall, after the leaves fall, when you dig the ground, give them horse or cow dung, in the rainy season; and in the springtime, in the rainy season, give them stable or toilet water, and you have done your share.

Running Fits in Dogs

SAYS Jessie Ruch, of Missouri: "Having read the article on 'Running Fits in Dogs' by W. C. Harman, M.D. (Va.), in September issue, I would like to tell of an experience we had in this connection while on a farm a few years ago.

"We had four young dogs. My husband learned that he could get stale baker's bread, white predominating, at one cent per pound, and did so, thinking to economize in food for swine and chickens and for these dogs. We were told that, soaked in milk, it was splendid food for them.

"As anyone would have done, I threw out to each dog a half loaf of bread; and soon they began to have these running fits, exactly as described in Dr. Harman's piece. I told my husband I thought the fits were caused by the bread; but he thought not, because, so he thought, the dogs could vary their diet by obtaining some flesh food, even from farm animals left unburied in the neighborhood.

"After a time there was a three- or four-day let-up in receipt of the stale bread, and we noticed that the dogs had no fits meantime. When we had used 350 pounds of this stale bread we could get no more, and the dogs have had no running fits since.

"While we were feeding the stale bread to our farm animals one half of the pigs in broods dropped their tails, losing them close up to their bodies. I am satisfied now that the real cause of their losing their tails was their feeding on this imperfect food."

A Chat with the Figure-Minded

SAYS P. L. Hanson, accountant (Conn.): "I submit the following for the benefit of those of your readers who are figure-minded:

Addition

1584 Sum of digits, 1+5+8+4=18; reduced, 1+8=9
1432 Sum of digits, 1+4+3+2=10; reduced, 1+0=1

3016 Sum of digits, 3+0+1+6=10 (a) Total (b) 10
Reducing (a), 1+0=1 Reducing (b), 1+0=1

"It will be observed that the sum (reduced) of the digits in the answer is equal to the combined sum (reduced) of the digits of the numbers in the problem. This is true of any two or more numbers added or multiplied or any two numbers subtracted, and is an excellent means of proving the correctness of this kind of work.

Multiplication

1584	Total of digits =18; adding, 1+8=9
1432	Total of digits =10; adding, 1+0=1
3168	These results multiplied, 9×1=9
4752	
6336	
1584	
2268288	Total of digits =36; adding 3+6=9

Subtraction

1584	Total of digits =18; adding, 8+1=9)	Sub-
1432	Total of digits =10; adding, 1+0=1)	tracted
152	= 8	9—1=8

"In the multiplication of two similar numbers ending in the digit 5, speed and accuracy may be obtained by using the following formula:

"Example: 35×35. Take the left-hand digit 3 and multiply it by itself plus 1; thus 3×4=12. Now place 25 to the right of this product and you have the correct result, which is 1225. This formula holds good in any case, large or small, but is particularly adapted to figures under 100. An example of the multiplication of numbers over 100 follows:

125×125=15625

12×13=156. Placing 25 to the right of 156=15625."

Inflammation of the Gall Bladder

THERE is probably no class of persons that suffer so much from inflammation of the gall bladder as the clergy. They do not know that they have this complaint, and that makes it all the more pathetic. It comes, in their case, through having too much to eat, and nothing to do.

The way it manifests itself is illustrated in a letter which the Great Falls ministerial association mailed to the chamber of commerce of that city. The chamber was in the midst of a campaign to improve the quality and quantity of the state's egg production, when it received from the ministerial association a motion, adopted by the ministers and signed by the secretary, which reads as follows:

"That the chamber of commerce be asked to communicate with all farmers' organizations concerned requesting that all eggs laid on Sundays be turned over to the association," meaning themselves. Only a bunch of preachers could ever have shown the unmitigated gall necessary to make such a proposition; and as it is manifest that no healthy gall bladder could have produced such a demonstration, the inflammation of that organ in every member of the ministerial association is self-evident.

But if the ministers would only lay off from their weakness for fried chicken, roast chicken, chicken a la King, chicken croquettes, chicken fricassee and chickens and dumplings long enough to give the chickens a chance it is possible that some way could be found to gratify even this monumental piece of avarice and stupidity. But they cannot have the chickens and the eggs both; that much is certain. They would next be asking for all the milk the cows give on Sundays.

Anonymous Essay on the Cow

"THE cow is a female quadruped with an alto voice and a countenance in which there is no guile. She collaborates with the pump in the production of a liquid called milk, provides the filler for hash, and at last is skinned by those she has benefited, as mortals commonly are. The young cow is called a calf, and is used in the manufacture of chicken salad. The cow's tail is mounted aft and has a universal joint. It is used to disturb marauding flies, and the tassel on the end has unique educational value. Persons who milk cows and come often in contact with the tassel have vocabularies of peculiar and impressive force.

"The cow has two stomachs. The one on the ground floor is used as a warehouse and has no other function. When this one is filled, the cow retires to a quiet place, where her ill manners will occasion no comment, and devotes herself to belching. The raw material thus conveyed for the second time to the interior of her face is pulverized and delivered to the auxiliary stomach, where it is converted into cow. The cow has no upper plate. All of her teeth are parked in the lower part of her face. This arrangement was perfected by an efficiency expert, to keep her from gumming things up. As a result she bites up and gums down.

"The male cow is called a bull and is lassoed along the Colorado, fought south of the Rio Grande, and shot in the vicinity of the Potomac.

"A slice of cow is worth 8 cents in the cow, 14 cents in the hands of packers, and $2.40 in a restaurant that specializes in atmosphere."

Less and Less

THEODORE H. LEON, of Missouri, said in the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch:*

President	Headless	Marriage	Loveless
Cabinet	Reckless	Divorces	Numberless
Congress	Aimless	Married couples	Childless
War debts	Worthless	Men	Beardless
Prohibition	Senseless	Women	Careless
Taxes	Endless	Children	Heedless
Humanity	Faithless	Old maids	Restless
People	Breadless	Young girls	Shameless
Laborers	Workless	Art	Formless
Unemployed	Helpless	Literature	Moralless
Business men	Heartless	Talkies	Artless
Bankers	Pitiless	Present	Comfortless
Honest men	Penniless	Future	Hopeless
Old men	Homeless	Remedies	Useless
Hate and envy	Boundless	I am	Speechless
Love	Meaningless		

Zaccheus II and Zaccheus III Stayed Up

SAYS L. H. Middlekaupf: "According to the Bible account the first Zaccheus was told, 'Zaccheus, come down.' He did so and received the message of the Kingdom first-hand, from the Lord himself. I recently had dealings with Zaccheus II and Zaccheus III. They did not come down; they stayed up, but they got the message of the Kingdom just the same. Here is the story:

"I spent the week of September 13 at Williamsport, Md., meeting and working with the little company at Hagerstown, working most of the time on Virginia avenue, which connects the two towns. On this highway is a gas station, eating place and miniature golf course combined, called 'The Always' (24-hour service). I ended my work at this point, exhausting my supply of booklets.

"The proprietor, to increase his business, engaged two young men to perform the pole-sitting stunt. The poles were about twenty feet in height, topped by easy chairs, covered by a canopy to protect the sitters from the elements. At the time of my call they had broken the world's record, having been up 55 days. After serving two autos with the *Kingdom* booklet one of the young men called down to know what kind of book I had. I asked him if he wished to inspect it. He said he did; so I attached one to his rope and he pulled it up. After looking it over he told me to get the 5c from the cashier. Then a young girl from one of the autos said, 'Give Dan one, too.' Dan was on the other pole; so I gave her one to loop on Dan's rope. The man in the second auto handed me ten cents on behalf of the two modern Zaccheuses (sometimes spelled Jacchauses) and I went away happy."

The Shepherds in Hard Luck

A FRIEND has sent us a circular letter to his flock put out by the pastor of a church in the state of Washington. After explaining that the church has a debt of $16,000, which means an interest charge of $80 per month, and that the total collections have been only in the neighborhood of $100 a month, the pastor says feelingly:

To tell the truth, I am really discouraged, and I must say disgusted, at the cooperation which I have received in Raymond since my arrival. As you are well aware, I did not contract this debt, and I have labored diligently to take care of it; but in all my labors, I have had very little help or encouragement. If I call a meeting of the men of the parish to talk things over, two or three come; if I call a meeting of the ladies it is very little better. If I announce a choir practice or an altar society meeting, the same thing happens; and if I ask the people to wait after mass on Sunday there is a quick EXODUS immediately that mass is over. Lately the spirit seems to have taken possession of the altar boys, for even THEY argue and strive amongst themselves not to serve mass. This has led me to believe that the majority of the people do not want a church in Raymond. Perhaps you feel different; if you do, I would like to hear from you in the near future. I enclose a statement of what you gave in the collections from January 1 to September 30, 1931.

Who Was It Had the Bible?

MRS. CHARLES N. FROST, of Illinois, says: "Last summer a worker called on the people of this town, and a few days after she was here one old lady told me that the minister had called on her and had told her that *those people* did not have a Bible. They just had *those books*. Last week I had a chance to talk with the minister myself. He does not believe in the prehuman existence of Christ. He said that in Genesis 1:29 and 3:22 God was speaking with the other gods, and that no one could prove that there was only one God. He also said that it would be just as sensible to think I myself dwelt somewhere in spirit before my birth. He thought I was rather strong on John, and when I spoke of other scriptures he said, 'Well, those are mostly all taken from Paul.' He stated further that the Bible was not known of for hundreds of years, so how could one prove it was all true or whence it originated. I tried to talk to him and prove the Bible is true, that there is but one God and that Christ was with Him as the first creation; but he hushed me up and told me I was welcome to think and believe as I chose, and he would think and believe as he chose. He was very lofty. His name is Cecil Frasier, and he is a young man, just ordained this summer. He is a Mason, appears very sanctimonious, is well liked, and has a Bible from which he preaches every Sunday and thus makes his living, and tells that *those people* do not have the Bible, but only their books. I offered to lend him my books, but he ignored the offer."

Things to Be Abolished

SAYS Frank Van Cawenbergh, of Illinois: "I am an old man (77 years of age), sick and poor, and have been meditating on the Kingdom conditions, sighing and crying for all the abominations that are part and parcel of our evil time. I submit a partial list of things which I believe will be abolished by the kingdom of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and believe it might be a source of encouragement to some situated as I am if it were published. The list does not claim to be complete:

"Armies, arsenals, assassins, banks, blasphemy, bombing planes, boards of trade, bribers, bribe-takers, capitalists, chambers of commerce, coffin-makers, congress, cowardice, crime, crop failures, dance halls, death, debauchery, debts, degeneration, devil, dishonesty, divorce court, disasters, doctors, drug stores, drunkenness, earthquakes, emperors, evictions, evil spirits, evolutionists, famine, fear, financiers, food adulteration, frontiers, gambling dens, generals, governors, grafters, gun factories, hags, hatred, hospitals, hunger, hypocrites, idiots, idleness, idolatry, ignorance, immorality, incompetence, insanity, injurious insects, interest, jazz, kings, lawyers, liars, ministers, monks, moonshine, morgues, morons, mortgages, mourning, narcotics, navies, nervousness, newspapers, nuns, old age, orphans, overwork, perplexity, pestilence, poison gas, police, politicians, poor farms, popes, pride, priests, prisons, profiteers, prostitutes, ravenous beasts, reptiles, revolution, ruffians, sickness, sighing, slavery, slums, soldiers, sporting houses, stool pigeons, storms, thieves, tramps, trusts, superstition, undertakers, vaccination, war, weeping and worry."

A Test of the Transubstantiation Theory

SAYS L. E. McNair, of Missouri: "In the year 1886 husband and I were engaged in Salvation Army work. Two altar boys, 'wicked,' and doubtful regarding the ceremonies of their church, played a practical joke which nearly cost the life of the priest, and lost them their liberty.

"They put rat poison into the communion wine. They wanted to test the transubstantiation matter for themselves. If those holy words had ACTUALLY changed the *wine,* of course the rat poison would also be changed with it.

"A large number of confessions and subsequent absolutions were gone through with the next day, which was Saturday.

"As usual, the priest, overcome by the weight of sins, and the amount of wine he had partaken of, as the communicant gets only the wafer, was helped (they said 'dragged') from the confessional, and was very sick; so sick that a physician was hastily summoned, a stomach pump used successfully, and his life saved. The altar boys, watching for results, were scared nearly to death. They told their parents, and they were severely punished, and hastily taken from their home to some institution miles away. This occurred in Brattleboro, Vt."

Plundering the Producers

A SUBSCRIBER in Connecticut says: "In my old home town there was a store that sold, let us say, jewelry, books, stationery, etc. The owner kept a nice large stock, fresh and well chosen; but realizing that he had a clear monopoly he held his prices always at the very top-notch or a little beyond, so that most people simply could not buy, and 'got along' without. His customers became so few and far between that he felt he *must* jack up his prices still higher in order to live. This cut his customers still more, and then some one proposed the conundrum, 'Why is Mr. ———'s store like home, sweet home?' The answer was, 'Because it is the dearest place on earth.'

"Bad became worse, and finally a rival store arose and the old monopolistic place became only an unpleasant memory.

"I am very hard of hearing; compelled to use a so-called 'deaf-phone', and my appliance cost, I believe, about $65. Now that sum of money is almost or quite out of the question for most deaf people in ordinary times: quite unthinkable during the present unemployment. I now need a much stronger instrument badly; but can I afford it? Not to any noticeable degree; I can't!

"Yet that $65 (or higher) cost must lie principally in *selling cost* and *profit,* for I had mine apart a couple of weeks ago, for cleaning and to repair a broken switch-spring, and I made up my mind then that I would be glad to have a chance to make up a million of them for $10 apiece and would expect to clear up $1,000,000 on the job.

"It seems to me that people who run their affairs like the man who had 'the dearest place on earth' certainly 'deserve their come-up-in's' and are pretty sure in the end to 'git 'em', and I say, Peace to their ashes."

Saluting the Dead

SAYS R. Oliver, of Ireland: "Through the pages of *The Golden Age* we have been getting our eyes opened to the fact that we have been unwittingly rendering homage to the Devil himself by observing certain dates, customs, and ceremonies.

"We who wish to be entirely on the side of Jehovah desire to get rid of everything that savors of the enemy, and so we rejoice when these things are brought to our notice so we may more and more divest ourselves of everything that dishonors the name of Jehovah God. From this standpoint, I have often wondered if we were not paying homage to the enemy by rendering salutations to corpses, by doffing our hats or caps to the same, as the Scriptures declare that death is our enemy and is also the work of 'the enemy'. May we not, then, although unwillingly so, be rendering homage to the enemy?

"Of course, it may be said that salutations are a mark of respect to the relatives of the deceased; but I think the best respects we could pay to them would be to give them the message of the Kingdom, with its glorious hope for their dead friends, which would be more beneficial than saluting clay."

Why Not Tax Church Property?

ERNEST L. SEDERBERG, of Minnesota, starts something interesting when he says: "In this day, with so much talk of tax in order to help balance the budget of our government, I do not see why our representatives in Congress do not consider laying a small tax upon all church property in our country. The churches are a business institution, pure and simple, controlled by a very small minority of our citizens, with very little benefit to those closely associated with it; with no benefit whatsoever to the vast majority outside its respective portals.

"The church buildings, as a rule, occupy the most valuable and sightly corners, the very best locations in all our cities and villages throughout our country, so that it is only just to assume that the real estate is of more value than the church buildings or edifices. Undoubtedly there is fifteen billions of actual wealth which to this day is not touched by a tax. For instance, a nominal rate of three mills levied upon this business institution would yield four hundred fifty millions of dollars yearly."

Funereal Calisthenics

RUSSELL PARKER, of Texas, says: "Sometime in the month of November a baby boy was born to a Mr. and Mrs. Wilder. When the baby was two days old the Sunday school teacher came out and enrolled him in her Sunday school class. Seems that he will likely be a candidate for membership in the church, and thus increase the membership of the church. Here is another instance: In Abilene, Tex., a certain Baptist church was about to 'die down'; so the pastor decided to bury the church and resurrect it. He ordered out a casket, had pallbearers and flowers, and preached the funeral service of the church. Some of the members didn't understand what it was all about, and were crying and trying to find out who was dead. So the church died, and now the pastor says he is resurrecting it!"

The Saints of the Federal Council

J. H. COYLE, of Ohio, says: "In *The Golden Age* No. 300 appears an interesting article entitled 'Federal Council Associates'. One is always interested in this great organization because this combination, known as the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, has done about all it could to make the world safe for democracy, unemployment, starvation, high prices, etc., by cheerfully approving the late war, claiming that the same was from God.

"Most of us had always thought that the Roman Catholic church had a monopoly, by virtue of ancient tradition, on the classification and grading and making of 'saints'; but it seems not. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America see the error, the futility, of honoring or bestowing titles on dead churchmen as in the old days, and are certainly up to date in lavishly strewing with unstinted hand these saintly titles upon the living for only a few dollars, the price rising according to and in proportion to the size, name and importance of the title bestowed.

"It was a gigantic blunder to bestow honor, emoluments and glories on dead saints of the remote past; and certainly it is a sign of churchly advancement and financial progress for eminent clergymen to follow the drift of modern times and big business by taxing the aspiring, ambitious living only, evidently on the principle that 'a living dog is better than a dead lion'. How the world does change!"

The Nobleman's Return

JEHOVAH'S nobleman is Christ Jesus. A nobleman is an official kingdom representative; and Christ Jesus is the Head of Jehovah's government. The time and purpose of the return of His Nobleman are clearly marked out in the Scriptures. While the fact that Christ Jesus as Jehovah's Representative is now present is vastly more important than the time of His arrival, yet the Scriptures disclose in no uncertain terms, and which we may now understand, just when He did return. It is always pleasing to Jehovah that His people search the Scriptures to ascertain those truths due to be understood in their season.

When Jesus was on earth He spoke several parables relative to His return and the work to be done at that time. He also gave His disciples certain prophecies concerning the end of the world and the harvest, the fulfilment of which now forms a basis on which we might know the time of His coming and the work to be done. The truth is much like a quarryman digging into the mountainside in search of a stone answering to certain dimensions and consistency. Many days may be spent, and much labor. Here is marble that is very beautiful, but it does not have the required size; there is a white mass that has the required proportions, but the color is unsatisfactory and the consistency is not uniform. At last he hits upon a stone! What joy! It answers all of the requirements. His labors of many days have been rewarded. Just so, in the Lord's due time He reveals to His people the truth concerning certain questions; and they know when they find it, because it answers the many requirements of the Scriptures. This gives to the Lord's people confidence in Jehovah's dealing with them, strength for their faith, and they go on rejoicing in the great work set before them.

Nobleman Receives Kingdom

Among the many parables which Jesus spoke concerning the Kingdom one is given in Luke the nineteenth chapter, and this supplies a clue as to the time of His return. "He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading." It will be noted that the nobleman went away for the very purpose "to receive for himself a kingdom". It logically follows that he did not return until after he had received the royal sovereignty. This is a point in harmony with other scriptures and with the facts as we now know them. According to the *Diaglott* we find, "And it occurred, that at his return, having received the royalty." Christ Jesus was the appointed One of Jehovah, but His return must await His receiving the royalty which assured Him of the highest station in the Kingdom and the privilege of acting with authority as the Father's executive. The *Rotherham* translation has it in this manner: "And it came to pass when he returned, having received the kingdom." The *Weymouth* translation is uniform with the rest, and is specific in showing that He returned after receiving the regal power: "And upon his return, after he had obtained the sovereignty." The German *Elberfeld* translation is similar in thought: "And it happened, as he returned, after he had received the kingdom." The conclusion must necessarily follow, and is supported by numerous scriptures, that the return of the Nobleman could not be before 1914, at which time the Kingdom began.

Before beginning aggressive operations in the earth and ousting the enemy, Jesus had to await the Father's due time. Satan's rulership over the nations was not disputed before the new kingdom began. The scriptures point out, "The Lord [Jehovah] said unto my Lord [Christ Jesus], Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies." (Psalm 110:1, 2) We cannot imagine that Jesus was at any time not active in some service of His Father, but the major activities of the Kingdom must await the time of Jehovah. Now that time has arrived. Satan has been cast out of heaven down to the earth, and Christ Jesus, the Nobleman, is ruling in the midst of His enemies. This shows that He begins His reign while the enemies are still active, seek to disrupt the new work and to destroy the remnant upon the earth who are giving faithful testimony to the name of Jehovah

and His incoming kingdom. The vindication work for the name and word of Jehovah has begun. Christ Jesus, as the returned "nobleman", is directing servants according to the parable, and He is now beginning to realize the joy that was formerly set before Him in the vindication of His Father's name. All who have the same spirit of the returned Nobleman with zeal and great joy participate in lauding the name of the great Jehovah. "Jesus . . . , for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."—Hebrews 12:2.

Joy of the Lord

Since the joy of the Lord is important to the Nobleman and also to His servants during His presence (Matthew 25:14-30), we may ask, What is the cause of this gladness of heart? Joy in a measure may be had by faith by believing that certain promises are certain of fulfilment at some future time because the almighty Jehovah will perform them. It is highly important, therefore, to rely upon the promises of Jehovah. Furthermore, joy in fullness is realized when we witness the fulfilment of the promises. Thus some faithful men and women on earth looked forward with eager expectation for the establishment of Jehovah's kingdom. There was a measure of joy as the wise virgins prepared to receive the Bridegroom at the temple in 1918. But there was still greater joy when the faithful realized from fulfilled prophecies that the Nobleman not only had returned but had also established a new nation. (Isaiah 66:10) Furthermore, joy is realized when success and prosperity attend a friend or his cause which is held dear to the heart; and likewise sorrow comes over one when his friend is injured. The disciples were exceedingly sorrowful when Jesus was crucified; but they rejoiced in His resurrection. Not only do we rejoice in the return of the Nobleman now, but all who love the Lord rejoice in the success of the cause which He espouses. Those whose hearts are right toward Jehovah sing with one voice, "O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity." (Psalm 118:25) Those who have been faithful servants of Jehovah and His Nobleman, according to the words of Jesus, have entered into the joy of the Lord. (Matthew 25:21) The conclusion must be that those rejoicing in Jehovah's service now love the Lord and His work, and the Almighty strengthens them to be His witnesses.

The Kingdom parables of Jesus which describe the conditions of the harvest and the work of His followers could not possibly have application prior to 1914. The physical facts in fulfilment of prophecy show that we have reached the end of the age, or world, since 1914; and Jesus said, "The harvest is the end of the world." (Matthew 13:39) Christ Jesus, as the Nobleman and Judge representing Jehovah in the harvest work, would have an active part in that work. The beginning of the harvest marks the appropriate time for Him to be present.

You may have walked on a country road on a summer day and have seen a sign in the far distance as you approached a certain city. On the sign, as you thought at a distance, would appear a statement of the founding of the city, and a brief history. What it was all about was a mere guess. On approaching the sign you read it carefully, but it was different from what you had expected, and you did not at that time realize the things described thereon. It was not until you had gotten into the city that you realized the sight of the beautiful parks, the refreshing waterways, and the busy hives of industry. Just so, a number of people who had faith in the Lord had been walking Kingdom bound, when they came to the time for the Lord to set up His kingdom. It was not until several years later that they realized what the Lord was doing; and we can thank Jehovah that we are still learning, not for the knowledge in itself, but that one might be better equipped to laud and serve the great Jehovah. Many of the things are now seen more clearly; many of the things that we once thought we knew were mere guesses, and we have thrown them overboard. We have now come into the new city of God; we are better acquainted with the great Jehovah, know more about the Nobleman and the privilege of working under Him; we now begin to see things as they are.

Parousia of Nobleman

Prior to 1914 and years thereafter we thought that our Lord's return dated from 1874; and we took it for granted that the *parousia* or presence of our Lord dated from that time. An examination of the scriptures containing the word *parousia* shows that the presence of the Lord could not date prior to 1914. The word *parousia* occurs twenty-four times in the New Testament;

and the first place where it occurs Jesus gave unmistakable evidence as to its application. It is for the thoughtful guidance and the instruction of His people that Jehovah has time and again given us definitions and necessary descriptions of names and important statements where they first appear in His Word, or when such are first given to His servants. Take for example the idea which we have of the word "God", in Genesis 1:1, as the 'Creator of heaven and earth', of "Abraham", in Genesis 17:5, as 'a father of many nations', and of "Jesus", when the angel, announcing His coming birth, many years before any of the New Testament was written, said, "for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) Just so, when the disciples asked Jesus, "What shall be the sign of thy presence [*parousia*], and of the consummation of the age?" (Matthew 24:3) the Master gave unmistakable evidence of its proper application. For some time now many have believed that the things mentioned in the great prophecy of Matthew twenty-four have application since 1914 and not before. It necessarily follows, then, that the presence or *parousia* of Christ, the "nobleman", could not be before 1914.

Conditions During Parousia

In the same great prophecy Jesus said, "For as the days of Noah, thus will be the presence [*parousia*] of the Son of man. For as in those days, those before the deluge, they were eating and drinking, marrying, and pledging in marriage, till the day that Noah entered the ark, and understood not, till the deluge came, and swept them all away; thus will be the presence of the son of man." (Matthew 24:37-39) Not that it is wrong to eat, drink and marry, but Jesus indicated that these things would be among their chief pleasures rather than the love of God and His service. And have not these things obtained especially since the new King has been placed upon His throne? "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, . . . traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."—2 Timothy 3:1-4.

In recent years, by the grace of Jehovah, we have been privileged to learn that those who had fallen asleep in Christ during the age were awakened in the presence of the Nobleman. The purpose of their awakening was that they might become a part of Jehovah's temple for the vindication of His name. God's people have learned of Him that this active work began in the invisible realm of Jehovah in 1918 and was taken up by the remnant on earth in 1919, but specially in 1922. The apostle Paul refers to those that had fallen asleep as "they that are Christ's, at his coming [presence, from the word *parousia*]". Again he refers to their awakening: "We which are alive, and remain unto the coming [presence, *parousia*] of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep." (1 Thessalonians 4:15) Paul the apostle expected to be included in the number who would be raised from the grave and be given the crown of life at the return of the great Nobleman. And be it noted he expected His appearing and also the crown and awakening *at that day.* That day began in 1914; and it was in 1918, as the Scriptures show, that the early faithful followers were awakened. "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."—2 Tim. 4:8.

Lightnings During Parousia

Another text that will bear consideration at length is that found in Matthew 24:27: "As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming [presence, from *parousia*] of the Son of man be." The language of Jesus applies specifically to the time of His coming to Jehovah's temple and the gathering of the approved ones into the temple condition. (Malachi 3:1-3; 2 Thessalonians 2:1) Since that time God's people have reason to expect a better understanding of the truth concerning Jehovah's purposes. Since seeing the meaning of God's lightnings this text is better understood.

The word "lightning" in this text does not mean "bright shiner". In the same verse the word "shine" appears and is translated from the Greek *phaino.* The word simply means to shine or to appear brightly or to cast illumination, and is often rendered 'appear', 'be seen,' or 'shine', in the English. The word "lightning" in this text is derived from the Greek word *astrape.* This latter Greek word is thought to be derived from *aster,* which means star, evidently from the prominent feature of the star, to wit, the twinkling or flashing of light. The *Diaglott* renders the word *astrapto* as flashing.

The word "sun" is derived from the Greek word *helios.* In the same conversation, and in

verse twenty-nine of the same chapter, Jesus used the word *helios,* or sun. It seems quite certain that He would have used the same word in verse twenty-seven had He intended the thought to be that His presence would be like the sun rising in the east and shining to the west.

Heretofore it has been said that Jesus must have referred to the sun in verse twenty-seven, because that body does rise in the east and gradually shines to the west and is the only body that fulfils this description. It is true that lightnings do not always appear in the east and reach to the west; nor does that seem to be the meaning of the words of Jesus. Rather this is the meaning: Lightnings come from one part of the heavens and shine forth unto all parts, and are therefore not local. Frequently the lightning appears in one part of the heavens and its reflections are seen long distances away in other parts of the heaven. That such was in the mind of Jesus when speaking is borne out in His words recorded in Luke 17:24, wherein He was speaking of the same matter. "For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day." The important fact is that the flash of lightning is for the information of those who are watching and is not confined to any local place.

Nobleman at Temple

Evidently Jesus then had in mind the time when He would come to the temple which God would build; that He would come for judgment, which judgment would include His denunciation of the false temple foreshadowed by Herod's temple and the complete fall of the Babylonish systems. Since the words of Jesus on this occasion were in answer to the disciples' question as to the end of the world and the sign of His presence, we must make the appropriate application thereof. The year 1914 marked the end of the world and the time when Jehovah placed Christ Jesus upon His throne as the rightful King of the world. Three and one-half years thereafter, to wit, in 1918, Jesus came to the true temple of God, first for judgment upon the true house of God, and then for judgment upon the professed house of God, which judgment includes the complete destruction of Satan's organization, including the professed temple.—Psalm 11:4-6; 1 Peter 4:17.

Prior to 1914 there was no evidence of the fulfilment of our Lord's prophecy as set forth in Matthew 24. From 1914 to 1918 the Bridegroom seemed to tarry and the "evil servant" class became unfaithful and therefore manifest. The motive of the "evil servant" class was selfish, because they had been looking to the time when they might receive a reward for themselves. Those unselfishly devoted to the Lord remained faithful and were faithfully representing the Lord the best way they could when He came to His temple, and of these faithful and approved ones is made up "that faithful and wise servant". To the "faithful and wise servant" the Lord committed all His goods, to wit, His Kingdom interests. He brought these faithful ones into the temple condition, gave to them the garments of salvation, and covered them with the robe of righteousness.—Matt. 24:45-51.

Witness Work

The World War ended in 1918; and later the faithful anointed ones awakened to the fact that there must be given a wide witness to the nations of all the world concerning God's purpose, and particularly the evidence relating to the Kingdom and the vindication of Jehovah's name. (Matthew 24:14) The Lord was then in His temple enlightening the minds of His faithful ones. The false Christs and false teachers have appeared and spoken their "wisdom" even as Jesus foretold.

Now with this setting of the text of Matthew 24:27 let us consider the text and the context together. Jesus said: "Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: Behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not." (Verses 25, 26) Jesus was warning His followers against deception that might be practised upon them by false teachers concerning the place where Christ would be found.

It is Jehovah who makes the lightnings. (Jeremiah 10:13) Jehovah is the One who gives light to His people through His Chief Executor and Nobleman, Christ Jesus. Therefore the Lord was giving warning to His followers that the light concerning His presence would not come from someone who spoke of His being in a specific place. Hence He said: 'If some human creatures, who cannot make lightnings and who cannot make the truth, say unto you who are of God's anointed class and in the temple condition, Behold, he is in the desert or in the secret chamber, do not believe them.' "For as the lightning [flashes of divine truths originate with

Jehovah and are sent to the members of His organization through the Head thereof, Christ Jesus] cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west [and is therefore not merely in one place]; so shall also the coming [presence] of the Son of man be."

In other words, Christ Jesus, the returned Nobleman, would not be located in some private place, but would be in His temple, "in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17), and the light that would illuminate the minds of the temple class concerning His presence would come from Jehovah and would shine to every one of the temple class, regardless of what part of the earth He might be in. This thought is borne out by Luke 17:24. This conclusion is borne out also by the facts. It has been since 1922 particularly, several years after the arrival of the Nobleman, that His faithful people here upon the earth have been illuminated by the flashes of lightning which informs them of the new work to be done. As time went on in subsequent years His people on earth learned of God's organization and the enemy's organization; and then comes the climax: the revelation of Jehovah himself and the giving of His name to His witnesses upon the earth.

Furthermore it may be said with propriety that the "east" represents the position of Christ Jesus relative to the members of His body who are on earth; that the flashes of God's lightning come from Him through Christ to His church, and that therefore the flashes of God's lightning that illuminates the minds of the faithful anointed do appear from the east (by and through Christ) and shine unto the west, that is, to the relative position of the body members on earth. It shines into the minds of God's faithful, regardless of where they may be.

We can note, therefore, that the long-awaited Nobleman has returned; He has set up the kingdom of Jehovah for the vindication of His Father's name and the subsequent blessing of all the obedient of mankind; He has separated the "evil servant" class from His righteous followers; and He, as the Representative of the Father, has given to the witnesses of the Most High new interests and work in the Kingdom and great joy fills the hearts of those who have waited in faith, because they love the Lord and His service.

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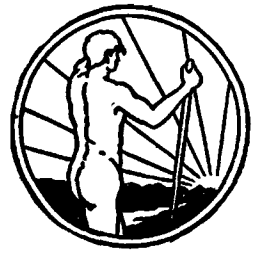
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League of Nations — Anglo-Papal Conquest of the U. S.

IN MODERN conquest bankers are more powerful than bullets. Propaganda is many more times effective than machine guns. It is not our business to keep the United States out of the League of Nations, but it is our business to expose the crooked bunch that is trying to inveigle this country into it. There is more to this issue than even the legislators at Washington have seemed to appreciate. The League of Nations is the Devil's counterfeit for God's kingdom. Thus this is more than a question of mere 'entanglements by foreign alliances'. It is one in which each legislator comes into responsibility before his Maker. Hence we here set ourselves to prove, as briefly as possible, the following facts:

(1) The British government, i.e., the international bankers, are back of the League of Nations.

(2) The Federal Council of Churches is in league with the British government.

(3) The Roman Catholic hierarchy is supporting the Federal Council of Churches.

(4) The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System are in league with the Federal Council of Churches and the Catholic hierarchy.

> Mr. John A. Kennedy, writing in the New York *American* of March 8, 1934, says of this propaganda scheme (and we doubt if even he begins to see the magnitude of the stakes for which Britain and the Roman hierarchy are playing):
>
> **The most comprehensive propaganda machine ever set up in America is now engaged in an effort to force the United States into the League of Nations and its World Court, a survey discloses.**
>
> **Backed by funds of approximately $15,000,000, it is reaching out in an effort to control public opinion through schools, libraries, colleges, churches and civic and professional organizations on the subject of American participation in international affairs.**
>
> **Already it is having its effect in Washington where a flood of petitions, seeking ratification of the League Court, are being received by the Senate.**
>
> **Internationalists in that body are seeking immediate action on the Court at this session of Congress.**

The Idea of a League of Nations

In 1511, again in 1538, and again in the seventeenth century there were what were called "Holy Leagues" of nations. The British government was not in any of those leagues. In the past two hundred years it has had extensive experience in India in governing twenty or more native states representing a conglomeration of peoples, religions and interests that is equaled in complexity only by the League of Nations which meets at Geneva.

Early in the war Britain conceived the idea of getting all nations into the conflict and having a league of nations at its close which would be dominated by Great Britain. The idea of a league of nations did not originate in the United States, though it was often mentioned here. Whittier had a poem about it, and he had been dead for twenty-seven years.

In the year 1918, before the war was ended, the National Committee of the Churches on the Moral Aims of the War prepared a brochure entitled "League of Nations Outlined for Discussion". This work was copyrighted by The World Conference for International Friendship Through the Churches, 70 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. It stated, among other things, that

"the time has arrived when the free nations must undertake the orderly development of the world, its economic betterment and education for self-government." "The co-operation of the Allies has been the world's most successful experiment in brotherhood." "In England the powerful British Labor Party, the Anglican and free churches, business and other organizations, have declared in favor of the program." "In England Premier Lloyd George, former Premier Asquith, Viscount Bryce, Viscount Grey, Arthur J. Balfour, the archbishop of Canterbury, and hundreds

of other prominent men and women in all walks of life, are ardent advocates of a league of nations."

"Great Britain Is the League"

What happened after the World War is well known. President Wilson was the spokesman for the League of Nations, put forward by himself, General Jan Smuts and others, but it was Great Britain's hand that shaped the covenant and the Treaty of Versailles.

Under the terms, five of the belligerents among the Allies, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, and the United States, were in the first class of belligerent powers, i.e., the class with general interests. Germany was forced to sign the treaty June 28, 1919. Great Britain ratified in 33 days, but it took Italy 101 days, France 107 days, and Japan 124 days to ratify. The United States has not yet ratified, but desperate efforts are being made to cause it to do so.

The reason why Great Britain was so prompt to ratify the Treaty of Versailles and the Covenant of the League of Nations is that the League is Britain's own child, the agency through which it hopes to govern the entire world throughout the future as it has governed India in the past.

In the London *Daily Express,* April 30, 1931, appears in bold-face type a truth which to the editor of the *Daily Express* required no argument. It merely said, "Great Britain *is* the League. We are its one great strength."

In May, 1926, Judge Rutherford himself told the British government that very thing to its face. Speaking to an audience that packed out the huge Royal Albert Hall, London, he said:

> No one will attempt to deny that the British world power is the earthly agency that was responsible for the formation of the League of Nations compact. *The British Empire is the very bulwark thereof. Let Britain withdraw and there will be no League of Nations.* But who is primarily responsible for the League of Nations compact? Is it formed and does it exist by divine right and authority? I answer, No. The Devil is its father, the British Empire is its mother, and the other nations which support it are its wet nurses. At this time the advocates of the League of Nations are desperately striving to unite its belligerent members. With fear and trembling they see that unholy offspring of Satan headed for perdition, even as the Lord foretold.—Revelation 17: 8.

The day following Judge Rutherford's address the *Daily News* of London, one of the leading newspapers, carried a full report thereof; the regular circulation of that paper at that time was 800,000 copies per day, and in addition thereto many extra copies were printed and distributed. Thus Britain had notice served upon it at its very seat of government. Shortly thereafter millions of copies of that same address were distributed freely from house to house throughout the United States. The president and other members of the government at Washington were personally served with copies thereof.

Of the 57 member states of the League of Nations, seven are Australia, Canada, Great Britain, India, Irish Free State, New Zealand, and South Africa. The population of Australia is the same as that of Ohio; that of Canada a little more than that of Pennsylvania; New Zealand has less than Connecticut; the Irish Free State has less than Indiana; and there are twice as many whites in the little state of New Jersey as there are in the whole Union of South Africa. Great Britain itself has a population equal to that of New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Illinois, and Ohio, which states include about 40 percent of the population of the United States.

It was and is the idea of British statesmen that if and when the United States joins this League of Nations it must come in on the same basis as, let us say, New Zealand. The only difference is to be that the United States shall have a chromo, i.e., be a permanent member of the council.

Federation of Churches Is the Tool

Here we prove point (2), The Federal Council of Churches is in league with the British government. In January 1919 the august body of ecclesiastics composing the council of the church federation issued the following blasphemous proclamation:

> "The time has come to organize the world for truth, right, justice and humanity. To this end as Christians we urge the establishment of a League of Free Nations at the coming Peace Conference. Such a league is not merely a peace expedient: *it is rather the political expression of the kingdom of God on earth.* . . . The church can give a spirit of good will, without which no League of Nations can endure."

The tool which the British government has used and is using to coax the United States into the League of Nations is the Federal Council of Churches. We present herewith excerpts from the annual reports of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America:

"We have repeatedly urged all the members of the churches to write strongly worded letters to their senators urging them to take a stand in favor of the ratification of the League Covenant, to urge their friends to write to their senators and for the local world alliance to send a strong resolution to the senators and to Mr. Lodge, the chairman of the foreign relations committee." . . . "A prayer on the League of Nations was prepared and distributed among the preachers of the country. This prayer was read from the pulpits of many churches." . . . "Throughout the whole year we have urged the preachers of the United States to present in sermons and in classes the great idea of the League of Nations. It is estimated that we have reached fully ten million people in our campaign."—From the Report of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ for 1919.

"The Supreme Hope for the Future"

"The League of Nations. The supreme hope for the future is in the League of Nations. This is the one worth-while definite thing that has come out of the war. The call for our nation to enter this league and help make it a really effective instrument for righting wrong and adjusting national difficulties is the greatest moral call that has ever been given to the church in all its history. The peace of the world and the hope for humanity rest upon the proper strengthening and functioning of the League." . . . "There is one clear and incisive call to the Churches of Christ in America at the present time, and that is the call for co-operation on the part of all men and women of good will to the end that our nation may speedily and heartily become a part of this great, international enterprise." . . . "Of the nation as of the individual it is true that the way of love and trust is the way of salvation and that he that would be greatest must be servant of all. We welcome, therefore, the development of a league of nations which shall be in truth an association of free peoples for the achieving of world peace, for mutual disarmament and for constructive service, and we call upon our own nation to join with other nations in moving along this new pathway of hope."—Report for 1920, pages 157, 158, and 313.

Catholic Hierarchy Supports Federation

Point (3) charges, The Roman Catholic hierarchy is supporting the Federal Council of Churches. This is a hard point, but, if you are hard to convince, read the following excerpts:

"Before the Paris Covenant was published this committee had edited and published a series of six lessons on the League of Nations, which were distributed to the churches and about one hundred thousand copies were used. The entire work cost about one hundred thousand dollars, and through the commission on international justice and good will all the leading Protestant denominations were enlisted, *and through the church peace union and the world alliance the Roman Catholics and Jews were brought in* so that the national committee on the churches and the moral aims of the war may be said to be probably the most representative committee that has ever attempted to speak in America for the total religious life of our people. When the war came to a victorious end, we were at once faced with the necessity of setting to work to help build a new world order in which the repetition of such a disaster to civilization would be made forever impossible."—Report for 1920, page 160.

"The commission on international justice and good will has never had a year when its opportunities and tasks were so great. Immediately following the conference on limitation of armaments came the question of informing the public with regard to its achievements and their significance and of securing public sentiment to bring about the ratification of the treaties. This was carried on by our usual procedure, through communications sent to the local council of churches and to the secular and religious members, a special mass meeting in Washington and a special letter sent to all local churches in the constituency of the Federal Council. This letter was sent out by the church peace union *together with similar communications from the National Catholic Welfare Council and the two national organizations of Jewish rabbis.*" —Report for 1922.

Willing to Accept Any Substitute

The clergy have shown with unanimity that they do not desire God's kingdom, for which Jesus taught us to pray, and that they are willing, nay, eager, to accept any substitute for it. Everybody knows that the various peace conferences in Europe have been a succession of dreary failures. *The Watchtower* (edited by Judge Rutherford), in its issue of July 15, 1923, says on this point:

"When the League of Nations compact was formulated in 1919, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America called upon the people of the earth to support it and hailed it as the savior of mankind, employing the statement: 'It is the political expression of God's kingdom on earth.' The American people repudiated the League of Nations at the polls; but the professional politicians, big business and big preachers are still trying to inveigle the people of this land into the League. A press dispatch from Washington under date of May 31, 1923, says:

'A call to 125,000 congregations in America to rally to the support of President Harding's proposal that the United States enter the Permanent Court of International Justice was issued here today by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. With the Federal Council are affiliated thirty communions with an adult membership of more than 20,000,000 persons.' "

A few years ago there was a campaign put on by 140,000 clergymen of the United States to force the United States into the League of Nations.

We continue with citations from the annual reports of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in further confirmation, showing that in the years since the war the Federal Council has learned nothing and forgotten nothing. Instead of putting its hope in God and in His Word, it is putting it in men in whom nobody any longer has any confidence whatever.

"The prophecies of Micah and Isaiah at last begin to receive fulfilment. Mighty nations are actually scrapping weapons that cost them hundreds of millions. These are epochal days in the history of the kingdom of God." . . . "Disarmament Sunday was widely observed in every part of the land. In response to the same appeal, a petition to President Harding was signed by 22,500 clergymen of all denominations." —Report for 1921.

"As is now well known, an official statement was issued by the Government after the conference was over stating that of the thirteen million letters, telegrams and other requests which came to the government, urging a reduction of armaments in some form, more than twelve million bore on their face evidence of having come from people who were thinking of the problem in religious terms."—Report for 1924.

"Before the war closed the churches with practical unanimity were calling for the formation of a league of nations in which justice, fair dealing and security would be assured to all alike, great and small, powerful and weak. When the concrete plan, however, came to our people, in the treaty of Versailles, and became a decisive political issue, the churches and the Federal Council ceased to urge American membership in the League."—Report for 1928.

"Fifty-three nations, including the United States, have renounced war as an instrument of national policy. They have agreed that the settlement of all disputes 'shall never be sought except by pacific means.' The churches rejoice in this great moral victory. When the proposal for a renunciation of war treaty was first made by Mr. Briand, the members of our churches were quick to respond. From pulpits and pews there was voiced a strong desire that the United States co-operate with other nations in putting away forever the instruments of war. When the pact was finally negotiated 180,000 members and friends of the various communions in the United States signed the memorial prepared and distributed by the commission petitioning the Senate to ratify the treaty."—Report for 1929.

British Connections of Federal Council

"The outstanding event of the year in the movement for world peace was the London Naval Conference, which convened on January 21st and continued until April 22nd. In this conference the churches of the United States took keen interest. *During the autumn of 1929 the Federal Council conferred with the archbishop of Canterbury and the outstanding leaders of the British free churches* and agreements were reached to observe Sunday January 19th as a special day of prayer. The evangelical churches of France and Japan were also invited to join in observing the day. Christian people in all these lands welcomed that significant gathering of statesmen and followed its proceedings with prayer until it closed. When it appeared that the conference was in danger of adjourning without an agreement having been reached, the administrative committee, on February 28th, expressed its earnest hope 'that the American delegation at the London Naval Conference will find the way to translate into fact the spirit of President Hoover's address on Armistice Day, 1929, in which he said, "We will reduce our naval strength in proportion to any other." ' Having said that it only remains for the others to say how low they will go. It cannot be too low for us."—Report for 1930.

"The heads of more than twenty denominations joined with the officials of the Federal Council in recommending to the churches and allied religious organizations the observance of Sunday, November 8th, as a special day of prayer in the interest of world peace and the reduction of armaments. From many pulpits and pews the prayer was offered 'that the governments represented at the disarmament conference may succeed in so scaling down armaments and armament budgets as to enable them to give greater attention to the spiritual, social and humanitarian needs of their respective peoples.' "—Report for 1931.

Federal Council Makes a Good Tool

It is well known that England gets along in India by playing peoples of one race and religion against peoples of another race and religion. For this reason, and because the Anglican church is part and parcel of the British Empire, it more readily occurs to British statesmen to make use of a church organization for political purposes than it would to some American statesmen.

Anyone who will carefully consider the foregoing citations from the Federal Council's annual reports will observe that the only reason why the Federal Council has remained silent some of the time in recent years on the subject of the United States' joining the League of Nations has been of a political nature.

With the change in political leadership March 4, 1933, the hopes of Great Britain and of the Federal Council of Churches that the United

States could be inveigled into the League were revived and strengthened. The new attempt to get the United States in is not made under the name of the Federal Council of Churches, but under the name of the League of Nations Association, Inc. But the names back of the association, Raymond B. Fosdick, president, and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, chairman of the Council, reveal that the persons who are interested in getting the United States into the League of Nations now are the same people who were interested in getting it into the League fifteen years ago. The following is a portion of the account of the new movement to crowd the United States in as it appeared in the New York *Times* of February 15, 1934:

ACTION ON LEAGUE URGED IN PETITION

Nation-wide plea to be made for naming of an official delegate to Geneva. Is backed by 15 groups.

1,000,000 signatures sought for request for statement of terms of membership.

Immediate appointment by the United States of an official representative to the League of Nations is urged in a petition just started which is to be circulated throughout the nation by fifteen organizations interested in world peace.

The petition, which will be presented to President Roosevelt as soon as it contains 1,000,000 signatures, also asks that the government define the specific terms under which the United States might be willing to accept membership in the League.

The League of Nations Association, of which Raymond B. Fosdick is president and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler chairman of the council, started the movement and has sent several thousand copies of the petition to branches of the participating organizations in every State in the Union.

The Appeal Itself

The petition sheets provide for twenty signatures each beneath the following heading:

We, CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Anxious to avoid war and organize peace in which prosperity can thrive,

Believing that the collective system of the world community which includes the Kellogg-Briand Pact (Pact of Paris) to which the United States is a party, and the League of Nations, can best prevent war,

Mindful of the fact that the United States is participating in many activities of the League of Nations,

Aware that without the privilege of membership in the League the United States is placed at a disadvantage, and the moral integrity of the world community is weakened,

Urge that the United States reinforce the League's contribution to peace by stating the terms under which full membership would be possible; and by appointing in the meantime an official diplomatic representative to the League of Nations to participate in its deliberations.

At the bottom of the signature sheet is the inquiry, clear across the sheet:

"In a world as dark as this, why blow out the only light there is?"

On the outside of the petition sheet or folder, which is more than twice the size it needs to be for the number of names contained, appears the following letter, and it will be observed that those who have written the letter are so deeply impressed with what they regard as their wise saying that they have repeated it:

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC.
National Headquarters:
6 East 39th Street, New York, N. Y.

RAYMOND B. FOSDICK, President
CLARK M. EICHELBERGER, Acting Director
S. VAN B. NICHOLS, Treasurer

Friends of the League of Nations:

Our generation has witnessed the attempt to build a new instrument of social control, a new type of collective machinery, based on the belief that in a world economically and politically interdependent old ideas of isolation must give way to a realistic method of international consultation and teamwork.

In this moment of nationalist reaction we need to be reminded that it takes faith and patience to develop a community of the nations of the world. No new social institution is ever born to its maximum strength or has gone forward without occasional threats of a return to the old order. The cause of the League of Nations today is more vital than at any time since its founding. As President Roosevelt so clearly pointed out in a recent speech, "the old policies, alliances, combinations and balances of power have proved themselves inadequate for the preservation of world peace." We believe that the alternative to such a procedure is the League machinery.

At the present moment there are two currents of public opinion making for closer American relationship with the League of Nations. Since it is a definite policy of our Government to give open cooperation to the League, many citizens wish that this relationship could be regularized and increased by the appointment of an official diplomatic representative.

Also, there is increasing discussion as to the terms on which the United States might become a full member of the League. This discussion has been given impetus by the movement throughout the world for a revision of the Covenant. If such revision were to be

undertaken in the light of the fifteen years' history and with the idea of preserving rather than destroying the democracy of the League, the United States might well participate.

The League of Nations Association hopes to demonstrate the strength of these viewpoints in the United States. After you have added your signature to this petition and secured those of your friends, will you return it promptly?

(Signed) RAYMOND B. FOSDICK,
President

IN A WORLD AS DARK AS THIS, WHY BLOW OUT THE ONLY LIGHT THERE IS?

The Community of Interest

The community of interest between the Federal Council of Churches, the Anglican church (the religious wing of the British government), and the Roman hierarchy is sufficiently established from the reports of the Federal Council herein published, especially those portions which we have printed in italics.

Not only has the pope worked with the Federal Council of Churches to get the United States into the League of Nations, but last fall, when Italy threatened to leave the League, the Vatican newspaper departed from its customary secretiveness, evasiveness and unreliability and openly took a stand on behalf of the League. Most of the nations in the League are nominally Roman Catholic, and the pope figures that any method of bringing the United States under their joint pressure must necessarily work out to the Hierarchy's advantage.

The Fourth Point

The fourth point, that the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System are in league with the Federation of Churches and the Catholic hierarchy, is supported by evidence that, by the time this is in print, will have been presented to Congress, and thereafter we can publish it without violating any proprieties. At this point we confine ourselves to the fact that is known to all men, i.e., that these chain companies broadcast programs of these religious systems without money and without price, are willing to give them more time on the same basis, and will allow only such "religious" material to be broadcast as they approve. This evidence, in detail, will be made available to Congress. At the moment, this is not the place for it in any detail.

The way matters now stand, to put it bluntly, the international bankers, the backers of the broadcasting systems, the same ones who ruined the United States financially, now decide what "religious" matter may be fed to the American mind, and as blind but dutiful and obedient servants of the Devil, "the prince of this world," they are looking forward to the time when they can control the whole world. The British government and the Roman hierarchy, financed by these same international bankers, are happy in the anticipation of sharing in the benefits when the United States has been swallowed up in the League of Nations, the Devil's substitute for the kingdom of God on earth.

The Big Business and Big Church crowd that are advertising the League of Nations as "the only light there is" manifestly should know and certainly have no excuse for not knowing that Jesus referred to himself and to the kingdom of God, for which He taught His followers to pray, and of which He is the Head and Representative, when He said, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12) The League of Nations is in no sense of the word the light of the world, but most emphatically a part of the darkness of this world and under the rule of the prince of darkness, rather than the prince of light and life.

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."—2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

Geographic Theater

A GEOGRAPHIC theater has been organized for the purpose of presenting programs combining motion pictures, lantern slides and native music depicting scenery, customs and peoples of many lands, as well as the findings of scientific researchers working with camera, microscope and telescope, whether under sea, on the earth, or in the air. For the present the programs of the new corporation are being presented in the hotel Waldorf-Astoria. The venture seems to be a commendable one.

Shall Discrimination, Censorship, and Interference of Radio Continue, or a Square Deal?

(Speech of Hon. Louis T. McFadden, of Pennsylvania, in the House of Representatives, Thursday, March 1, 1934. From the *Congressional Record*)

MR. MCFADDEN. Mr. Chairman, I want to call the attention of the House to a bill I introduced on March 9, 1933, House Resolution 19, which is pending before the Rules Committee, proposing that the House authorize the appointment of a select committee of seven men to examine into the present radio situation.

I have repeatedly asked the Chairman of the Rules Committee for a hearing on the bill but I have had no response. The country is thoroughly aroused upon this subject, and wants full action at once.

Likewise, on the 14th of February of this year I introduced a resolution following some remarks which I made on the floor of this House on January 31 last in regard to discrimination, censorship, and interference of radio. Radio broadcasting calls for a "new deal"—"a fair new deal." This bill is a fair bill; it deals squarely with the question of politics, religion, and education by radio. The gentleman from Texas, Mr. RAYBURN, Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, following the message of the President, has introduced a bill proposing to establish a new bureau called the "Bureau of Communications." This bill proposes to take from the Interstate Commerce Commission supervision of the radio and put it under the jurisdiction of the new Commission, which will supervise telegraph, telephone, and radio.

At the other end of the Capitol Senator DILL has introduced a bill, S. 2910, quite similar.

I now call attention to the present censorship, directly and indirectly, in radio broadcasting. The two bills that have been introduced at the instance of the President to conform to his message do not deal clearly with the question of censorship. If the Rayburn-Dill bills are to become law, the subjects covered in my bill, H.R. 7986, should be included therein. The two major chain broadcasting systems have a self-established censorship policy, which includes politics, education, and religion. In this they are attempting to tell the American people what they shall hear and what they shall not hear. The attention of the membership of the House is directed to the fact that these two bills propose that this new commission, when it is organized, shall make a study of all phases of broadcasting and report at the next session of Congress. I say this subject must be dealt with fully now to prevent further entrenchment of selfish interests.

In remarks I made on the floor of the House on the 31st of January I called attention to the political censorship of radio. During the present year very important elections are to take place; the full membership of the House is to be elected and one third of the Senate. If radio during this summer is to be controlled partisanly, it means something to the membership of this House and the country. Likewise the question of international relations will be discussed all during this year, and if this present censorship referred to is to keep off the air broadcasts that are in opposition to their views it means partisanship a plenty.

One phase of censorship which has been set up by the chain broadcasting associations, which control 80 percent, directly and indirectly, of the broadcasting of the United States, is to assume to censor all religious talks that may take place over the radio. The N.B.C. have vested the censorship in the so-called "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America" under the guise of its religious contribution to the radio audience, whereas it is used as a smoke screen to prevent other programs of wide public interest to be given because the latter may be considered to be inimical to its own selfish interests. This policy applies not only to religious programs but to political and educational programs as well. And they are permitting James J. Farley, Postmaster General and chairman of the Democratic Committee, to censor political broadcasts, and the Columbia System are cooperating in the political censorship.

I submit that the so-called "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America" do not represent all the God-fearing people in the United States, nor does the Democratic Party possess all the God-fearing people. And the American people have certain vested rights as to what they shall hear over the radio. It is a well-known fact that the so-called "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America" are working in cooperation with many other organizations in pacifistic movements in the United States, going so far as to voice their cooperation in matters pending before Congress,

such as their opposition to the recent Vinson naval bill; likewise, their opposition will be voiced against the Army appropriation bill; and at the present time, they are cooperating in the program to have this country join the League of Nations and adherence to the World Court. In fact, this censorship is being used to involve the United States in international affairs.

I hope in answer to a request made of the chairman of the radio committee of the House (which is the Merchant Marine, Fisheries, and Radio Committee) that they are going to give some consideration and a hearing on my bill.

I want the membership of the House to understand that my bill is necessary, pending the putting into operation fully of the President's plan as represented by the Rayburn-Dill bill establishing a new commission of communications, and I am now requesting the chairmen of all three committees that they give consideration to the subject covered in my bill No. 7986, which is as follows:

A bill to amend the Radio Act of 1927, approved February 23, 1927, as amended (44 Stat. 1162).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Radio Act of 1927, approved February 23, 1927, as amended (44 Stat. 1162), is amended by the addition of two new sections to follow section 28 of said Act (44 Stat. 1172), said new sections to read as follows:

"No person, persons, company, association, or corporation owning and operating a radio broadcasting station, and receiving and broadcasting radio programs for hire, shall discriminate in the use of such station in favor of a program of speech sponsored by any person who is a legally qualified candidate for any public office, and/or by any religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society or any other like association or society, and against or to the exclusion of another person who is a legally qualified candidate for any public office, or of another religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society chartered or licensed under the laws of the United States, because and for the reason that such person, religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society holds and promulgates and advocates views contrary to those expressed in programs that have been broadcast. The owner, lessee, or operator of any broadcasting station contracting for or accepting and broadcasting radio programs for one legally qualified candidate for a public office, and for one class of religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association or society, and refusing to contract for or to accept and broadcast for hire radio programs of speech offered for broadcast by another legally qualified candidate for a public office, or by any other religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society within the provisions of this section, because or for the reason that such legally qualified candidate, or such religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society holds or promulgates a contrary or different view from that which is expressed by the person or parties broadcasting programs, shall be deemed guilty of an unlawful discrimination. All persons, companies, corporations, or associations owning and operating a radio station who shall be guilty of a misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine of not less than $500 nor more than $5,000, and in addition thereto may be required to forfeit the license for operating such broadcasting station.

"No person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation shall by threats, or by coercion, or by misrepresentation, or any other like manner interfere with or prevent, or attempt to interfere with or prevent, the broadcasting of any radio program by any owner, lessee, or operator of any radio broadcasting station; or interfere with or attempt to interfere with, or to prevent any owner, lessee, or operator of any radio broadcasting station from entering into a contract with another person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation, to accept, receive, and broadcast programs of speech and music by radio. No person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation shall induce or attempt to induce any person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation to withdraw business or financial support or social intercourse from any radio broadcasting station, or the owner, lessee, or operator of any radio broadcasting station in the use and operation of such radio station or in the broadcasting of any and all programs offered to be broadcast, or which may be broadcast at any such station. Any person, persons, association, society, or corporation violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than $500 nor more than $5,000, or in the case of an individual or the responsible officials of an association or corporation, by imprisonment for a term of not less than sixty days nor more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

(By unanimous consent, Mr. MCFADDEN was granted leave to extend his remarks in the RECORD.)

What McFadden's Bill Aims to Correct

The following letter to Judge Rutherford was written by a lover of truth who had KMOX closed to him as a means of hearing the judge's lectures. Boycott, openly published, openly threatened, in the Roman Catholic paper, "The Sunday Watchman," St. Louis, closed the station to this listener and to a million others who desired to hear. McFadden, famous for his bold speech on the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Banks, believes in an upright, honest deal for everybody.

An Appreciation

ST. LOUIS, Mo. "I have listened to your programs with much joy. For years I have read the Scriptures reluctantly, as I have not been able to get a great deal of meaning out of them. Really I have never been classed as a Bible student, but some of your books, *Creation* being the first one, were bought by my wife. She told me about it, but I did not even look at it until perhaps a year or so later.

"One day, while alone, I picked up the book, opened it, and it opened at one of the sacred pictures. I became interested and have read and reread your books. I also have read and understood more of the Bible, and had pleasure in it, than ever previously in the fifty-two years of my life. I have claimed to be a Baptist all my life, but I have not been to church for over two years. I sang in the choir, and always tried to enter into the spir-

it of the worship. My friends tell me that they would not read books that would cause me to stop going to church.

"Before studying your helpful books I used my radio to get sermons of all creeds, and I thought I was getting a lot of comfort out of them. But now I rarely listen to a discourse; if at all, just for a brief period. I prefer to get my Bible and read it in silence, to try to get the promises understood, rather than to listen to some of the statements made by the 'learned' ones.

"At first, when reading your books, I thought some of your statements were radical; but after further study I deem them true, and, I am sure, classed as radical by those that do not understand. I am reminded of the text, 'Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' I feel that the truth is being unfolded to me and it is freeing me indeed of the vague, superstitious ideas I once held.

"I find that I speak often and freely of Jehovah God and His promises to my relatives and friends; that is more than I ever did for years. I find there is much to be understood, and I study every chance I get to learn more of Jehovah and His workings for the benefit of man. Ever so often, in speaking to passers-by I am led from the tone of their answers to know they have read some of your works.

"I am reading *Light, Deliverance, Creation, Harp of God, Prophecy, Government,* and *Life.* Of the two books of *Light* I am just getting started on Volume I. I am getting an insight into Revelation that I never saw before. Of the several books I have bought I have only four books at home, having loaned them out, and they were never returned. I find one can read one of these books time and again and continually find something new and of interest. I get your programs over KMOX and also from Columbia, Mo.; I do not recall the station designation.

"I thought you would be glad to hear from some of your listeners in Missouri. I know you cannot answer all reports coming in, but if you have anything I have not read, mention it; I may be glad to read. Your story of Job I have read only once. I am going to read it several times again to get a better understanding of the picture. I may write you later of some of my impressions, and responses from others with whom I come in contact."

What a Land Is the Great U.S.A.!

(From the *Herald and Examiner*, Chicago, rearranged)

CONSTITUTION defied and evaded,
Laws ignored with a thumb to the nose;
Codes of honor distressingly faded
In an era of bunk and of pose;
Gangsters romping and robbing and shooting,
Judges black as the depths of the sea,
Tales of brokers with penchants for looting—
What a country we've turned out to be!

Indignation a lost public virtue,
Lawlessness looked upon with a wink;
And a shallow belief it won't hurt you
Just to grin at iniquity's sink;
People herding each day in the bread lines,
Children's eyes that have never known bliss;
Morals knocked for a goal in the headlines—
What a jolly old country is this!

Markets falling each day to new levels,
As the masters of man wring their hands;
Trade beset by strange furies and devils
Through weird forces no man understands;
Gunmen working their will with derision,
Vice, corruption and graft riding high;
Crooks who laugh off a high court's decision—
What a country to live in, or die!

Coppers framing up women defenseless,
Lawyers shaking them down for their all.
Paid reformers quite futile and senseless,
Justice pinned with her back to the wall;
Holdups, murders, assaults, executions,
Scandals touching the great ev'ry day;
Graft in private and state institutions—
What a land is the great U. S. A.!

Free Radio Essential to People's Liberties

GENUINE lovers of truth and of freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience are in favor of the exercise of such rights and privileges over the radio. Those who interfere with efforts to preserve such rights and privileges to the people are at once convicted of the charge that they are seeking to steal away the freedom of the people for their own selfish ends.

The employment of coercive measures to prevent the people from hearing what they wish to hear, and efforts to force them to accept only certain views, which happen to please or serve the purpose of a minority, or even a majority, are contrary to the fundamental law of the land; and what is more, it is contrary to the divine law.

The function of proper government, it has been truly said, is not to give the people certain rights, but to secure to them the rights which are naturally and properly theirs. It is therefore the responsibility of those who are the governmental representatives of the people to safeguard the inherent and inalienable rights of the people.

The most fundamental and the most important of human rights is the right to worship God without hindrance. Worship must be voluntary and free. It cannot be coerced or exacted under compulsion. The free exercise of the right to worship God is therefore a fundamental necessity. No one could properly worship God who was not persuaded that his course of action was right. Coercion in the worship and service of God is as repugnant to justice and proper human sentiment as it is contrary to consistency. Efforts to coerce the conscience of the individual have constituted some of the most terrible violations of justice and love that have ever been perpetrated.

Churches Oppose Free Speech

To safeguard the liberties of the people, and particularly freedom of worship, is the preeminent duty of the American Congress. It is for them to take cognizance of any effort to abridge the liberties of the people to hear, consider and discuss what they please. That such efforts are being made continually in various fields is well known, and, outwardly at least, Catholics, Protestants, Jews and others express themselves as deploring interference with the rights of the people. Outwardly and in theory nearly everyone is in favor of free speech. In practice, and inwardly, however, the church organizations and allied interests seek to interfere with freedom of speech over the air and otherwise, and thus abridge the free worship of others. The use of coercive measures to prevent the people from hearing what they wish to hear, and efforts to permit only such views to come to them as happen to be in line with the aims and objectives of a minority, or even a majority, have been made, notably by the so-called "religious leaders" of the people.

A case that is now well known to the people generally is the efforts made to prevent the broadcasting of Judge Rutherford's lectures, sponsored by Jehovah's witnesses, who seek to broadcast the Scriptural explanation of the times in which we live. Judge Rutherford's lectures are broadcast over hundreds of radio stations and have aroused the determined opposition of the clergy class, particularly the Catholics. They concede that Jehovah's witnesses have the right to broadcast their views, but at the same time seek to prevent it by coercive means.

Criticism of Clergy in Order

Their efforts to throttle the WATCHTOWER programs, which feature Judge Rutherford, are "justified" by them in the charge that he has attacked the clergy and the pope. This, however is untrue. Judge Rutherford voices, not his own, nor any man's opinions, and does not attack individuals. He deals with timely Scriptural truths and shows their unquestionable application to world conditions at this time. His references to the pope, so bitterly resented by the Catholic press, and misrepresented by them, were not in any sense personal. They were not aimed at the head of the Roman Catholic hierarchy as an individual. It was the official pronouncements and actions of the Catholic pope that were being given consideration, in view of a world-wide movement which he sought to inaugurate. Clearly the public actions and statements of the Roman pontiff are proper subjects for discussion and criticism in non-Catholic circles.

It is understood that Catholics themselves are not permitted to question any action of the hierarchy or its head, even the most trivial. It is for them to decide whether they will submit to this unscriptural bondage, but it is manifestly intolerable for them to seek to impose these

same restrictions upon others or to censor reference to the hierarchy and its head in the press or over the radio. If Paul took the liberty to "withstand" Peter, is the Roman pope, who unscripturally claims to be a successor to Peter, to be above criticism? The attempt of the Catholic press to subject non-Catholics to the restrictions current within the confines of the Roman fold is a poor piece of business.

The American people, in fact, all people, should be free to hear the truth on every subject, and they should, especially, be permitted to freely discuss and try by the Scriptures any movement or course of procedure in which their cooperation is solicited, as in the case of the so-called "Holy Year".

Judge Rutherford took occasion to freely discuss and even to criticize the public pronouncements and official actions of the Roman pontiff. It was this one lecture that aroused the already strong animosity of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States to a point where they could no longer keep it under control, and as a result they launched a campaign of misrepresentation and intolerance by which they hoped to effectively silence this frank and bold exponent of the truth.

Judge Rutherford, following in the footsteps of Christ Jesus, sets forth the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, in his discourses. He does not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, including the divine disapproval of clerical sham and oppression, just as Jesus did.

Let Honesty and Truth Prevail

The petition circulated by Jehovah's witnesses and others, calling upon Congress to safeguard the right of the people to hear over the radio whatsoever they wish to hear, received a wide response. It manifested that the people want to have the truth told. The clergy, to shield themselves in their inconsistent position before the people, not only have sought to misrepresent and oppose Judge Rutherford, but have also misrepresented the petition which was signed by nearly two and a half million persons. They have branded it as a fraud, and have thus sought to obscure the real issue.

It was charged by them that the name of a Michigan priest was used to induce the people to sign the petition. The absurdity of the charge was pointed out in the preceding issue of *The Golden Age*. It was neither desirable nor necessary to use the name of a Catholic priest and lecturer to obtain signers to a petition for free speech. On the contrary, it would be inappropriate, in view of the traditional attitude of Catholicism toward freedom of speech, or indeed any kind of freedom except freedom to support the Catholic hierarchy, right or wrong.

The necessity of calling attention to Catholic interference with free speech was imperative, and was a responsibility not evaded for policy's sake or for any other reason. The Petition and Protest states the simple truth, and Jehovah's witnesses have no desire to represent either themselves or their activities as other than what they are in fact.

In circulating the petition for freedom of the air channels those who engaged in that work were particularly interested in the continuance of Judge Rutherford's lectures, and frankly so represented themselves. It might have been simpler, and it would doubtless have met with an even greater response, to present the petition merely as a demand for freedom of speech over the radio, without mentioning the notorious example of interference with that right, a factor which would inevitably prejudice some Catholics. The fact that Judge Rutherford was mentioned particularly shows that there was no desire whatever to misrepresent the matter.

The Real Issue

Regardless, however, of whether every single signer to the petition realized fully the significance of that document, the question at issue remains: Shall the radio be made the tool of selfish interests, or shall it be the means of frank and open consideration of questions concerning the public interest, convenience and necessity, both materially and spiritually?

The question is, further, whether any person or group shall be allowed by boycott, threats and other coercive measures to browbeat and compel any citizen or radio station to do anything that it would not otherwise consider doing. Petition or no petition, this is the issue, and it is up to Congress to take appropriate action. Bill H.R. 7986, now before the Congress for consideration, meets the needs of the case exactly, and, if passed, will prevent further interference with the free use of the radio or unjust discrimination against some and in favor of other broadcasters.

Illumination of Schoolrooms

THE United States Public Health Service has made a study of the illumination of schoolrooms, and makes its findings as follows:

The ideal schoolroom is 32 feet long and 23 feet wide, to provide comfortable room for about 30 children. A width of more than 23 feet is not desirable, because the row of seats farthest from the window will not receive proper illumination.

The illumination is of great importance. Long-continued study of natural lighting has shown certain definite fundamental requirements. These are as follows: The windows should extend to as near the ceiling as possible, and the ceiling should never be under 12 feet high. Unilateral lighting is considered to be the best system. This means that the windows should be on only one side of the room, so that the light will come from the left, and these windows should extend as far back towards the rear wall as possible.

Every child should be able to see some sky when seated at his desk. The area of glass in the windows should equal at least 20 percent of the floor space. Shades should be provided for each window, two to each window being preferable, the two shades being placed at the middle of the window, so that one pulls up and the other down. It should always be remembered that the best light enters through the upper third of the window.

To provide the best light and to avoid all glare is the ideal plan. The walls of the room should, therefore, be covered with a flat paint. A light buff or cream is desirable. The ceiling should be flat white. Blackboards should be limited to the front of the room and right side. The rear of the rooms should be free from blackboards, and blackboards should never be placed between windows. As a matter of fact, if enough window space is provided, there will not be space enough between the windows for blackboards.

Makes 50 Any Way You Figure It

By A. M. Eckard (California)

YOU will notice in the following square of figures that all the horizontal lines; all the vertical lines; both diagonals; all adjoining groups of four squares, such as 5, 18, 16, 11, or 6, 17, 20, 7; opposite pairs, such as 5, 16, 12, 17; the four corners; all total 50. There are at least 26 combinations totaling 50 in this square of figures. Figures can be placed in these squares to total any sum desired over 40.

5	18	15	12
16	11	6	17
10	13	20	7
19	8	9	14

(Experimenting with this table shows that every time each digit is increased or reduced by 1 the total is increased or reduced by 4, and hence 2 or any fourth number above 2 can be obtained by reducing or increasing the digits. Reducing the digits by 5 gives totals of 30; below that total some of the digits would have to be shown as minus quantities. We use Mr. Eckard's figures to show how 30 may be obtained:

0	13	10	7
11	6	1	12
5	8	15	2
14	3	4	9

Deducting 12 from each of the digits in Mr. Eckard's table gives us a total of 2 each way, but brings in minus quantities. We show the table thus modified, and the results are apparent:

−7	6	3	0
4	−1	−6	5
−2	1	8	−5
7	−4	−3	2

The number 1 as a total can be obtained by a reduction of $\frac{1}{4}$ from each of the foregoing digits, and therefore if each of the digits is thereafter increased by $\frac{1}{4}$ any number whatever can be obtained from the same table. The total of 1 would be obtained as follows:

$-7\frac{1}{4}$	$5\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$
$3\frac{3}{4}$	$-1\frac{1}{4}$	$-6\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{3}{4}$
$-2\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$7\frac{3}{4}$	$-5\frac{1}{4}$
$6\frac{3}{4}$	$-4\frac{1}{4}$	$-3\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$

—*Ed.*)

How George Bernard Shaw Cleared His Brain

H. B. PORTER, of Connecticut, writes: "A story of how George Bernard Shaw gained his health and his marvelous physique, and how he maintains them at seventy-four, is told in a recent issue of a popular magazine.

"Arthur Brisbane said that George Bernard Shaw has 'the clearest brain of any person now living'.

"When a very young man Shaw's father said to him: 'My son, I'm afraid I'm a failure. Take me as your guide. Whatever I've done, don't do.'

"Mr. Shaw noticed that his father ate indiscriminately and consumed large quantities of meat; that he smoked all day, drank alcohol, and took no exercise. He noted that most men had the same habits as his father, that they were failures, were frequently ill and died early. He decided to face about and institute a new program for himself.

"Mr. Shaw ate no meat, shunned alcohol, and gave up tea and coffee. He did not smoke, and he took all the exercise he could. His body 'gained perfect health, and his brain became clearer and more brilliant every day'. Delighted with this success, he determined to eliminate every possible irritant and poison from his food; so he stopped using mustard, pepper, piquant sauces and the other 'appetizers'.

"Being more than six feet tall, and young and active, he grew hungry; so he 'ate his fill of vegetables, fruits, nuts, and coarse breads, and drank milk. On this diet he has become the world's wittiest playwright and most brilliant satirist'.

"Today Mr. Shaw does not appear to be nearly the age that the record shows. He starts his day by chopping wood and by striding vigorously over the countryside with the elasticity and pace of a twenty-year-old. He is also fond of cycling, and knows considerable about boxing."

To which we merely add that Mr. Shaw's clear brain would be still clearer if he gave due honor to the Creator, Jehovah.

Deathbeds Usually Peaceful

By Dr. C. W. Saleeby

(Reprinted from the London *Daily News*)

DOCTORS of the highest rank, such as the late Sir William Osler, and, more recently, Sir Humphrey Rolleston, have published their experience, which entirely conforms with that of doctors in general. As a rule, deathbeds are peaceful. During a last illness there may have been much pain and discomfort, distress of body and mind; but, in the vast majority of cases, there is peace at the last. Often the final hours are such as to bring great relief to the patient and even great relief of a kind to those who sorrow for the patient.

There are facts of the central nervous system which are apt to mislead the uninstructed observer and which have been systematically used by priests of all religions in times past in order to magnify their office.

When consciousness and conscious control are suppressed, as in some kinds of sleep, and during anæsthesia, and near death, and in many kinds of illness, the lower levels of the nervous system are apt to act in a reflex way, and the observer sees movements, perhaps violent or slow, but often contorted and distressing to witness, which look like indications of pain, and even agony, of body or mind. Yet nothing is more certain than the fact that, in such instances, the patient feels nothing whatsoever.

The sole distress is in the mind of the onlooker —unless he or she be an anæsthetist, or nurse, or doctor, who knows quite well that these movements are reflex, such as may be seen for a few seconds or more in the body of an animal already decapitated and certainly incapable of suffering pain.

The subject is a large and important one, for many reasons; but my concern here is to assert that the so-called death agony is a myth, and is not an agony at all, but is a delusion engendered in the mind of observers who do not understand what they see. And I will add that, only too often and long, men and women have been wrongly made to fear death and the pains of dying, by priests and others who may themselves be deluded by appearances, and are therefore to be pitied; or may not, and are therefore to be despised.

Seeing the World

POON TUCK MING, twenty-four-year-old Chinaman, is seeing the world, traveling mainly by foot, but using a bicycle to help out. He has covered 22,000 miles in this way since June 28, 1930, and plans to cover several thousand miles more before returning to China. A Chinese organization in England paid his fare from that country to America. He carries a scrapbook with him and collects pictures, signatures and other mementos as he goes.

Foolishness of the Interest System

FROM some advertising matter put out by a savings bank we cull the following which reveals the innate self-destructiveness of the interest system. And yet it is before this interest system that the so-called "great financiers" are casting themselves prostrate and now, in their agony, crying, "O Baal, hear us!" They have tied up to the wrong god.

A man went to a bank cashier and upon inquiry was told that an interest account would be opened with as small a sum as one dollar, that interest would be compounded at the rate of four percent once a year, for as long a time as the amount deposited should remain, and in case the depositor died it would be paid to his heirs or any person that he might name.

In a short time he came back and deposited one dollar and received a pass book. In a few days he brought the pass book back and told the bank officials that he would leave the pass book with them and five hundred years from the day he made the deposit to pay the sum remaining to his credit to his oldest living descendant. In order to make all this perfectly legal and to prevent possible complications among possible heirs, he was told to figure out the amount that would be due at the expiration of the five hundred years and to date a check five hundred years ahead, fill in the amount to be paid and sign it, which would then be attached to the pass book and his instructions carried out to the letter. After a few days the bank officials were astonished when, glancing at the check which their customer had brought in, which had been made out according to their instructions, to see that it called upon the bank to pay some child, five hundred years hence, the sum of $611,527,439.85 (six hundred and eleven million, five hundred and twenty-seven thousand, four hundred and thirty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents). This vast sum in the comparatively short space of 500 years will accrue from the investment of one single dollar when compounded once a year at 4 percent.

The Golden Calf

By John Buckley

THERE are more people today who worship the golden calf of Mammon than there were when Moses threw down the tablets.

Gold, established as a standard, represents wealth, and we bow before it, and seek it with avidity, crushing every opposition.

The horseshoe, or the bolt that drops from an automobile, we would not stoop to gather, nor would we soil our hands with it; yet it has a greater value to mankind than gold or jewels.

Deprived of iron, the world would turn back for thousands of years. There would be no steam engines, electric motors, radio, railroads, ocean liners, automobiles, or aeroplanes.

A wagon load of diamonds, for general purposes, would have no more value than a like amount of broken glass; yet nations have gone to war against each other, and thousands of lives have been sacrificed, in the struggle for possession of a single diamond.

A string of pearls with a fabulous value, among starving men, could be bought for a handful of beans.

We bow to fashion, dare not appear different from our fellow men, and a fad becomes more exacting and drastic than the law.

To the people who cater to our needs we give a bare subsistence, while to those who cater to our fads, follies, and weaknesses are given wealth and honor.

When Edward Bellamy wrote *Looking Backward,* it was regarded as ideal, but was impractical. When Dr. Sheldon wrote and advocated doing as Christ would, he was a visionary, and unpractical: it was impossible.

We have turned our Christianity inside out, the false gods rule, and we are eminently practical, taking our lessons from the seamy side.

American Air Transport

GOVERNMENT subsidies to air transport companies have played an important part in building up the present extensive system operating in the United States. The British, while paying a larger subsidy in proportion, are now imitating the plan in operation in the United States, while the Dutch, who are by no means behind in the field of air travel and air transport, have sent experts to study our system of night flying, as have also the Swedes. The United States air lines fly in excess of 150,000 miles daily, almost half of which total is flown at night. During the fiscal year the carriers of air mail were paid a total of nearly $20,000,000 for this service.

Performance of New Plane

A NEW plane recently perfected carries a full load of 14 passengers in addition to the crew of three, as well as 600 pounds of mail or express. It has a maximum speed of 217 miles an hour, and with 400 gallons of gasoline can travel 1,000 miles. It climbs 10,000 feet in nine minutes with a full load, and in 24 minutes can attain a height of 20,000 feet.

The Federal Octopus

(From a radio address by Sterling E. Edmunds)

OUR general law of universal application and our right of appeal to our ordinary courts are gone; and in their place we find more than four hundred federal administrative agencies that have issued and are issuing hundreds of thousands of laws, which they may change overnight, and which no citizen can find in any published compilation, outside of the bureau that issued them.

This growth of bureaucratic tyranny may be best seen in the rise of the Department of Agriculture. On August 20, 1787, Gouverneur Morris offered a resolution in the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, to incorporate in the Constitution, then being framed, a provision for a federal department of agriculture. It died in committee and was disallowed. Fifty-two years later Congress created an agricultural section in the Patent Office, to gather statistics, with $1,000 appropriated for two employees. Last year, in 1932, this modest section, become the Department of Agriculture, consumed $333,500,000 of our taxes and supported an army of 30,000 federal job-holders.

What is happening to us today is what has happened to all other republics of history. In the words of Mr. Justice Story, again:

"They have perished, and perished by their own hands; prosperity has enervated them, corruption has debased them, and a venal populace has consummated their destruction."

Can we turn back?

The answer to that solemn question lies in the extent of virtue and capacity for self-sacrifice which remains in the people themselves.

When we consider the displacement of the three branches of our government by the executive, and the centralization of their powers in his single person, the chances of self-rescue appear remote indeed. For that is a historical stage in the progress toward the overthrow of freedom, following the tyranny of the legislature, which was foreseen and predicted by none other than Thomas Jefferson himself, in warning us to vigilance.

[In other words, the question is, "Can the American Government Endure?" Most of our readers will remember Judge Rutherford's impressive address on this subject and his conclusion drawn from the evidence of fulfilled prophetic scripture, that this government, with all other earthly governments, has been weighed in the balance and found wanting and that it must give way to the kingdom of Jehovah God's anointed King, Christ Jesus. This address appears in a booklet entitled *The Crisis* (5c) published by The Watch Tower, Brooklyn, N. Y.]

A Glimpse at the Devil's World

RUSSIA. People have something to eat, but not enough. In Moscow there are often three families in a single room. Prices are sky-high.

NORWAY. The housing shortage in Oslo is so bad, and business is so dead, that ships in the harbor of Oslo are being made into flats.

AUSTRIA. Whole towns are starving, with schools closed, streets uncleaned and unlit, not a wheel turning, and the inhabitants literally going en masse on begging expeditions.

FRANCE. The French are eaten alive with taxes, at least sixty a day, in one way or another; it even costs to look out of a window. There is a sales tax on every article of merchandise. Bachelors are taxed, and widows.

SPAIN. There are few schools, no hospitals, and almost no drainage. Thousands of families live in caves, drinking from streams and eating roots. Thousands of other families never have any food except potatoes, eggs, bread and oil.

ENGLAND. The highest number of suicides in its history, 5,147 last year. Widespread unemployment. Too much of everything except work.

AMERICA. The biggest cities virtually bankrupt; practically all the great business leaders proved absolutely dishonest and untrustworthy; a fourth of the people out of work.

ASIA. Japan is attending to that.

VATICAN CITY. The pope is on the job.

Lynchings Greatly Increased

THE spirit of mob violence is on the increase, confirming the prophetic statement that Satan would manifest exceptional wrath toward the end of his rule. During 1933 there were 28 cases of lynching, to compare with ten in the preceding year. Thirteen of the victims were shot and subsequently burned, eight were hanged and two of these burned, three were beaten to death, two were hanged and shot, one was beaten and shot, and one was beaten, shot and strangled, according to the report of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Evidently folks who believe that their god will burn people forever and ever after they have died will be disposed to follow the example, at least as far as they are able.

'Bugs' Baer Sizes It Up

'BUGS' BAER, comic writer for the New York *American,* sizes it up in good shape in the following:

"Way we figure this international thing is that we lend nations money to buy our goods. They return the coin for our merchandise. Then, when we go about the business of collecting, they ask why should we pay twice?"

Absurd as that sounds, frequent communications from British possessions indicate that just this principle, or lack of it, has been drilled into millons of people till they honestly think it entirely wrong for other people ever to pay America anything they owe. In their eyes the United States is just one big wallet, stuffed full of money and goods of all kinds, upon which the rest of the world may draw ad libitum, but if Uncle Sam wants anything back he is a Shylock and wants to rob honest people of what is rightfully their own.

The unamusing thing about the whole affair is that Uncle Sam not only lost billions upon billions on his own account in pulling Britain's chestnuts out of the fire, and loaned billions upon billions to Britain, France and other countries, which billions are also for ever lost, but these and other nations are entirely unwilling to repay moneys borrowed *since* the war.

The only thing they are willing to do is to borrow more, but as soon as they have it safely in their possession they begin throwing rocks as usual, doing all they can to convince the world that a miser has them by the throat and is choking the life out of them. Then the only way to keep them quiet is to lend them some more, on the same terms.

'Bugs' has it about right.

Street Begging to Be Discouraged

STREET-BEGGING has assumed the character of a menace to public health. Many of the beggars have communicable diseases, and a large proportion of them suffer from chronic alcoholism. Police in New York city are rounding up the beggars, and one man was found possessed of $25, which he stated had been collected in two days; another had more than a thousand dollars in cash on his person. Many of them are habitual beggars and have made their living in this way for years. The public is urged to discourage the practice by refusing to give money to beggars.

The N. A. A. C. P.

THE National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has had its 25th anniversary. It has 375 branches, and a membership of about 80,000. A race riot in Springfield, Ill., in 1908 prompted the formation of the association in the following year, the centenary of Lincoln's birth. It was at first concerned mainly with injustices suffered by members of the Negro race, but it now works for the general advancement and improvement of the colored people. Its commendable efforts have met with gratifying results.

Newfoundland Ends Self-Government

THE people of Newfoundland are willing to give up self-government and submit to the virtual dictatorship of a governor appointed by England. Here is another example of "democracy's" proving a failure. The war which was fought to make the world safe for democracy evidently did not succeed in making it fit for that kind of government. There is far less democracy in the world today than before the war.

Cuba Remembers the Poor

IN AN effort to do something for its poor Cuba's president recently issued a decree that the government lands and estates of former Machado officials shall be open to settlement by the poor. Under this decree an individual may receive not to exceed 33 acres of land, together with a yoke of oxen, a cow, a plow and a supply of seed. No taxes would be levied the first two years.

Wisconsin State Prison

CONDITIONS in the Wisconsin state prison are totally different from those on Welfare island. The 1,700 prisoners borrow more than 3,000 books a week. The prison officials wisely and tactfully encourage the prisoners to read really worthwhile books.

Prison Comforts

JUDGE KAVANAGH of Chicago, in a recently published article, stated that prisons were more like clubs than penal institutions, and that the comforts were about equal to those furnished in boarding schools. In one large prison the prisoners had radios in their cells.

A Bewildering List of New Inventions

By Harold W. Kline

ALTHOUGH the selfishness and commotion of the present time will stifle the possibility of the common people to enjoy many of the recent inventions, I read with interest the following, which show but a few of the blessings man will enjoy shortly, after Armageddon cleans the slate.

Nonpoisonous illuminating and cooking gas; garage doors opened and closed without getting out of one's car; porch and garden lights which attract and electrocute insects; gas-, oil- or coal-operated unit which air-conditions homes in summer and heats, ventilates and humidifies in winter; store scales that print weight; pie pans that bake pies already cut into wedges; garterless hose and clothes that will not lose shape through use of elastic yarn; telephone switch that silences radio when receiver is lifted; restaurant tables with tiered tray in center on which meal rises upon checking of menu and dropping in slot; waterproof paper which is tough, flexible, washable, acid- and boiling-liquid–proof; pillow radio loud-speakers which are not heard by others, for use in hospitals and Pullman berths; paper barrels, lighter, stronger and cheaper than wooden ones; flexible cast-iron; aluminum-covered (also porcelain) shingles; liquid coating to make iron and steel permanently rust-proof; filamentless lamp, using fraction of current ordinary lamp requires; new poison (retenone) fatal to insects, harmless to humans and warm-blooded animals; uniform temperature in railway coaches summer and winter; electric razor which uses no blades, brush or lather; electric refrigerators which accumulate no frost; ice, snow and sleet removed from windshields by infra-red rays producing neither heat nor glare; etc., etc.

When the inventions now reposing in the patent offices of the world are released for the general good of man, verily it will be a new world and doubtless everyone will be glad that "the former things have passed away"—financiers, clergy and politicians who have ridden upon the backs of a long-suffering proletariat.

The Silver Cost of the War

By Charles R. Fletcher (California)

IT IS now conceded that the recent terrible war cost above two hundred and fifty billion dollars!

An American silver dollar weighs one ounce; and is one and one-half inches in diameter; and is one-tenth of an inch thick.

1. Two hundred and fifty billion dollars weigh 15,625,000,000 pounds, or 7,812,500 tons. To transport such tonnage would require 3,906 trains of forty cars each, or a total of 156,240 cars, each carrying fifty tons. Each train would thus be a third of a mile in length; and the total length of the 3,906 trains coupled end to end would be 1,302 miles.

2. Two hundred and fifty billion silver dollars laid edge to edge in a continuous line would extend a distance of 5,918,560 miles, or over 236 times the circumference of the globe. This amount of silver would be sufficient to belt the earth at the equator with a silver girdle over 29 feet wide and of the thickness of a silver dollar.

3. This vast sum, if piled one dollar upon another, would reach over 394,560 miles above the base; which is the distance from the earth to the moon and two-thirds of the distance back to earth again. The moon is about 240,000 miles distant.

4. This vast sum, if drawn into wire weighing thirty pounds per mile, would be sufficient to run six lines from the earth to the sun. The sun is about 92,500,000 miles distant.

5. This vast sum, if rolled into railroad rails weighing ninety pounds per yard, would be ample to construct a standard-gauge silver-rail railroad 49,321 miles, which is a length about twice the distance around the globe at the equator.

6. This vast sum, if built into a column ten feet square, would have its top far above the clouds, indeed far above our atmosphere; it would reach an altitude of 325,520 feet, or nearly sixty-two miles.

7. This vast sum, if divided equally among the entire population of the globe, would allow each man, woman and child about one hundred and seventy dollars.

Two Odd Suggestions

F. W. GREENWOOD has been pioneering in the province of Quebec, one of the coldest localities in America, for the past five years. He sends us the two suggestions which follow, claiming that he has found them both extremely beneficial. They seem odd to us, but may be O.K.

Lie on the ground face downward, with head to the north. Cover the head if sun is shining brightly; exposing the rest of the body to the sun is beneficial. If weather is cool, spread a blanket down and cover oneself well. The reason this is so beneficial is that the earth is full of electricity, which draws the poison out of the system, recharging it with new vitality.

The Arabs, who are noted for their great endurance, when they rest on a long journey, throw themselves upon the ground, flat on their faces. Two or three hours of this repose is worth twice the amount in an ordinary bed.

Asthma sufferers will often find that severe spasms can be alleviated by following this course, when many other remedies fail.

. . . .

The cold weather is here for many of us. For those who shrink from the cold, we give a simple way to increase bodily warmth and energy.

At night and in the morning, or only once a day, take one or two teaspoonfuls of dry flaxseed. Put it in the mouth and drink water to wash it down. It can be chewed if preferred.

Instead of flaxseed, linseed meal can be used; this is flaxseed ground with a small quantity of other grain (to absorb the extra amount of oil in the flax).

Put in a teacup one or two teaspoonfuls of this linseed meal, pour on it boiling water, and let stand until sufficiently cool to drink. Drink all of it, or, to commence with, only the liquid off the top; all of it is best. Milk and sugar can be added when taken at night. This is often better than the ordinary midnight lunch for many people. See how well you sleep, and how fit you feel when you wake in the morning.

Flaxseed is a great heat producer, supplying the same to the body in a most easily assimilable form.

The "Treasures of the Snow and Hail"

(Translated from *La Vanguardia*, Barcelona, Nov. 5, 1933)

THE existence of a roof of ice at a height of one hundred kilometers over the north pole is one of the most important discoveries of the French expedition which has spent a whole year in Scoresby Sund, to the east of Greenland, making investigations of a scientific character. Members of the expedition, which returned to France only a few weeks ago, have made important revelations concerning their discoveries to the United Press.

The existence of such a layer of ice had been suspected before, but it appears that the French investigators are the first who have succeeded, not only in proving this phenomenon of nature, but also in establishing its height above the earth. To accomplish this they employed the method of transmission of echoes which ships use in order to measure the greatest depths of the ocean. The ships measure the time that elapses from the report of a cannon till the echo returns to the same ship after having gone down to the bottom of the sea and up again. Knowing the speed of transmission of sound, it is easy to establish by this method the depth of the water. By the same process, the French investigators have made soundings of the atmosphere and have proved that the supposed roof of ice must float at a height of one hundred kilometers above the earth's surface. This roof of ice is composed of tiny particles of water, infinitely smaller than a drop of water, but in the aggregate forming a layer of compact ice.

The French Polar investigators and meteorologists of the expedition believe that this roof of ice plays a very important part in the origin (Spanish says *formación*, i.e., formation = genesis or beginning.—H. G.) of storms in the whole of the Northern Hemisphere. Basing their conclusions on their observations (Spanish says 'notes'), they hope to be able to prove that storms have their origin in the North.

May Teach Their Own Children

MR. AND MRS. A. J. SMART of Vineland, N. J., have been carrying on a two-year fight for the privilege of teaching their children at home, and have at last won out. Among other things, Mr. Smart maintained that the compulsory education law interfered with his rights as a private citizen and insisted on home education for his children who were enrolled in the National League of Mother-Teachers. Inasmuch as vaccination is considered a prerequisite to attendance at public schools, though unlawfully so, the right to teach children through other agencies and means should be granted to parents who realize the danger of vaccination.

Kidnapers' Profits

POLICE records show that during 1933, in cases reported to the authorities, demands by kidnapers totaled a million dollars. The cost of efforts to bring these criminals to justice runs to many more millions.

Traditional Record Not in Scriptures *By Nemo (England)*

THE following events, not recorded in the Bible, are said to have occurred during the period from the last of the prophets to the coming of Christ, an interim of about 400 years.

During this period the Jews were influenced by the rule of four different dynasties: (1) The Dominion of Persia, 536-333 B.C.; (2) of Greece, 333-167 B.C.; (3) of the Asmoneans, 167-63 B.C.; (4) of the Idumean Antipater and Herod, 63-1 B.C.

Under the Persians, whose rule began with the capture of Babylon, the Jews enjoyed great liberty. Out of the form of government that Nehemiah set up came a greater, "The Great Synagogue." Their duty was to watch over purity of doctrine, especially as regards the Law. The Jewish theory was that the Law was given in a twofold form, viz., the written and the oral. The first, written by God immutable; the second was orally taught to Moses by God on Mt. Sinai. This oral Law was repeated by Moses to Joshua, by him to the elders, and they to the prophets till it reached Jeremiah; then through Baruch to Ezra, and he to the Great Synagogue, which Nehemiah supplied with a library of all the sacred books he could collect. (II Macc. 2:13) Our Lord refers to "the tradition of the elders" or oral law.

(2) The Dominion of Greece. Alexander the Great came with an army of 35,000 Greeks and conquered all Persia in six years. Alexander was enraged with the Jews for withholding supplies, and only a miracle saved them. This great army was approaching Jerusalem. The high priest offered sacrifice and public prayers for God's help. In the night God appeared to him in a dream and bid him "cause flowers to be scattered up and down the city, set open all the gates and go, clothed in his pontifical robes, his priests in their vestments, and others in white, to meet Alexander and not to fear any evil from that king, inasmuch as he would protect them". This they obeyed, marching to a place in full view of Jerusalem, and waited. Alexander was struck at the sight of the high priest, in whose mitre and forehead a golden plate was fixed on which the name of God was written. Alexander advanced with great respect, bowed his body and adored that august Name, and saluted the priest with veneration. The Jews loudly wished him all prosperity. All the spectators were dumb with surprise, and one of the Greek generals asked the king how it was that he, who was adored by everyone, should adore the high priest of the Jews. "I do not adore the high priest," replied Alexander, "but the God whose minister he is, for while I (in Macedonia) was planning how to conquer Asia, this very man, dressed in the same robes, appeared to me in a dream, exhorted me to banish every fear, bid me cross the Hellespont boldly, and assured me that God would march at the head of my army, and give me victory over the Persians." So Jerusalem was spared, and the Jews gained a great friend, in place of an enemy!

After Alexander's death Palestine belonged to one of his generals for a little while, then to Ptolemy, king of Egypt. Under the Ptolemies the Jews were peaceful and happy, were allowed to build synagogues in all their settlements, and this spread them, and their religion, in all their countries. Thus the Greek language gradually became the language of the Jews scattered so, "the Jews of the dispersion" (1 Peter 1:1), and became a connecting link between the Jews and heathens. Then these Jews wanted a Greek Bible, which Ptolemy Philadelphus caused to be written for the library at Alexandria, which became known as the Septuagint, so called because written by about 70 Jews (six from each tribe).

The Jews had a high priest, Simon the Just, who repaired the temple, the walls, and made a reservoir, "in compass as the sea."

After a hundred years of prosperity the Jews became subject to the kings of Syria, in the reign of Antiochus the Great, 198 B.C. They divided the land into five provinces: Galilee, Samaria and Judea, west of Jordan, Trachonitis and Pirea on the east. Judea (between Syria and Egypt, who were at war) became corrupt. God punished them—the king of Syria came, plundered the city and temple, and killed many of them, 170 B.C. For 3½ years they had no civil or religious liberty. Then God delivered them through the noble family of the Asmoneans. The pious high priest Mattathias and his five sons gained many victories. On their banner was inscribed, "Who is like unto Thee among the gods, O Jehovah?" From the Hebrew initials of these words M. C. B. I. was derived their family name, Maccabee. The temple was reconsecrated and a feast of dedication of eight days took place annually. (John 10:22) Their prosperity was short. Pompey took Jerusalem and made Judea subject to the Romans, finally conquered by Herod the Great of the Jewish reli-

gion, a favorite of Rome. He enlarged the kingdom, but reduced the power of the high priest. To keep the Jews in subjection he repaired the temple at great expense. In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Herod, while Augustus was emperor of Rome, the Savior of the world was born at Bethlehem.

The intercourse of the Jews with Gentiles in Babylon and elsewhere, and the severe chastisements they had undergone, checked their tendency to idolatry, and confirmed them in their own faith. From choice or necessity they settled in Asia Minor, in Greece, in Africa and in Italy, so that when our Lord appeared there was scarcely a country in the whole Roman Empire in which a Jewish colony might not be found. It was therefore true that Moses had, in every city, those that preached him.—Acts 15:21.

Lord Tavistock and Ruskin *By G. H. Dixson (Oregon)*

I'VE just been reading about Lord Tavistock's humanitarian plan.

Coming, as it does, from a titled multi-millionaire, instead of from a Russian Red or an I.W.W., it ought to carry some weight and influence for good among the intelligentsia.

Many years ago the late John Ruskin, another humanitarian millionaire, by inheritance, suggested this same idea of a national dividend, though differing somewhat in the method of disbursement, possibly.

Ruskin was a deep student of social and political economy, and a vein of it runs through all his works, which deserve much wider reading. His humanitarian educational efforts will be more and more appreciated as the years go by.

I quote a brief paragraph from him on this theme that seems to me quite apropos at this time in the hope that it may stimulate some much needed thought and study along this line, if we are to avert dire calamity. He says:

"Suppose it should turn out, finally, that a true government set to true work, instead of being a costly engine, was a paying one, that your government, rightly organized, instead of itself subsisting by an income tax, would produce its subjects some subsistence in the shape of an income dividend! . . . A true government set to true work! Not easily imagined, still less obtained, but not beyond human hope or ingenuity."

We have immensely improved our methods and abilities in production; isn't it time we devote more of our time and INGENUITY to the improvement of distributive methods? And is not our monetary system one of the great factors, if not the greatest factor or agency, in distribution?

The Quest for World Power

(Contributed by Northern European Office of the Watch Tower)

NO, WE are not speaking of the imperialistic aims of Germany, Japan or any other world power, but of the title of a very interesting book by Hugh and Margaret Vowles. It deals with man's quest for new and cheaper sources of power as he ceaselessly endeavors to harness the forces of nature, sometimes to his own hurt. Many an invention has been put to uses the inventor little dreamt of.

The book *The Quest for World Power* propounds many interesting schemes. One, for example, proposes to obtain immense turbine power by running the sea water from the Mediterranean to the Qattara Depression in the Libyan desert. Into this depression, 7,000 square miles in extent at sea level, forty million tons of water a day, it is estimated, would flow continuously, to be evaporated by the fierce sun, and thereby produce from water turbines an output of 160,000 horsepower.

Another scheme is for making greater use of the internal heat of the earth. Not only by tapping volcanoes, geysers and hot springs, but water will be pumped down one borehole in the earth, through a reservoir at the base and up another, thus being heated for power purposes. A depth of two miles will give a temperature equal to boiling point at atmospheric pressure.

Other schemes include the evolving of a gas turbine, which would revolutionize the produc-

tion of power from coal and oil, and of a mercury vapor turbine; the development of more efficient heat accumulators; wireless transmission of power; the production of new synthetic materials; the tapping of the energy radiated by the sun by devices in which this is focused on boilers by means of parabolic reflectors or absorbed by special material in long shallow insulated vessels covered with layers of glass with an air space between to prevent re-radiation.

Great stress is laid, too, upon the harnessing of the tides as a source of power. It is computed by Prof. A. H. Gibson that if a barrage were built across the Bay of Fundy, which has a tidal range of 40 feet, energy equivalent to more than 100 million horsepower hours could be developed.

The authors remark, "Though the importance to mankind of power-driven machinery can hardly be overstressed, we must not forget that, after all, the abiding problems of life are not technical, but moral. . . . With the advent of power and its promise of material plenty for all, there has dawned a new hope in the heart of man that at long last he may escape to wider horizons."

Yes, the abiding problems of life are not technical, but moral, and until the disturbing forces of human nature are also brought under control science cannot properly become a handmaid to minister to the needs of man. That is why Japan uses scientific inventions to wantonly destroy thousands of lives in her schemes of self-aggrandizement. That is why time and again the discoveries of science prove a curse instead of a blessing to mankind. Take, for example, the great aniline dye industry. It was a benefaction to the human race, but through misuse it became the basis on which the great explosive industry was built.

No scientist, when actually at work in the laboratory, has the faintest idea of what the ultimate application of his work may be, though he might think so. It is possible that one of the next discoveries will be the release of interatomic forces. That may make possible the propelling of ships across the Atlantic by the release of energy from a piece of matter no bigger than a pea. Now it is clear that mankind is not to be trusted with power of that importance. If mankind had that particular piece of knowledge at its disposal at the present time, it is quite certain that it would use it not only for driving ships across the Atlantic, but also for purposes of destruction, for war, as it has employed all the resources it has hitherto discovered.

Robert Ingersoll once wrote, "Is there to be no change? Are the laws of 'supply and demand', invention and science . . . always to be the enemies of those who toil?" Judging from the present condition of the world, with millions hungering whilst the warehouses are full, and crops destroyed because it does not pay to transport them, one might almost answer, "Things will always be the same." But no—there will be a change, and that change will be in man, because the Lord has arranged for a New World, when the good things of the earth will be used for the blessing of all. Then it will be possible to entrust man with power, because the administration will be righteous, and because then, and only then, will the dark and disturbing forces of human nature be brought under control.

Last Summer's Heat in the Land of Sunshine

SAYS Mrs. John W. Wilson, of California: "It was with much interest that we noticed the news item in the last issue of *The Golden Age* regarding heat in the Imperial Valley of California, where 'the temperature one day in August was 119, the highest ever reported in that spot'. We are wondering just where 'that spot' could have been, as it would have been a comfortable location at times from the excessive heat. I live in El Centro, in Imperial Valley.

"Believing in giving the Devil his dues I wish to add to the above report on temperature. Many times each summer the temperature rises to over 120 degrees in towns, while in rural sections and on the desert proper 124-130 is acceded to be common; however, the *average* daily temperature is around 115 degrees. These readings are seasonal, and are not extraordinary. Some days and nights the humidity comes in for its glory and hovers around 60-70% for a week at a time; then groaning creation in the Valley is 'all wet'.

"To a loyal Californian the weather in California is either perfect or unusual; not having been perfect this summer, it must have been unusual, so it is said that we were blessed with an unusually cool summer—. And this must be as correct as 'three times one is one'; because our summer weather began about July, and as late as October 27 the temperature registered between 90 and 99 degrees during the day."

Common Salt and Poisoned Dogs

By F. C. Vonderahe (Oregon)

A FEW weeks ago I read articles referring to common salt. One of these articles appeared to favor much salt to be used, and the other was against the use of large quantities of common salt. Knowing that there are many dog-lovers, especially children who have a valuable pet dog, and since poisoning dogs in some neighborhoods is often purposely done by some cruel enemy, I will give what I have found common table salt has done in saving better than ninety percent of the poisoned dogs it was given to.

When I was a boy or young man on my father's farm, some years ago, my father's only remedy when one of our dogs got poisoned was to turn the dog on his back, take a pointed stick, pry the dog's jaws apart or open, and make him swallow about a full-sized heaped tablespoonful or medium handful of common (not iodized) table salt, and in a few moments after, the dog would throw up the poisoned food it had eaten, and in a short time recover. I personally know of from twelve to fifteen dogs my father saved in this way, losing only one, which had the poison too long and was entirely too far gone.

Just recently our neighbor's little dog had been poisoned, and at the time we discovered it he went into one convulsion after another. We gave him a large dose of common table salt, and in less than five minutes he vomited up the poisoned food completely. But this was the most stubborn case of poison I have ever seen, or else he had had the poison so long that his body and blood were so saturated with the poison that it was almost too late to save him, because he still had convulsions one after another for a long time after, which they seldom have after the poison has been thrown out. Nevertheless the dog recovered, and is well as ever today. This happened two weeks ago.

Be careful that the dog does not bite you; as they sometimes snap at you when under the effect of the poison. Better wear gloves for protection. And make sure the dog does not eat or swallow the poisoned food again; bury it at once, deep.

Give the Flapjack a Chance

By Beulah J. Heil (New York)

SOME time ago I read in an article in *The Golden Age* that prepared flour contains phosphates. I remembered seeing phosphates as one of the ingredients of the pancake flour that I used. When I realized what the phosphates might be made of (Cuban cemetery bones), just the thought of such a possibility sickened me of pancakes.

But, being fond of pancakes, I decided to prepare my own pancake flour. Now I have my pancakes once a week, and they are wonderful. We are all so delighted with them that I decided to give my discovery to the *Golden Age* readers who like their pancakes once in a while, without depending on phosphates or prepared pancake flours. We eat enough material unfit to eat, but the idea of possibly eating extracts from the bones of some Cuban grandparents is just too much.

I mixed the following ingredients in this proportion: 1 cup buckwheat flour, 2 cups unbleached flour, 1 teaspoon rye flour, 1 teaspoon corn meal, 1 teaspoon salt, 5 heaping teaspoons baking powder.

I make my own baking powder, according to a recipe which you once had in *The Golden Age*. It is wonderful: 1 part baking soda (bicarbonate of soda), 1 part cornstarch, 2 parts cream of tartar. This baking powder takes from your mind the worry about using aluminum sulphate, which most baking powders contain; also phosphates. Some baking powders contain both.

In making the pancakes I add a little brown sugar, milk or milk and water and beat (not stir) to a medium thin batter; then I add soft, almost melted butter, to suit my pocketbook. I think butter makes them better, but they can be made with little or no butter. No eggs are necessary.

The ultimatum of our family is that these pancakes cannot be beaten. They should be baked quickly on a hot griddle. Maple syrup, or a syrup made of brown sugar, goes best. Honey is fine. We use no corn syrup.

Goes to Jail Fourteen Times

JOHN MARSH, of South Middleton township, Pa., preferred repeated jail sentences to having his children vaccinated. He was a wise father. The crazy idea that children are naturally dangerous associates for other children unless they are injected with the filthy pus euphemistically named "vaccine" is one of the products of the "brain age" which makes us wish that men, and particularly medical men, were less brainy and more sane.

Effect of Pasteurization of Milk

SAYS Lieut. Col. C. Maddock, England: "A very interesting observation by M. Ludd, H. W. Ewarts and L. W. Franks, in New York, on infant feeding was carried out for over six months. The infants were divided into four groups. The first were fed on pasteurized milk alone; the second, on pasteurized milk plus orange juice; the third, on pasteurized milk plus orange juice and cod liver oil; and the fourth, on certified milk, which was the only raw milk obtainable in New York.

"The percentage gain in weights of these different groups showed that those fed on pasteurized milk alone gained 1.7 percent in weight; with pasteurized milk plus orange juice the gain was 7.9 percent; with pasteurized milk plus orange juice and cod liver oil the gain was 9.5 percent; while those fed on raw milk gained 14 percent in weight.

"The effect of pasteurization on the calcium salts in milk has been studied by H. E. Magee and D. Harvey, working in the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen. They demonstrated that the calcium in milk is in two forms, a soluble one, and an insoluble one bound up in caseinogen. After pasteurization the total of the soluble calcium is very much diminished. This loss of soluble calcium, as regards infants and growing children, must be a very important factor in growth and development, not only in the formation of bone and teeth, but also in the calcium content of the blood, the importance of which is now being raised.

"As nature gave raw fresh milk as the only diet for the offspring of all mammals, I still believe that when man steps in and interferes with nature some hardship must ensue, and that it is only a matter of time before research will prove this still more definitely."

Moths and Borax

SAYS Kate Ronde, of Oregon: "This is the time of year when one can board any street car and smell that smell. Sure enough. A glance around will always show some very genteel lady in some rich material that might have passed for goods bought at some recent clearance sale had it not been for that smell—moth balls. And why?

"Why? Why, because it is a thrifty lady who cannot throw away a perfectly fine garment just because she or her mother or her grandmother had bought it some number of clearance sales, or maybe new, or a goodly time, before present instant. But it is such good material that it would have passed unseen, unnoticed, unsmelled of, but for that smell, moth balls!

"The lady herself smells the smell, too, and looks about sheepishly when other passengers' blundering glances stare around until they discover her. This takes out all the joy of being thrifty enough to save one's purse from having to flatten at every clearance sale, or before. Now, how to be thrifty and not smell like it: Don't use moth balls! Use 'Mule Team Borax'. Get a ten-cent package of it at any grocer's. Over every layer of clothing in the trunk, chest, or even pasteboard carton, sprinkle the well-powdered borax, seeing that it gets well into the corners that might make nice moth nests. In the spring all of this white powder, and the great white spots, will completely brush out from the garment; and borax never did smell, anyway. If the goods be a tightly woven serge very stiff brushing is needed to get out the spots. Occasionally the goods may have to go to the cleaner's; but they invariably come out clean, bright, and smell-less, and moth-hole-less, in the spring, or the fall."

More Whole-Wheat Recipes

MRS. L. W. BEACH, of Missouri, gives us the following recipes:

WHOLE-WHEAT PIE CRUST No. 1

1 cup flour; ½ cup peanut butter. Mix thoroughly and add sufficient cold water to make crust of ordinary consistency.

Roll out and cover pie tin. Prick all over bottom and edge, to keep from blistering. Bake in moderate oven about 15 or 20 minutes. Fill when cold.

WHOLE-WHEAT PIE CRUST No. 2

1 cup flour; ⅓ cup butter or olive oil. Mix, add cold water. Proceed as with crust No. 1.

WHOLE-WHEAT DATE BREAD

1 cup dates, dissolved in 1 quart warm water. Pour through colander and drain water off seeds and fiber.

½ ounce compressed yeast dissolved in date water; 1 heaping teaspoon salt; 5 tablespoons olive oil or butter; 3 quarts flour.

Knead into dough. Mold in pans at once; allow to raise 1 hour in warm place. Steam 1 hour. If loaves are large, steam 1½ hours.

Earth's New Overlordship

THE FOURTH chapter of Daniel's prophecy opens with a proclamation of "Peace!" which appears to be made by the king of Babylon. It was published after Nebuchadnezzar had gone through his humiliating experience of the "seven times", as stated in the prophecy, and after he had been fully restored to his right mind and was again upon his throne. That proclamation foretold and foreshadowed another and far more important proclamation to be made and issued by earth's rightful King, Christ Jesus, now!

Nebuchadnezzar was not a type of Christ Jesus, he not being devoted to Jehovah God, whereas Christ Jesus was fully so; but he was an illustration of regal or royal power in the abstract, that is, regal power considered apart from any application to a particular person exclusively. He is a symbol of power to rule.

At the time of his proclamation Nebuchadnezzar relates the dream he had had eight years previously, hence after its first fulfilment upon himself. "I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream." (Daniel 4: 5, 6) The earthly rulers under Satan, whose regal power is at this point pictured by Nebuchadnezzar, now consult spirit mediums in their efforts to determine what course they should take; but as the magicians failed to give the answer to Nebuchadnezzar, even so the fallen angels cannot now give good advice to earthly rulers.

"Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof." (Verse 7) The magicians, astrologers, enchanters and soothsayers here picture the pope, the cardinals, the clergy, the philosophers and other professed "wise men" of the world who attempt to give counsel and advice to earthly political rulers, but they cannot unravel Jehovah's purpose, even after He sets the same down in His Word. They shun the Word of God and follow the lead of foolish men and wicked angels. They are unrighteous, and for that reason cannot understand. (Proverbs 3: 32) Therefore the "wiseacres" of the world now throw up their hands and give up the job in despair.

All the heathen "wise men" having failed to interpret the dream, King Nebuchadnezzar sent for Daniel. (Verse 8) The fact that he had to send for Daniel to interpret the dream shows that he was obliged to apply indirectly to Jehovah, the God of Daniel, for enlightenment. He could not get it from his own servants, but could receive enlightenment only from the servant of Jehovah God. The name Daniel means "God's Judge". Daniel at this point foreshadows Christ Jesus, the great Judge, whom Jehovah has appointed as such and to whom He has 'committed all judgment, and given him power to execute judgment'. (John 5: 22, 27) The sending for Daniel corresponds to the time of sending forth Christ Jesus by Jehovah to begin His reign amidst His enemies, and therefore relates to the year 1914. The worldly "wise men" of Satan's religious, commercial and political organization had completely failed at that time to solve the mystery concerning the human race. God's use of Daniel in giving the interpretation shows that Jehovah through His chief representative, Christ Jesus, will make known His purpose to the remnant of His faithful servants now on earth.

Nebuchadnezzar then tells the dream: "I saw, and, behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth." (Daniel 4: 10, 11) The tree towering above the earth pictures in the abstract, or impersonally, the overlordship of the earth together with the organization of the earth beneath it. It therefore pictured a living creation of Jehovah. When God created man and the other animals of the earth He assigned the overlordship of the earth's creation to the holy cherub Lucifer. (Ezekiel 28: 13-15) The position of overlord of man was a very exalted place, and is pictured by the great tree towering high above the earth. This overlordship and its organization beneath is shown to apply originally to Lucifer and thereafter to Satan, in the prophecy of Ezekiel, chapter 31, the fallen Lucifer, Satan, being there addressed as "Pharaoh king of Egypt". "Lo, a sherbin cedar in Lebanon."—Ezekiel 31: 3, *Rotherham version.*

When Lucifer was appointed by Jehovah to the exalted position of man's overlord he at first exercised that office over only Adam and Eve, so far as the human family was concerned. He

then saw the possibility of extending his regal power over many peoples that should spring from Adam and Eve by reason of God's commandment given to them to "be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it". (Genesis 1:28) Greed for selfish gain or "the love of money" moved Lucifer to commercialize mankind. That was the beginning or the root of all evil. (1 Timothy 6:10) Regal power or overlordship, together with the organization under it, there began to expand; and so it is written: "The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth." (Daniel 4:11) That does not mean that Satan was visible, but his power or overlordship was discernible throughout the earth. The overlord supervised all the earth and must be looked up to and recognized by all the earth.

The base or root stock of the tree was in the earth, and thus pictured man, and shows that it is the man whom God created, saying: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." (Genesis 1:26) The dominion of man was and is limited to the earth, but above man was the invisible organization, headed or topped by Lucifer, who afterwards became Satan. Thus "the leaves [of the tree] were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it". (Daniel 4:12) Even after iniquity was found in Lucifer and he became Satan, all the earth has since been compelled to feed from that "tree". "The whole world lies under the evil one" (1 John 5:19, *Diaglott*) The creation of earth has been under the shadow of that wicked organization.

Lucifer, when appointed to overlordship, was a part of Jehovah's organization, and hence formed a part of the "higher powers". (Romans 13:1) Lucifer was made God's watcher over the interests of the things of the earth, but became unfaithful and no longer was a watcher. There was another watcher over and above Lucifer, and this is the one whom Nebuchadnezzar saw in vision: "I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven." This means that the Logos, Jesus, the beloved One and faithful "holy One" of Jehovah, turned His attention to the things which pertain to and affect the earth, and particularly man.

The Decree

"He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches." (Daniel 4:14) That decree means that the RIGHT to the overlordship was then and there taken away from Lucifer, now Satan, and that he (Satan) and his spirit subordinates were cut off from Jehovah's organization and were henceforth outlaws and that no earthly creature was required to remain under Satan's organization, for the reason that he was no longer any part of the "higher powers" and no more furnishes protection and nourishment and help for mankind. All those who would have the blessings of life must give their allegiance and devotion to Jehovah God and His holy Watcher. This divine decree did not mean that at the time of Adam's sin and of Lucifer's fall God's judgment was to be executed immediately and Satan and his invisible organization were cast out of heaven and down to the earth; but that decree declares God's purpose concerning the same. That decree began to be executed in 1914, when Christ Jesus was sent forth to rule and to cast Satan and his wicked angels out of heaven; it will be completely executed at Armageddon.—Ezekiel 31:10-18.

Satan has exercised overlordship in his wicked organization, which includes the human race, even to the present time; but he has exercised that regal power without divine authority and has rebelled against Jehovah God. Jehovah's purpose was announced in the decree, but He has permitted Satan to go on in his wicked efforts to prove his side of the challenge flung into God's face. In other words, Satan has operated by the sufferance or permission of Jehovah. Man has been left to exercise his own free will to serve either God or Satan, and almost all of human creation have yielded to Satan and followed him.

The Stump

Never could it be possible for man to have sustenance and life from that old "tree in the midst of the earth", because such tree had become wicked and must now be cut down, its leaves shaken off, and its fruit scattered. How-

ever, the decree declares: "Nevertheless, leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth." (Daniel 4:15) The "stump of his roots in the earth" represented or pictured original man, at first made a part of the organization over which Lucifer was given overlordship. The leaving of the stump signified Jehovah's purpose to provide an organization or a new tree by and through which obedient mankind might have life everlasting, namely, the kingdom of God with Christ Jesus as the Savior and enthroned King and Overlord of earth's creation.

The "band of iron and brass" around the stump shows that a long period of time would elapse before the opportunity for the restoration of obedient man under God's organization would come. In that time period man would be under the restraining rule of wicked spirit creatures, pictured by the copper, or "brass", and also under earthly rule of imperfect men, pictured by the iron. But while mankind is alienated from God, out in the world ("field") with no proper habitation, yet God would not permit the race to perish and become entirely hopeless, but it should be kept wet with the dew from heaven, that is, the refreshing promises which could be laid hold upon by those who love God and righteousness. (Deuteronomy 32:2) The whole race would be restrained and bound in a cruel rule, and those who would have faith in God would receive benefit and hope, pictured by "dew". The stump of the original tree, representing man, and the roots of it in the earth have waxed old, and yet there have been some men in the earth, pictured by the roots, that have scented God's truth and reached out for it and have clung to Jehovah and His precious promises, and these have promise and hope of being brought into the new tree.

Since man's expulsion from Eden his portion has been "with the beasts in the grass of the earth". Rulers under Satan have been bestial, brutish, inhuman, cruel and oppressive, and the human race has been subjected to such cruel rule. These earthly rulers, being a part of Satan's organization, are likened to ferocious beasts. (Daniel 7:3-17) This is in harmony with the divine decree: "Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him." (Daniel 4:16) The "seven times" must be symbolic of and hence equal to the "times of the Gentiles", to wit, 2,520 years. (Luke 21:24; Leviticus 26:18, 21, 24, 28) The whole period of time is ascertained by multiplying the days of a lunar year, 360, by 7 (times), equaling 2,520; and as the Scriptures fix a "day" as a symbol of a year (Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34), the period of "seven times" equals 2,520 years. The beginning of the counting of the seven times must wait until the overturning of Israel's last king, in the year 606 B.C. From that time the scripture (Ezekiel 21:27) applies which says: "It shall be no more, until he come whose right it is" to have the kingdom and rulership of the world. There it was that Satan became 'the god of the whole world' (2 Corinthians 4:4) and the "seven times" began to count; meaning that God would not interfere with the beastly rule of earth until the end of that specific period of time. That period of seven times, beginning in 606 B.C. and extending over a period of 2,520 years, ended in 1914, when Christ was enthroned by Jehovah and was sent forth to rule amongst His enemies.—Psalm 110:1-5.

The Kingdom of Men

The decree continues: "This matter is by the decree of the watchers [Jehovah and His Logos], and the demand [the judicial decision, *Strong*] by the word of the holy ones [Jehovah and Christ Jesus, the Logos]; to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."—Daniel 4:17.

The words "the kingdom of men" do not refer to the petty kingdoms of Satan's wicked world, but to the kingdom or invisible lordship set up over man. Jehovah has no responsibility for the national governments of the present wicked world, and certainly not as to who gets into office or is put out of office by the votes of men. Those who are wholly devoted to Jehovah, therefore, can have no part in the selection of such rulers. The fact that Satan has been permitted by Jehovah to continue to exercise overlordship of man is no contradiction of this. The fact that Jehovah directed Jesus to remain inactive and wait until 1914 to begin His work of interference with the enemy proves that Jehovah is "the Most High [who] ruleth in the kingdom of men", and that He is therefore supreme. In His own due time He delegates His power of rulership to whom-

soever He pleases, and He makes known now that He has given it to Christ Jesus and that He will associate with Christ Jesus in that organization 144,000 others, the true and faithful footstep followers of Christ Jesus, who maintain their integrity to the end. (Daniel 7:13-27) As Jesus said to His followers: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32) These words are not only strong, but conclusive, proof that the giving of the kingdom over mankind is exclusively within the power of Jehovah the Most High.

Jesus, although the beloved Son of Jehovah, had to suffer humiliation in order to prove Jehovah's side of the question at issue and in order to demonstrate His own qualification to become the Vindicator of Jehovah's name. (Hebrews 5:8, 9) He was meek and lowly. (Matthew 11:29) "He was despised, and we esteemed him not." (Isaiah 53:3) He made himself of no reputation and humbled himself even unto an ignominious death, and was therefore brought low. (Philippians 2:7, 8) Therefore in harmony with the prophetic dream it is seen that it pleased Jehovah to 'set up over it [the kingdom or rulership of men] the basest [the low One] amongst men'. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11) Jehovah thus fixes the qualifications of the One to whom He gives the Kingdom. The 144,000 associated with Christ Jesus in the Kingdom must possess similar qualifications, and hence these are the low ones of earth whom the Lord uses for His purposes: "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world, to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world, to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are; that no flesh should glory in his presence."—1 Corinthians 1:26-29.

Nebuchadnezzar as Satan's representative boasted and fell. Self-exaltation led to his fall and complete abasement. (Psalm 138:6) Exaltation comes from Jehovah and is given only to those who are entirely obedient to Him. (Isaiah 57:15) In harmony with this divine rule Ezekiel was caused to write: "I [Jehovah] have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, . . . Exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high." (Ezekiel 17:24; 21:26) The overlordship of earth is changed, but this change of overlordship does not take place until the end of the seven times, which occurred in 1914, at which time Jehovah placed His Son upon His holy hill of Zion and sent Him forth to rule.—Psalm 2:6; 110:1, 2.

Fulfilment

The prophet Daniel faithfully and fearlessly declared the interpretation of the prophetic dream. (Daniel 4:19-27) About twelve months later it began having fulfilment upon Nebuchadnezzar, but in a miniature or small-scale way only. He went stark mad, imagining himself a beast, and was driven out into the fields, where he mingled with the brute beasts for seven years. The major fulfilment takes place on Satan and his organization, reaching a climax with the reign of Christ and the fall of the enemy organization. (Verses 28-33) In the case of Nebuchadnezzar the "seven times" passing over him were literal; but in the major fulfilment they are symbolic. At the end of these seven symbolic times, to wit, in 1914, the Gentile ruling powers, and particularly that part of it called "Christendom", were certainly a beastly-looking lot, like Nebuchadnezzar at the end of his "seven times" amongst the beasts of the field; and they went forth and made war upon each other like wild beasts, even as the prophecy foretells. Since then these earthly representatives of Satan have been warned concerning God's purpose; but they refuse to give heed to that divine counsel and all of them "walk on in darkness".—Psalm 82:5.

The New Tree

At the end of the 'seven years' of humiliation Nebuchadnezzar appears in a different role. His reason having returned, he now pictures regal power as exercised by Christ Jesus. "And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High; and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation." (Daniel 4:34) The time limit having

been reached, the tree stump must be released from the band of copper and iron. So, down here, the time had come for the inauguration of earth's rightful King as ruler, and as such He is pictured by one (Nebuchadnezzar) acknowledging and extolling the name of Jehovah and declaring Him to be the Supreme One, besides whom there is none. The restoration of Nebuchadnezzar to the throne was a vindication of Jehovah's word as announced by His servant Daniel. Likewise at the close of the Gentile times the enthronement of Christ Jesus was a vindication of God's word as spoken by His holy prophets.

Christ Jesus is the righteous and rightful overlord of earth. His is the capital organization of Jehovah and is therefore the new cedar tree, to which the people must look for hope. "Thus saith the Lord God, I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent [namely, the top of Jehovah's organization]: in the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish; I the Lord have spoken, and have done it."—Ezekiel 17: 22-24.

The bands of copper and iron being removed from the old stump of the original tree, no more shall the human race be ruled by wicked spirit and cruel human creatures. The new cedar tree, the righteous overlordship and government with Christ as Head, King and Savior, is made available for all of the human race who will be obedient to God. The One who was lowly and despised of men and of wicked angels is now exalted to the highest place, and thus Jehovah creates a new tree; and enthroning His Son as King and Overlord of man He has thus set up Him who was "the basest of men" in the eyes of others of creation. This new tree is far more excellent than the original tree.

The people of good will now on earth, and otherwise designated as the Jonadab class (2 Kings 10: 15-23), are pictured in the tender roots in the old stump which, as Job 14: 7-9 states, "through the scent of water" reach out after God and lay hold upon the precious truths of His Word and render themselves in obedience to His righteous organization under Christ; and, doing so, they shall live. Into this new tree are first brought the faithful body members of Christ (his 144,000 faithful followers) who are blessed with the privilege of being made a part of the tree or organization that shall administer blessings to the obedient ones of mankind. Under that organization, and as servants thereto, comes the "great multitude" class. (Revelation 7: 9-14) The faithful prophets of old were pictured by the tender roots left in the old stump, and because of their faithfulness they will form a part of the new tree; and into that organization shall also be gathered all those of good will who will give themselves wholly to Jehovah God and His righteous government. The new tree is truly a tree of hope. That tree bears the name that Jehovah gives; it is *Jehovah's* organization.

In fitting conclusion the king, representing regal power as exercised by Christ Jesus since 1914, says: "Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase." (Vs. 37) Now Jehovah's witnesses as heirs of the Kingdom with Jesus do also "praise and extol and honour the King of heaven" and delight to bear His truths to the people. His truth and judgments are now being made known in the earth and must continue to be made known until all shall know that Jehovah is the Most High over all the earth and that all those like Satan, who continue to walk on in pride, Jehovah is able to, and will, completely abase and destroy.

The Radio Witness Work

CHILLICOTHE, Ill. "I have been listening to your radio talks and studying your books and have received great comfort from them, for I am now out of work. At times things ahead look very dark and the only consolation I get is to think and believe that God will protect and help. I have been watching how things are happening today, and feel as though this must be the final destruction of Babylonian governments."

PICTURE ROCKS, Pa. (To a pioneer) "I read the book *Vindication,* and then I started to read it through again, and when I was about halfway through it one of my neighbors loaned me three others to read. They were *Government, Reconciliation* and *Prophecy;* so read them. You wanted me to tell you what I thought of them. My answer is this: I think they are the best explanation of Scriptures that I have ever read. I think I know God better and am nearer to Him than ever before. While I thought I knew of God's love and how He had given it to man, I never saw it as plainly as I see it now."

HORTON, Mich. "I am writing to tell you of the thrilling pleasure I received from hearing Judge Rutherford this morning over WIBM, Jackson. It was the first time I ever had that privilege. We got our radio only yesterday morning and could scarcely wait until time for him to speak. It has been something over a year since I first heard of the Watch Tower and began reading Mr. Rutherford's books. Along with the books was sent a booklet telling about your organization and also about the *Watchtower* and *Golden Age* magazines, for which I want to thank you very much. I am now a subscriber for both and would gladly give up all the other papers and magazines we have rather than part with these. I have been more or less of a shut-in the last two or three years, but perhaps for that reason I appreciate all the more the glorious truths about Jehovah God. A curious coincidence happened, or so it seemed to me. About a half hour after the lecture one of Jehovah's witnesses called at the door. I do not know of any about here, but I assure you I am in sincere sympathy with your great work and if at any time in any way I can be of assistance I will be glad to help. May Jehovah bless you."

Truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again—
The eternal years of God are hers;
But Error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among his worshipers.

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World Control

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FOR several years past it has been my privilege to tell the people God's message of truth as it is set forth in the Bible and to use the radio for that purpose. The truth is not popular, and hence provokes much opposition. Nineteen centuries ago God sent Jesus to earth to deliver His message of truth. Jesus faithfully performed His commission and was crucified for telling the truth. The truth will never be popular until there is a complete change of world control. I beg you to carefully follow my speech now, that you may more fully appreciate why there is such great opposition to the truth and what is the only safe and proper course for the people to take. The people of good will must now hear, because this message is for their special aid and comfort in this day of great world distress. It is not the message of any man, but the message from God's Word delivered according to His will.

The address on WORLD CONTROL, which begins on this page, was given at the Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, California, March 25, 1934. It was delivered directly to a cheering audience of 12,000 liberty-loving Americans that unanimously adopted the Resolution.

It was broadcast over the American continent on a special network of 151 stations.

As we go to press, word comes from South Africa and from Australia that the speech was heard distinctly in those far-off lands; thus it may truly be said that this address, of world-wide import, echoed in every corner of the entire world.

March 15, 1934, Judge Rutherford, through his attorney, appeared before the Congress of the United States, with the statement found on pages 425-429 of this issue. It is his demand for non-interference in the work of Jehovah's witnesses. It is made in the name of Jehovah, the true and living God. It should be heeded, without question, without hesitation.

First I give the Scriptural definition of "world", and then show you who controls the world and why a change of world control must shortly come to pass. "World" means the peoples of the earth organized into forms of government under the supervision of an invisible power or overlord. In the Bible the word "heaven" is used to represent the invisible part of that rule, while "earth", as there used, means the visible power that rules; and it is "heaven" and "earth" together which constitute the world. The people of good will are those who have an honest and sincere desire to see justice and righteousness control everything, and hence that the will of God may be done on earth and in heaven.

God, "whose name alone is Jehovah," is the Supreme Being and the source of righteousness and life. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the chief executive officer of Jehovah, the Redeemer of man, and the world's rightful ruler. Satan the Devil is the wicked one, the opposer of God, and man's greatest enemy. For centuries Satan has been the invisible overlord or controller of the world. There must be a change from Satan's rule to that by Jesus Christ. That change is impending and will take place within this generation. Now I give you the proof showing how the Devil became the ruler of the world.

Jehovah God created the earth and put perfect man upon it, and made the spirit creature Lucifer the invisible overlord of the earth. Associated with Lucifer were many spirit creatures or angels forming a part of his immediate organization. Lucifer rebelled against Jehovah God, in which rebellion his host of angels joined, and man was led into lawlessness and sentenced to death. Since the entire human race sprang from that one man after he had sinned and was sentenced to death, all mankind have been born imperfect. (Romans 5:12) God changed the name of Lucifer to that of Devil, Satan, Serpent and Dragon, and since

then Satan and his host of wicked angels have controlled the world.

Satan defied Jehovah God to put on earth men that would be faithful and true to God. That challenge God accepted. Although sentenced to death Satan and his wicked angels have been permitted to continue for a definite period of time unhindered in the prosecution of their wicked work, God abiding His own due time to take action against them. As the human race increased on the earth, other angels which had been wholly devoted to God materialized in human form and were induced by Satan and his wicked angels to mingle with humankind and marry the daughters of men, and from that union there came forth an unusual offspring. There followed a period of great wickedness in the earth, and God announced His purpose to destroy the "world that then was" by a flood. That time in the Scriptures is called "Noah's day", because Noah was a righteous man and remained true to God.

Jehovah God then told Noah to build an ark in which he would find refuge for himself and the immediate members of his household. Noah did as commanded, and then there came upon the world the deluge or great flood which destroyed all flesh. That destruction of all flesh was a type foreshadowing the destruction of the present wicked world. The saving of a few persons who found refuge in the ark pictured or foreshadowed the millions of people of good will who will be carried through the battle of the great day of God Almighty soon to be fought. A knowledge of the truth of and concerning these things is now of most vital importance to all persons of good will; hence that message is now declared as a notice and warning to all such people.

In the flood God destroyed all flesh, but He did not destroy the Devil and the other wicked spirits, but permitted them to continue to exercise power and influence over humankind until God's due time to take action. Why did not God then destroy the Devil? Jehovah's answer to that question is found in the Bible, at Exodus 9:16, in these words: "But for this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that they [my witnesses] may proclaim my name throughout all the earth." (Exodus 9:16, *Leeser*) But the day of final reckoning must come, and in that day Satan and his power will be completely destroyed and there will be a complete change in the rulership of the world.

After the flood the human race multiplied in the earth and then men began to organize themselves into governments, the first organization being under the leadership of Nimrod. In that government and in every government from then till now three elements have constituted the visible ruling power, to wit, religion, politics and commerce. During all that time Satan the Devil has exercised his subtle power over the men of the nations, defrauded and deceived them, and led them away from the true God. But in all the centuries past God has had a few men on earth who have remained true and faithful to Him, and such men He has caused to be His witnesses in the earth.

Then Jehovah organized the people of Israel into a nation for himself and used that nation to foreshadow and foretell His purpose toward the human race. For some time that nation was faithful to God, but in the course of time the rulers and people fell under the wily influence of the Devil, turning away from God, and then that nation was completely destroyed. Israel was a type foreshadowing "Christendom". The nations of earth now called "Christendom" began to serve Jehovah, but in the course of time those nations fell away from the true worship of God, yielded to the seductive influence of Satan, and became corrupt, and God's decree is that they shall be completely destroyed at Armageddon, even as Israel was destroyed.

Satan, the wily and subtle foe, in order to deceive man, has caused the people to be kept in ignorance of himself and his work, his agents even denying that Satan exists at all. The question which you must determine now is whether you will believe and accept the word of man or believe and accept the truth of the Bible, which is God's Word. This message is addressed to those who believe that the Bible is the Word of God; and it will be a comfort to them, but not to others. Now the world is in great distress; the rulers in every nation under the sun are in very great perplexity. They sense disaster ahead, but do not know the reason why, nor will they give heed to the Bible truth of and concerning the same. Many religious leaders have told you that the present trouble upon the world is a punishment from God, whereas the Scriptures plainly state that Satan the Devil is the one causing the great distress and woe now upon

the people. Therefore it is written: "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Revelation 12:12) Now I tell you why Satan has brought this great woe upon the nations of earth.

At the beginning of Satan's rebellion Jehovah God promised that He would produce a "Seed" that would in due time rule the world in righteousness, destroy Satan and his organization, and bring blessings of peace, prosperity and life to all the peoples and nations of the earth that would do justice and righteousness. That promised "Seed" or Ruler is Christ Jesus, the beloved Son of God. Concerning Him it is written: "The government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty [Ruler], The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, . . . The zeal of [Jehovah] of hosts will perform this." (Isaiah 9:6, 7) Thus Christ Jesus is identified as earth's rightful ruler, by and through whom the human race must receive the desired blessings.

In A.D. 33 the man Jesus, after having delivered God's message of truth to Israel, was killed by Satan's agents. God then raised Jesus out of death and gave Him life divine and made Him the most exalted one in the universe and appointed Him to the office of King or Ruler of the world. Jesus was required to wait, however, until God's due time for Him to assume His rulership. (Psalm 110:1) When on the earth Jesus declared that He must go away and receive the Kingdom and that He would then come again and set up the Kingdom; and for that reason He taught Christians to pray: 'Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth.'

In answer to the question as to what would be the proof of His coming and His kingdom Jesus stated that the world war would mark the beginning of His operations concerning the world. That world war came in 1914 in fulfilment of the prophecy uttered by Jesus. It was in that year that Jehovah God installed Jesus and commissioned Him to rule the world. (Psalm 2:6-12) Christ Jesus is a spirit now, and cannot be seen by human eyes. As Satan has long been the invisible ruler over the world, hence unseen by men, so now his rule must cease and Christ Jesus becomes the invisible ruler and controller of the world. Jehovah God has for centuries suffered or permitted Satan to be the invisible ruler; but now that time limit is up and the end of Satan's world has come, and the time for Christ Jesus to take over the affairs of the world, and just before He begins the administration of blessings He will destroy the wicked ruler of this world and all who support that wicked ruler.

Satan knows that it is only a short time until Armageddon, which will be the final fight by Satan and his angels on one side and Christ Jesus and His angels on the other side, and, knowing this, Satan brings great woe upon the world, his purpose being to turn the people away from the true God and cause their destruction. This is further supported by the words of Jesus, who said that at the end of the world there would be great distress upon earth, with perplexity, and men's hearts failing them because of things they sense coming upon the world. This is exactly the condition that we see today. The great change from unrighteous to righteous rule or control of the world is impending.

Seeing the great danger of world collapse, earthly rulers organized the League of Nations as a substitute for God's kingdom, and the religious element of the world hails that League of Nations as "the political expression of God's kingdom on earth"; which claim is wholly false. Today an organization in America known as "The League of Nations Association, Inc.", by its president, has issued an appeal to the people to support the League of Nations, and which appeal among other things says: "In a world as dark as this, why blow out the only light there is?" meaning that the League of Nations is the only hope of the world. I warn the people that the League of Nations is the product of Satan, brought forth to deceive the people and blind them to the truth concerning God's kingdom. The League of Nations is absolutely certain to go down with the other parts of Satan's organization. God foreknew and foretold this confederacy of nations, and concerning it by His prophet He said: 'Associate yourselves together, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces. . . . Bind yourselves together, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought.'—Isaiah 8:9, 10.

In giving His answer concerning the evidence proving the end of the world Jesus referred to the League of Nations as that "abomination that

maketh desolate", because it assumes to take the place of God's kingdom. He said to His followers: 'When ye shall see the abomination of desolation [which is the League of Nations] stand in the holy place, then flee to God's kingdom.' (Matthew 24:15, 16) Jesus gives this warning because the League of Nations is Satan's scheme to blind the people to the truth. All who seek refuge in the League of Nations will come to disaster. God's kingdom under Christ is the only hope of the human race, and refuge will be found only in God's organization.

For more than 1800 years the Israelites were God's typical people, and it is expressly stated in the Bible that what came to pass in connection with that nation foreshadowed what shall come to pass at the end of the world, where we now are. The nation of Israel began to function while domiciled in Egypt, and there the people of Israel pictured or represented the peoples now on earth who are on the side of God and Christ and who desire to see righteousness control and oppression end. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, represented or stood for Satan, the god or invisible ruler of the wicked world. Pharaoh and the officers of his government heaped great oppression upon the Israelites. Jehovah God sent Moses and Aaron to Egypt to be witnesses to His name and power. Moses was a type of Christ Jesus, while Aaron was a type of Jehovah's witnesses working under the direction of Christ Jesus. God commanded Moses and Aaron to go before Pharaoh and demand that His people Israel be permitted to serve and worship God in the way that Jehovah had appointed for them. Pharaoh refused to grant that request. Then God commanded Moses to bring plagues upon Egypt, that the rulers and the people might be informed and warned that Jehovah is the Almighty God and that His commandments must be obeyed. In all there were ten plagues that befell Egypt. The ninth plague was that of great darkness over all the land of Egypt except that part where God's chosen people were, and there the Israelites had complete light, which was a special favor from Jehovah.

Now at the end of the world Jehovah has sent Christ Jesus the Greater Moses and has sent forth His witnesses, pictured by Aaron, and commanded that His testimony must be given to the rulers of the world and to the people that Jehovah is the Supreme One and that His people shall be permitted without interference to worship and serve God in the way He has appointed for them. In the year 1919 the religious, political and commercial elements of "Christendom" set up the League of Nations in opposition to God's kingdom under Christ, and since then all these visible rulers have vigorously opposed Jehovah's witnesses. At the command of the Lord His witnesses have served notice and warning upon the rulers that the world has ended, and that the kingdom of God is at hand, and have demanded of the rulers that God's people be permitted without interference to serve and worship Him in the manner Jehovah has appointed for them. The serving of such notice and warning constitutes the fulfilment of the nine plagues of Egypt; which nine prophetic plagues have been fulfilled upon the rulers of the world. As the ninth plague on Egypt was great darkness, just so now the rulers of the world are in great darkness as to God's purpose, because they refuse to heed God's truth. This is particularly shown by the fact that the League of Nations is openly claimed to be the only light that now shines on earth. The only exception to this great darkness is that those persons who have taken their stand on the side of God and His kingdom are now enjoying the light of the Word of God and by it are directed in the right course. At the conclusion of the ninth plague upon Egypt Pharaoh said to Moses and Aaron: 'Be gone and see me no more.' Even so now after the ninth antitypical plague has been served upon the rulers of the world, they have in effect said to Jehovah's witnesses: 'Be gone and let us have no more to do with you.' Pharaoh defied Jehovah God. The rulers of the world are now doing the same thing. They oppose Jehovah's witnesses and spurn God's warning, and they reject God and His kingdom.

After this, and in harmony with the will of God as He has commanded, Jehovah's witnesses will give no further notice and warning to the rulers of the world, but must now bring to the attention of the people of good will the message of notice and warning concerning Armageddon and God's kingdom, even as Moses and Aaron gave special instruction to the Israelites just before the tenth plague came upon Egypt.

The firstborn of Egypt under their law constituted a specially favored class; and hence in the prophetic picture the firstborn represented the present visible ruling element of the earth. The tenth and last plague which God sent upon

Egypt was this: He sent His angel throughout the land of Egypt and slew every one of the firstborn of the Egyptians, but gave protection to the firstborn of the Israelites because they obeyed His commandment, showing faith in man's Redeemer. The Israelites immediately left Egypt and were pursued by Pharaoh and his official organization, all of which were destroyed in the sea. That foreshadowed or pictured Armageddon, which will mean the complete destruction of Satan's rule of this world, both visible and invisible.

The Scriptures reveal that God never takes advantage of the ignorance of anyone, but always gives notice and warning before taking action to vindicate His name. Mark this, that He caused Noah to testify to men and angels of His purpose to destroy the world before He brought the flood, which destroyed the world. He caused Moses and Aaron to give full notice and warning to Egypt, and then came the destruction of that world power. He caused Jesus to give fair notice and warning to the rebellious nation of Israel, and then followed the destruction of that nation. Now Jehovah has caused His witnesses to give full and fair notice and warning to the rulers of this world; and when this witness work is completed, there shall quickly follow the complete destruction of the world. The flood, the destruction of Egypt, and the fall of Jerusalem brought great trouble upon the people, but Jesus declares that Armageddon shall bring upon the world the greatest tribulation ever known, and that it will be the last. (Matthew 24:14, 21, 22) Hence we may know that the impending battle of Armageddon will be the final and complete execution of Jehovah's judgment against the wicked, both invisible and visible.

Armageddon will not be fought between men of the nations of earth. Armageddon is the 'battle of the great day of God Almighty', in which Christ Jesus and His angels will fight against Satan and his wicked host, and Christ will be completely victorious. Mark now the words of the record in 2 Peter 3, to wit: 'In the last days shall come those who will deny and scoff at the kingdom of God, and for this they willingly are ignorant of the truth, that by the word of God the heavens and earth that were of old, constituting the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished; but the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto [destruction] against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. . . . Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements [visible ruling powers] shall melt with fervent heat.'—2 Peter 3:3-7, 12.

Those inspired words recorded in the Bible tell what shall shortly come upon the world, making a complete end of Satan's rule, thus clearing the way for the righteous rule of Christ Jesus. Continuing the apostle says: "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (2 Peter 3:13) This marks the complete change of world control, the "new heavens" being the Christ or invisible rule, and the "new earth" meaning those faithful men of old from Abel to John the Baptist, who being resurrected as perfect men shall become the visible rulers in the earth; and that rule shall be one of righteousness.–Psalm 45:16; Isaiah 32:1.

In Revelation 21 the new rule of the world is symbolically called "the holy city" or organization, and is described as coming down from God out of heaven, which holy and righteous rule under Christ shall bring the greatest blessings to the people. Exercising His supreme power by and through Christ Jesus, Jehovah the great God of the universe will then bless all the people who obey His righteous law. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new: . . . for these words are true and faithful."—Revelation 21:4, 5.

Again I bring to your attention that the so-called "holy year" has failed to bring the promised peace and prosperity, and that failure of itself should convince the people of good will that God did not authorize the year 1933 to be called a holy year, nor will He answer the prayers of men who try to make it a holy year. Upon earth there is now no peace, and poverty continues to stalk hideously through the land. As Jehovah's witnesses we have no controversy with men. Our only purpose is to be obedient to God's commandment to tell the message of truth. As He has commanded this message to be delivered, by His grace we will do it, regardless of opposition; and when we have thus done,

our responsibility ends and yours begins. I must tell you that all human schemes to recover the world are certain to fail. The world is sick unto death, and it is going to die. There may be a temporary period of prosperity, but it will be very brief. Jehovah's decree is that there shall be a complete change of world control, and for this reason the old world must perish.

In the terrible disaster that shall soon come upon the present world all who oppose God will die and will find no possible way of escape. (Jeremiah 25:33-36) Money, property and worldly influence will not avail anyone to buy protection or relief in that time of great trouble. Concerning the same it is written in God's Word: "The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." (Isaiah 24:3, 5) The everlasting covenant here mentioned is God's covenant concerning the sanctity of life. (Genesis 9:1-11) Every nation on earth has grossly violated and willfully broken that covenant by causing the unnecessary and untimely death of human creatures. Examples of such needless bloodstains upon the record of America are the cruel treatment to which the Indians have been subjected, and the wanton slaughter of animals; and which was done chiefly because of greed for gain. The commercial and political elements of the earth have unjustly oppressed and killed millions of human creatures, and the religious element has connived at and condoned such wrongful deeds. God will balance the books at Armageddon.

I warn the people of a wicked conspiracy formed by Satan, and in which conspiracy there are joined the international bankers, the unfaithful clergy, and the conscienceless politicians, among the purposes of which conspiracy are these: To put America in the League of Nations, control the money and all other property, rule the people by the hand of their one-man dictator, destroy the freedom of speech and press, and stop the true worship of God and Christ.

But be of good courage! The hand of Almighty God at Armageddon will smite all these enemies to the dust!

What, then, is the hope of the nations of the earth? Jehovah God points to Christ Jesus, the new Ruler of the world, and says: 'Behold my servant, in whom my soul is pleased. He shall show righteous judgment to the nations, and in his name shall the nations hope.' (Matthew 12:18-21) Having been warned, men are at liberty to join whatsoever organization they may wish; but let the people of good will who desire to see righteousness, peace, prosperity and life everlasting on the earth take their stand wholly on the side of God and His kingdom. There is no place of safety anywhere else. To take your stand on Jehovah's side you do not need to join any human organization, but in the privacy of your home devote yourself to God and His kingdom under Christ. Be diligent to study the Word of truth and learn the way of righteousness. Avoid all controversies and strifes. If riots and revolutions come, keep away from them. Deal honestly and justly with your fellow man, and worship and obey the Almighty God. There are on earth today millions of people of good will who desire to know and to do what is right, and those who follow the instructions given to them in the Word of God may be hid in the time of the great tribulation, and be carried through it safely, and then live for ever on the earth and never die. Hence it can be truly said, "Millions now living will never die."

Opposers of God's truth may soon make it impossible for a time for you to hear the message of God's kingdom by radio, but Jehovah has provided other means. This speech, and others containing His message electrically transcribed, will be delivered to the people in every part of the land. Look for notice of such coming meetings and then assemble yourselves together and hear the truth and learn the way of righteousness. The change of world control just at hand not only will bring relief to suffering humanity but will bring boundless blessings and endless joy to those who obey God.

All who desire the righteous kingdom of Jehovah under Christ, and who are seeking safety, must take their stand now on the side of Jehovah. I propose that this audience, visible and invisible, adopt the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLVED, That we do now take our stand on the side of Jehovah God and His kingdom; and that we will obey, serve and worship Jehovah God and His beloved Son, Christ Jesus, who is the rightful Ruler of the world, and we will thus participate in the vindication of Jehovah's name.

Judge Rutherford's Statement to Congress

MORE details appear on subsequent pages, but the outstanding event connected with the hearings on the McFadden bill, H.R. 7986, before the House of Representatives Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio, and Fisheries, Washington, D.C., March 15-20, 1934, was the following statement.

Being in California for his health, and confronted with the fact that he was widely advertised to speak over a nation-wide network from the Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, March 25, Judge Rutherford was unable to be present, but after his affidavit was read for the record, it was placed in evidence by his attorney. The committee gave this closest attention, and we urge the same upon all our readers:

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
The Seventy-third, Second Session
Washington, D. C.

STATEMENT

Supporting House Bill H.R. 7986

The undersigned, JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD, makes the following statement under oath:

My name is JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD, my residence 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York. Temporarily I am at San Diego, California. I am, and since 1917 have been, the president of the following organizations or corporations, to wit: WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION, INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, all of which are in fact one and the same and engaged in identically the same work, being organized in different places and under different names for convenience.

About the year 1879 a company of Christian people at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, formed themselves into an organization under the name of ZION'S WATCH TOWER TRACT SOCIETY, and in the year 1884 by process of law became incorporated by that name and title. In 1896, by order of the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, duly entered of record, the name of the corporation was changed to that of WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY. In 1909 the PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION was created and organized under the Membership Corporation law of the State of New York. The term INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION was a generic term applied to all people of a common faith in different countries of the earth who were associated together in a specific Christian work, and in the year 1914 a corporation was formed under the laws of England by that name. The term "Society" is often used to designate these Christian people in united body engaged in their specific work under the direction of the corporation above named. Seeing that Jehovah God's chief purpose was and is to take out from the nations a people for His name to be used for His witnesses these Christian people, by the Lord's favor, have taken the name Jehovah's witnesses and are generally known throughout the earth by that name.

PURPOSE

The sole purpose of the organizations above mentioned is to serve Jehovah God as He has commanded in His Word, the Bible, which requires all who have devoted themselves to Jehovah God to be obedient to His laws or commandments. The persons of this Association or organization are taught and firmly believe that there is one Almighty God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and whose name alone is Jehovah, which latter name specifically means His purpose towards His creatures; that there is one Redeemer of mankind, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Son of Jehovah God. We accept and believe and teach the Bible, which is otherwise designated the Holy Scriptures, and this we understand to be the Word of God given for the instruction of man in the way of righteousness.

We have no formal creed such as is formulated and promulgated by other organizations. We believe the Bible and that is our creed. We put forth no effort to obtain members, nor to propagate the doctrine of any human organization. The Bible teachings which we fully accept we understand to be the following, to wit:

God created the earth and created the first man perfect and placed him on the earth; that God made His spirit creature Lucifer the overlord of man; that Lucifer rebelled against God and thereafter his name was changed from Lucifer to Satan, Serpent, Dragon and Devil; that Satan induced man to sin against Jehovah's law, and for that wrongdoing man was sentenced to death, and all the human race, being the offspring of that first man Adam, by reason of inherited sin, were born as sinners or imperfect; that Satan challenged Jehovah God to put on earth men that would maintain their integrity toward Him and be faithful to God under the severe test; that God permitted Satan to live and carry on his rebellious work in order that his challenge might be fully put to the test and in due time for ever settled in the right way, and that a testimony might be given to all creation to the name of Jehovah in order to give opportunity for men to voluntarily take their stand on the side of Jehovah God and live or choose to take their stand on the side of the Devil and be destroyed. The great climax must be reached at some time, and that is now at hand.

To carry out His side of the question put at issue by the challenge Jehovah promised that He would send to earth a redeemer of man, which redeemer would purchase the human race, and in God's due time would establish over the earth a government of righteousness and under which all men might have the opportunity for everlasting life and happiness; that God sent His beloved Son Jesus to the earth for this purpose; that the death of Jesus provided the redemptive price for man; that Jesus was raised from the dead a divine creature and made Jehovah's chief representative in the universe and the rightful Ruler of the world.

The Scriptures further plainly set forth and teach that men have formed governments from time to time and endeavored to carry them forward and that Satan, exercising his subtle and wrongful influence over men, has influenced them and caused and induced their governments to become corrupt and to dishonor the name of Jehovah God; that Satan, carrying on this unrighteous work, has overreached religious organizations and has used them as his chief means to deceive the people, as well as the rulers, and to turn them away from the true God, and hence the world in general has come under the wrongful influence and domination of Satan the Devil; that the majority of men are ignorant of this great fact and it is God's will that testimony should be given concerning the same, that men may understand the truth thereof.

The Scriptures plainly show that in Jehovah's due time Jesus must come again and set up His kingdom of righteousness; that the time of His coming might be known by men who were watching and waiting therefor the Scriptures declare that this time should be marked by a world war, accompanied by pestilence and great distress and perplexity upon the nations of the world; that in 1914 this prophecy concerning the end of the world and the coming of the Lord's kingdom began to have fulfilment and the understanding thereof became possible only after that date; that Jesus Christ approximately at that time cast Satan the Devil down to earth and for that reason there is now great suffering, woe and distress upon the nations and peoples of the earth, and that Satan is the primary cause of such distress and suffering and he brings this upon men in order to turn them away from the true God and His kingdom; that just now Satan is gathering all the nations, and particularly the nations of "Christendom", to the great battle of Armageddon, at which battle Satan's organization will be completely destroyed; that according to the Scriptures that will be the greatest tribulation the world has ever known and will be the end of all trouble upon the earth; that following Armageddon peace and prosperity, happiness and life will come to men who are obedient and that the obedient will abide for ever upon earth and there will never be another war; that the great battle of Armageddon is impending and that it will come to pass within the present generation.

The Bible further teaches, which we accept and believe, that Jehovah has commanded that within the period of time from A.D. 1914 until the battle of Armageddon the faithful followers of Christ Jesus on earth must be witnesses for Jehovah and must inform the rulers and the people of Jehovah's purpose to destroy the wicked rule of earth and in its place and stead to establish His government of righteousness under Christ Jesus for the blessing of all the nations of the earth. To this end, therefore, Jehovah God commands His witnesses to proclaim and teach that the millions of people who have died are not in purgatory, nor in a place called hell, nor are they conscious in any place, but that they are dead, in the grave, know not anything, and hence are not undergoing suffering anywhere; that during the reign of Christ Jesus all who are in their graves or the state of death shall be resurrected and be given an opportunity to take their stand on the side of the Lord and obey Him and live for ever on earth; that the Bible shows conclusively that, since the dead are actually unconscious and out of existence, no man or men can offer prayers in behalf of the dead, and that prayers of men offered for the dead are wholly without value and avail nothing; that all prayers must be made to God in the name of Christ Jesus, and only God can forgive sins in answer to prayers; that Jehovah God alone is the life-giver, and hence that He is the Father (because "father" means life-giver), and He alone can bestow the blessings which men sorely need; that under Christ Jesus' reign these blessings will come, and for this reason Jesus taught His followers to pray, 'Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as in heaven,' and since then all of His true followers have thus and sincerely prayed to Jehovah God.

The Bible further teaches, and which teachings we accept and strive to obey, that those who are devoted to God must proclaim the good news concerning the kingdom of God both to the rulers and to the people and to inform them as taught by the Scriptures that the only hope of the world is God's kingdom, and that this testimony must be given, not for the purpose of converting men of the world now, but as a witness in order that those who desire may serve God and live or refuse to serve Him and lose that great privilege; that as soon as this witness work is completed there will follow the great tribulation of Armageddon; and following Armageddon will come the resurrection of the dead and the blessing of the people of the earth who obey the laws of God's kingdom.

The teaching of these Bible truths as commanded by the Lord has caused religious leaders to become greatly angered at us, for the reason that these Bible truths make known the fact that the people have been taught many doctrines which are not supported by the Bible and hence the people have been deceived greatly to their injury. For this reason leaders in religious denominations have launched an active campaign

against Jehovah's witnesses. We have no controversy with any man and we have no fight with any man, but we must be obedient to Jehovah's commandments and declare His truth as set forth in His Word, and it is His Word of truth that has caused the great opposition to our work and has resulted in much persecution of the faithful and harmless Christian people who have engaged in this work of proclaiming the truth.

The radio is the creation of God, and not of any man; hence it is our God-given privilege and duty to use the radio to proclaim the truth which is set forth in the Bible, in order that the people might hear, and this we have been doing. The truth proclaimed by radio has exposed the errors taught by men, and therefore it is the truth that has caused the opposition to our using the radio. Instead of replying to the teachings which we have been promulgating from the Scriptures the opposers seek to destroy our opportunity of using the radio for that purpose and to try to deprive the people of having the opportunity of hearing these truths by radio. Repeatedly I have offered to discuss these Bible questions with the clergymen by radio, not for the purpose of holding up anyone to ridicule, but that the people might for themselves determine what they desire to believe, but all such requests for such a public discussion have been ignored and the opposition to our work has increased in the manner above mentioned.

The very existence of the governments and peoples of the earth is now at stake, and for that reason there could be nothing of such public and vital importance to the people as a correct knowledge and understanding of Jehovah God's purpose of and concerning them. If the people go the wrong way they shall surely die; whereas if they go in the right way they may receive the blessings of life. Hence the message of God's kingdom proclaimed as set forth in the Bible comes clearly within the purview of the Radio Act concerning public interest, convenience and necessity.

Many radio stations have gladly broadcast our programs, and during the past three years there has been a wide proclamation of the truth in this way, and this has afforded to the radio stations much legitimate revenue, since we have paid for the broadcasting of such programs. In that time millions of people have heard these Bible instructions and have rejoiced, and these truths have helped them to be better men and women. Such has been the expression by many thousands both of Catholics and Protestants, Jews and non-Jews. It must be conceded that the people have the right to hear what they please without interference from anyone, and as long as that which is broadcast is moral and upbuilding, and for the good of those who hear, surely no one has any right to interfere with the proclamation of the same.

The Catholic people as such are not against the message which we proclaim, and this is evidenced by the numerous letters received from Catholics in various parts of the country. Many of them have expressed their great desire to hear more, and thousands of them are reading that message that is in printed form. It is the priests or clergymen and officials of the Catholic organization that have engaged and carried on and are carrying on a vigorous and vituperative campaign against us. That they have a right to abuse us no one will call in question, but they do not have any right to employ the means of boycott, of threats and coercion, against radio stations in order to force such stations to cease taking and broadcasting our programs. The Catholic press and the Catholic clergymen throughout the country are employing these very wrongful methods and threaten business loss and disaster to radio stations in order to prevent them from taking and broadcasting our programs and thus are depriving the people of hearing them as well as depriving the radio stations of legitimate right to broadcast such things as they may deem proper.

We are not here asking for any favor of Congress, but we are here demanding that our rights and the rights of the general public be safeguarded and that men and organizations be prohibited from employing threats to destroy the business of radio stations and using that and like coercive methods to compel radio stations to deny us the use of their facilities. We will be the last ones to ever complain to opposition to us, but we do insist that we have the right under the fundamental law of this land, and, above all, under the law of God, to contract with the owners of radio stations to broadcast our programs and that such stations have the right to freely contract with us without interference or fear of suffering loss at the hands of other persons or organizations. For that reason we are asking this Congress to make it a criminal offense for any person or organization to use threats, boycotting or other coercive methods to hinder or interfere with the free making and performance of contracts between persons or organizations with reference to radio broadcasting. Such a rule of law is general and for the general welfare, and not in the interest of any particular organization, and every honest and law-abiding person should be in favor of such a law. It extends the same privilege and protection to all, regardless of religious faith or previous condition of servitude.

With elaborate pontifical ceremonies the year 1933 was declared to be a holy year in which united prayers should be made to bring to the world peace and prosperity. In a radio speech I called attention to this as being presumptuous before the Lord, since no man has any power or authority to declare a year a holy year. That proper and legitimate and Scriptural criticism of "Holy Year" called forth from the Catholic press a tirade of abuse and vilification against me and repeated threats to destroy the business of radio stations that would dare to continue to broadcast speeches made by me. Concerning the personal abuse of myself I have no complaint; but threats made against

owners and lessees of radio stations who broadcast such programs as they desire, and therefore putting such owners and lessees in fear of loss of business or social support, and which resulted in depriving millions of people of hearing what they wish to hear, is so grossly wrong that it demands the serious attention of Congress. Let the Roman Catholic clergy believe and teach what they desire, but when they attempt to tell American citizens what they may or may not hear or what they may and may not do, and employ threats, boycott and coercive means to accomplish their wrongful purpose, then it is that the law-making body of this land should take positive action for the protection of American interests.

Surely it has not come to the point in America that the people are permitted only to hear one side of an important question at issue. The so-called "Holy Year" has come and passed, and the united prayers of the political religious institutions have resulted in bringing neither prosperity nor peace to the world, but, on the contrary, wars are threatened and poverty continues to stalk abroad in the earth. Jehovah God in the Bible has told why these unhappy conditions are here and what will be the outcome thereof. Is it not of greatest public interest, convenience and necessity that the people hear these truths?

No religious, political or financial institution has the Constitutional right to use the Federal Radio Commission either directly or indirectly in an attempt to frighten the owners or lessees of radio stations and thus cause them to refrain from broadcasting certain or specific programs which they have the legal right to broadcast. A case in point is this: After broadcasting my speech on "Holy Year" by a large number of radio stations in the United States, and after the Catholic press and the clergy had launched a vigorous attack upon me and against the radio stations that had broadcast the same, and after the clergy had made vigorous protest to the Federal Radio Commission against such speech, then the Federal Radio Commission requested me to file with it a list of stations that had broadcast that speech and to furnish a copy of the speech to the Federal Radio Commission, which request I readily complied with. After all of this, and after the Commission had been furnished the information requested, then the Federal Radio Commission addressed letters to numerous radio stations, the names of which stations were on the list I had furnished to the Commission, requesting such stations to advise the Commission as to whether or not they had broadcast my speech concerning the "Holy Year". The manifest purpose of such letters to the various stations was not to obtain information asked for, but was an indirect way of advising such radio stations that further broadcasting of such speech by myself might be grounds for refusing to renew their license. That some of the stations so understood and construed those letters, I know to be true, because managers of radio stations so expressed themselves. For the guidance of the Federal Radio Commission and for the public interest Congress therefore should so amend Section 11 of the Radio Act as to clearly define the meaning of the phrase therein, to wit: "public interest, convenience and necessity."

If the Roman Catholic hierarchy be permitted to determine what is of public interest, convenience and necessity and can by means of threats or other wrongful means prevent radio stations' broadcasting what is displeasing to such religious organization, then the Roman-Spanish inquisition will be in full force in America, even though in a somewhat more refined form, and the freedom of speech in this land will cease. The Congress should take positive action, not in behalf of or against any religious organization, but in behalf of the people in general, to safeguard the interest and the rights of the people which are guaranteed by the Federal Constitution.

With us it is not at all material, nor do we care if the Catholic institution increases its followers by the millions, because that responsibility is upon that organization and the men who conduct it, and they must account to Jehovah God, and not to us. We are commanded by Jehovah God to sound His notice and warning to the rulers and to the people concerning His name, the establishment of His kingdom, and what shall shortly fall upon the world, and this we must do in order to meet the responsibility laid upon us, and all who oppose the proclamation of such message of truth will receive a just recompense at the hand of Jehovah God. The obligation now resting upon this Congress is to see that no hindrance is put in the way of a free proclamation of God's Word, and that obligation cannot be side-stepped or met by merely ignoring it.

There are two gigantic radio corporations in America owning, leasing and operating radio stations, to wit: The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System. These corporations, by their officers, have undertaken to determine what the American people may or may not hear with reference to what the Bible contains, and hence have limited the use of their facilities to certain religious organizations and have unjustly discriminated and do unjustly discriminate against all others, including ourselves, and which is detrimental to the interest of millions of American citizens. Such radio corporations have denied the use of their facilities to us for hire because what we teach is not pleasing to certain religious organizations, which organizations they do favor. Such unjust discrimination should not be permitted, and this Congress should take the necessary steps to prevent such discrimination. The rights of the people are supreme to that of any organization or corporation, and the right of the minority cannot be properly ignored. Unless this Congress takes action as here suggested, then millions of people will be denied the opportunity of hearing God's Word of truth

and this Congress will bear a great responsibility therefor before Almighty God.

We call attention to these facts which are fully supported by God's Word the Bible, and by the physical facts which are now apparent to all, that it may be seen that the world has reached a great crisis, and that no man knows the way out, but God's Word furnishes and clearly points to the only way out and the only possible way of escape to safety; that God has commanded that these facts must be brought to the attention of the rulers and to the people themselves, and a failure of God's witnesses to so do would cost them their lives.

In this hour of great crisis upon the world, and when the people are in such dire need of knowledge and understanding of God's Word of truth, every effort should be put forth to give the people an opportunity to hear and understand the Bible truths. No person, persons, companies or corporations should be permitted to put in fear owners and lessees of radio stations and thus wrongfully prevent the people from hearing by radio the all-important message of Jehovah's Word. Having brought these matters to your attention our responsibility ends and there yours begins. In all kindness I suggest that before passing finally upon the question raised by the petitions filed in support of this Bill you give due consideration to the fact that Christ Jesus is earth's rightful King under Jehovah God; that His kingdom is at hand, and that this matter of notice and warning is given to you in harmony with the expressed will of God, as set forth in the prophecies, and, these facts having been brought to your attention, such adds greatly to your responsibility, as declared in the following and many other supporting Scriptures, to wit: Ezekiel 3:18-21; Psalm 2:6-12.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO } ss

On this 14th day of February A.D. 1934, before me, Marguerite DeLuca, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD, to me known and known to be the person who signed the statement set forth in the foregoing pages, and being by me first duly sworn, says that he signed and executed the same and that the statements therein are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date above.

MARGUERITE DELUCA

Other Items of Interest at the Hearings on the McFadden Bill

THE skill with which The Associated Press and the other press agencies deprived the American people of any knowledge of the greatest petition ever presented in the history of legislation, or of the hearings which followed its presentation, is noteworthy. The *Evening Sun*, Baltimore, is an exception. From a report two columns long, published on the first day of the hearings, we quote some of the colloquy which, if The Associated Press wished at all to serve 2,416,141 who signed the Protest and Petition, presented to Congress January 24, 1934, would have been published in every newspaper in the land.

A committee consisting of representatives of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths have banned Jehovah's witnesses, said Wertz.*

"Do Jehovah's witnesses attack the Roman Catholic church?" asked Representative John Brown (Dem., Ky.).

"They attack the doctrines of the Catholic church," said Wertz. "Not the individuals of that church."

OPERATES SMALL STATION

Jehovah's witnesses, under the title of the Peoples' Pulpit [Association], operate a small radio station at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Jehovah's witnesses now operate in sixty-one countries of the world.

"How do they get financial support?" asked Representative Gifford.

"By voluntary contributions," replied Wertz. "The income of the head of Jehovah's witnesses and of all its workers is limited to $15 a month and board and room."

"How many adherents has the organization?"

"About 15,000,000 people in the United States."

INTERPRETS BIBLE

"These adherents of Jehovah's witnesses," went on Wertz, "are made up of Catholics, Protestants and Jews."

*Mr. Edwin S. Wertz, attorney, of Cleveland, Ohio, represented Jehovah's witnesses before the Radio Committee of the House of Representatives, at Washington, D.C., in the hearings on the McFadden bill, March 15-20, 1934. Mr. Wertz has his law offices in the Union Trust Building, Cleveland. He was selected as a lawyer of ability in whom Judge Rutherford has confidence, as to both his ability and his honesty. He has represented Jehovah's witnesses in Ohio and other states. He was United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio during President Wilson's administration.

McFadden's bill forbids discrimination and censorship in the use of radio and makes its violation a misdemeanor to be punished by a fine of not more than $5,000.

McFadden, who was the first witness, said that at present the radio company did discriminate both between political candidates and between religions and other organizations.

He said that petitions signed by 2,416,000 citizens had been sent in to Congressmen, protesting against the existing censorship. He went on to declare that much radio advertising was really political propaganda.

JUMPS INTO BIG BUSINESS

Getting well under way McFadden read a scorching attack on "big business", which, he said, had turned "the toiling *millions*" into "*serfs and paupers*".

"Every branch of the Government," McFadden declared, "is controlled and contaminated by big business, which, also, controls the army and navy."

"Did big business elect Roosevelt?" asked Representative Charles L. Gifford (Rep., Mass.).

"I think it had a good deal to do with it," replied McFadden.

McFadden went on to say that "big business owns or controls practically all the newspapers and magazines and all the clergymen of the country".

"Did the distinguished gentleman call the attention of the country to these dangers while he was chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House?" asked Representative William I. Sirovich (Dem., N. Y.).

"Yes," replied McFadden.

"What specific clergymen does the speaker refer to?" persisted Sirovich.

"I mean the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America," said McFadden.

HITS AT INTERNATIONALISM

"I object to intolerance in the use of the radio," he declared.

"What do you mean by 'intolerance' on the radio?" asked Sirovich.

"I mean the spreading on the radio of propaganda for internationalism," said McFadden.

"Would you favor a few clear channels on the air to be owned and operated by the Government?" asked Sirovich.

"That may become necessary," McFadden replied.

REPORTS CRITICISM

"Have you been invited to speak over the radio on the subject of your bill?" asked Representative Gifford.

"No," replied McFadden, "but a year or two ago when I introduced another radio bill, the Rev. D. Parks Cadman severely criticized me, but I was not given an opportunity to reply."

WANTS "UNIVERSITY OF AIR"

Sirovich said he was working on a bill which would create "the national university of the air", and under which the most eminent men in politics, science and education would address the public over air channels now controlled by the Government.

"Are there instances where the Radio Commission has suggested to announced speakers that they had better not speak?" asked Gifford.

"I think later witnesses will so testify," said McFadden.

"The British government controls the radio," said Gifford. "Does the Government cut off its political opponents from the air?"

"I understand there have been such charges," replied McFadden. "And in this country, also, I have been told, static or other conditions have stopped certain political addresses."

"I have been told," went on McFadden, "that witnesses have testified that Station WGY is controlled by the National Broadcasting Company and that no religious addresses of any kind can be put on the air over that station until such addresses have been approved by the censorship committee of the Federation of Churches.

REPORTS INTERNATIONAL MOVE

"There is a movement on foot to control all means of communication internationally. I understand that the International Telephone and Telegraph Company controls radio in the United States."

Chairman Schuyler O. Bland (Dem., Va.) quoted from the radio law the clause which forbids a radio company to exercise censorship over what is spoken over the radio and, further, the provision that if one candidate is given time, his opponents must be given equal time.

McFadden said that the National Broadcasting Company had allotted certain time for religious addresses and that it insisted that all such addresses must be approved by the Federation of Churches of Christ.

Ramspeck went on to ask if the securities act, the Stock Exchange Control act and other legislation proposed by the Roosevelt administration were not bitterly opposed by big business.

ANSWERED BY COMMITTEE

McFadden agreed that certain sections of big business did not approve such legislation.

"I have been told that the bank deposit insurance bill," said McFadden, "was passed practically at the demand of investment bankers, who were responsible for looting the banks and were afraid to face the suffering depositors."

Statement of Anton Koerber

Jehovah's witnesses have been asked the question by members of Congress and others, "Is the petition as recently presented by millions of American citizens an anti-Catholic movement, and are Jehovah's witnesses in favor of H.R. 7986 for any such reason?" The answer is emphatically "No".

There is no act or intention on the part of American citizens (including Jehovah's witnesses) who signed this petition to restrain or interfere with the rights of any class of people, be they Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish, but, on the other hand, the petition protests against certain acts on the part of the clergy (including those of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and particularly the Roman Catholic hierarchy) who have by unethical practices sought to restrain and interfere with the rights of others in the free worship and service to God in the use of the radio.

The purpose of the petition and its signers is not associated with any movement to agitate or arouse a religious controversy, but rather is a cry for relief from the oppression fostered by organized clergy and the principal of their flock, namely, big business, who

use the God-given ether waves for their own selfish interests and the clergy as mouthpieces in suppressing the Kingdom message. We see nothing in the bill that deprives any of their rights as American citizens. The bill proposes legislation to prohibit lawless forces from further covetousness and overt acts that result in the dispossession of those rights. The bill further provides certain safeguards to protect the inherent rights of the American people in the worship and service to God according to the dictates of their own conscience without interference.

The question must come to your mind, "Why should the clergy of all people, who claim to represent God and the Bible, seek to throttle and prevent others from expressing freely God's purposes as stated in the Scriptures, except it be through fear of exposure?" The love of God casts out all fear, and truthful persons are bold to both hear and proclaim the Word of God. (1 John 4:17, 18) We are warned that the clergy in the Lord's day had a form of godliness but denied God's Word of truth. (2 Timothy 3:5) The clergy killed God's prophets, crucified Christ Jesus, imprisoned and killed the disciples, and used the Inquisition during the Middle Ages. (John 8:40-44) Organized clergy of the present generation is no different from the past. The veneer is simply more polished, but the same wicked intention to exclude or destroy anyone who interferes with their selfish schemes to control the people persists today.—Matthew 23:27.

A Congressman is granted certain powers by election relative to laying out a course of action for the people to pursue, but the clergy and the principal of their flock have assumed that power by usurpation. Today the people are dominated by these factors and have no voice and are given no choice in the matter because their rights are not protected by those who have the authority to do so. Oppression is rampant under the guise of religion. The great Creator did not make His creatures to live upon the earth under such conditions forever, and the Scriptures give abundant evidence that the time has come when all will be granted the right to serve God in spirit and in truth with open hearts and minds, unhindered by religious prejudice. Therefore it is a most opportune time for those who love God and desire to do good to their fellow man to boldly declare these facts to the people and open the way for a better understanding among those who desire to serve God.

Neither the Catholic, Protestant, nor Jewish people, as such, are involved or guilty of the wicked practices to exclude and restrain freedom of political, religious or educational expressions by radio, nor have they given unfavorable expression against certain Scriptural programs of speech which seem to have incensed the clergy. Rather, the very message that has incensed the clergy has brought comfort to millions of people of good will. These people are glad to know that God's kingdom, for which they have long prayed, is now at hand, and that the blessings to all the families of the earth, which God promised, are now available. To receive these blessings at God's hand, all must put their trust in Jehovah God and have knowledge of His purposes. Jehovah's witnesses are engaged in giving the message of God's kingdom unselfishly by pointing to His Word, as expressed in the Bible, as the only lawful course of action to follow. This is referred to in the Watch Tower charter as "the dissemination of Bible truths". We hold that God's kingdom is the only hope of the world. Organized clergy, including the Catholic hierarchy, have proved that they are against God's kingdom, because they have taken every possible step to estop the message of God's kingdom, which Jehovah through Christ Jesus has commanded shall be given for the vindication of His Word and name.

In each case of a number of stations, either a Catholic priest or Protestant clergyman has been responsible for the unethical campaign to exclude others from the air. The complaints were entirely a case of personal animosity. That they have the right to abuse others under the cloak of religious immunity is not questioned here. But they do not have the right, in order to carry out their malicious purposes, to employ such means as threats, boycott and coercion to the detriment of business firms who advertise, radio stations which broadcast, and the people who desire to hear what they consider to be a proper expression of the Bible.

Further, if Congress has not deemed it advisable to grant to the Radio Commission the right of censorship, surely that power cannot be exercised by the clergy without legislation. For the latter class to assume that role without legal authority is lawlessness in the extreme. As American citizens the clergy have no more rights than any other Americans, and therefore should be restrained from such wicked practices the same as others. The fact that one person, because he is a pope or cardinal, can say anything he wishes without interference does not preclude another from contradicting the former's statements because such matters are considered controversial and an insult to the pope. Whether a man is a pope, cardinal, international banker or an honest workingman, the laws of this country place all on the same footing and the Constitution of the United States prescribes protection to Americans from just such a condition as exists today in radio matters.

We understand the proposed legislation in the McFadden Radio Bill H.R. 7986, carries no selfish privileges in favor of any. It cannot possibly be construed as favoring any particular person or organization, but rather affords equal opportunity for all to contribute to the welfare of others in giving a square deal in broadcasting, relative to the important points at issue. It provides that station owners shall have the free exercise of their rights to contract for legitimate programs without interference by disin-

terested parties, and prohibits *undue* discrimination in behalf of one party to the exclusion of another when all conditions should be considered equal.

The above-stated features in the bill, together with the provisions of protection against threats, coercion and boycott are surely for the welfare of all and not in the interest of any in particular. The bill extends the same privilege and measure of protection to all, regardless of their political views, religious faith and charitable efforts. It expresses that portion of the Constitution that should apply to radio today relative to good government and freedom of worship and service to God. That the Roman Catholic hierarchy and other clergy have the right to express by radio and otherwise certain views throughout European nations as well as the United States without interference is not questioned here. But surely others have a right to express contrary views based upon the Scriptures without interference by the clergy element or any other element because the facts expressed are contrary to the views of the clergy. The Constitution and laws of the United States contain certain provisions to protect the inherent rights of American citizens against monopolies, whether the latter be of religious or of commercial element. Today both of the latter are operated on a commercial basis.

The creatures in this country who are walking humbly before the living God and seeking to do good to their neighbors have an undeniable right to unselfishly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ without molestation. This right of freedom of expression and freedom of participation for others to express Jehovah God's purposes concerning us is now claimed in the proposed legislation of H. R. 7986. For this reason we are in favor of it.

Statement by A. R. Goux

In the statement which follows NBC stands for National Broadcasting Company and CBS for Columbia Broadcasting System.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

NBC began operations in 1926.

CBS began operating in 1927.

During the time that NBC and CBS controlled only a few stations we were able to make up our own chain and could get by fairly well with the dissemination of our program.

In recent years both of these systems have expanded by acquiring other powerful stations. These chain companies also acquired by contract a prior claim on practically all the desirable time on independently owned stations. Therefore at the present time these two chain companies control practically all of the powerful stations in the United States.

Owing to refusal of these chain systems to carry our programs on their networks, we are compelled to make up a separate chain of smaller stations, or stations with small power and a short radius of transmission. This greatly increases our expense by compelling us to carry more telephone-line connections to get the required greater number of stations to cover the listening areas as far as practicable by means of the smaller stations than could be covered if we had free access to the powerful stations used by NBC and CBS.

Many of the stations we are compelled to use now have little sending capacity. We are unable to cover the same areas with the use of these small stations as we could cover by use of the larger stations. We are compelled to expend larger sums of money and we do not get the service, nor do we provide the programs for all who desire to hear.

Today these chains monopolize the United States by station ownership and by preferred option of time on independently owned stations that have been assigned to use the choice operating frequencies and the high power. Those chain-controlled stations have the capacity to reach all listening areas of the United States at any time, to the exclusion of the other stations.

In recent years a regional chain was organized, known as the Yankee network, covering New England. This chain is now associated with CBS. The Yankee network includes smaller stations with preferential contracts as to time.

The city of Washington has a powerful CBS outlet in WJSV; it has also two NBC outlets, WMAL and WRC; it has also one independently owned station of low power, WOL. We are prevented from using any one of these four stations. WOL declines to broadcast our programs for fear of incurring the disfavor of the Federal Radio Commission. The two chain systems dominate the other three Washington stations.

A number of the populous areas of the United States we are unable to reach; such as Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, New England, even with the smaller stations, due to the preferred option of time held by the chains on the stations that have adequate sending capacity.

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

The NBC service was used by us on one occasion: July 24, 1927. This was a one-hour program, broadcast by 51 stations.

Since then we have never been permitted to use that service.

The reason given for the NBC refusal was that their broadcasting enterprise is conducted primarily for commercial purposes, and that we would have to take the matter up with their Advisory Council. This Advisory Council includes a religious policy committee composed of three members: a representative of the Catholic faith; one of the Protestant faith; and one of the Jewish faith.

This committee of the Advisory Council is designated as the Committee on Religious Activities, and to

it the NBC has entrusted the responsibility of governing the broadcasting of programs connected with religion or the Bible.

This committee has always refused to permit us to use the service of the NBC to broadcast our programs of Bible instruction.

The committee refuses our programs, saying that the NBC networks are adequately provided with religious program material furnished and approved by their committee.

We have requested NBC to broadcast our programs. Such requests have been made repeatedly since 1927. We have offered to pay for the time at commercial rates and have always been refused, except the first time, July 24, 1927.

COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM

CBS refuses to accept our programs, stating that it is contrary to their policy to accept programs of this nature.

CBS has never broadcast our programs on its networks.

Last November we entered into a contract with WPG, Atlantic City, New Jersey, for a one-hour program in electrical transcription, to be broadcast December 31, 1933, on the subject "Religious Intolerance: Why". Before the date of the broadcast we were informed by the manager of WPG that the CBS had written to him and advised him to cancel the contract.

Besides owning a number of stations, directly or through its subsidiary corporations, the CBS has prior claim on time of many independently owned stations, through contracts with such stations which are highly restrictive according to information given us from time to time by the stations.

For example, independently owned stations located at

Birmingham, Ala,	Tacoma, Wash.
Montgomery, Ala.	Wheeling, W. Va.
Boston, Mass.	

had reported to us their readiness to carry our program on March 25, 1934. The station at Akron, Ohio, had given us similar report and had even signed a contract to take our program. Later we were advised by each of these stations that they would be unable to accept our program on March 25, 1934, for the reason that the CBS claimed a prior right to the time which we desired to use.

Stations at Wichita (Kansas) and Indianapolis (Indiana), independently owned and associated under contract with CBS network, advised us that their contract with the CBS strictly forbids them the right to broadcast any chain program other than the Columbia chain.

The station at Memphis (Tennessee), WREC, which has carried our programs for many years, was anxious to clear the half-hour period required by us for the March 25 private network broadcast. The station requested permission of the CBS to take off the regular commercial-chain feature for that date only. This request to CBS was telephoned by the general manager of the station and, according to our local representative's report, the request was flatly refused and the station manager refuses further to consider removing the CBS program for our program for fear of what CBS might do in retaliation.

Statement of C. J. Woodworth

In support of verbal testimony given here, I would like to show the Committee how the organization referred to in the "Petition" as the Roman Catholic hierarchy operated in this country to exclude from the air, by unethical methods, programs of speech by Judge Rutherford because his expressed views differed from those of the Catholic hierarchy and were considered inimical to the latter's interests.

It is well known that the pope is the visible head of the Roman Catholic organization. It may be interesting to know that there are 310 official Catholic publications in this country which the pope freely admits is his voice in America. The editors of these papers are chiefly bishops and priests. However, their publications and activities are not confined to religion, but cover commercial, political and social life. In addition, there are some 35 Catholic organizations of men, such as the Knights of Columbus, and approximately 75 Catholic organizations of women in this country, which cooperate with and support the Catholic press and Catholic programs. Their expressed purpose is for the advancement of Catholic interests and the suppression and abolition of other parties considered inimical to Catholic interests. In other words, if any religious, educational or political organizations publish or broadcast what is considered by the Catholic hierarchy as inimical to Catholic interests in this country, the command is given through their press that the undesirable person or persons shall be taken off the air or put out of business. As experienced recently, the said organization then functions as follows:

Through their publications the Catholic population are induced to believe that the pope has been insulted by certain broadcasts of speech and, therefore, serious wrong has been done to all Catholics. Further, that it is their solemn duty to cooperate in having the offender put off the air. The Catholic publications write articles concerning the method to be used in ostracizing the undesirable person or corporation, which in some cases has resulted in boycotting by threats and coercion. The usual procedure to accomplish their purpose is, first, for a bishop or priest to demand in behalf of the Catholic people of his community that the radio station owners break their contracts with the so-called 'offenders' and exclude them in the future. When such request is refused, as is often the case, then the station owner is threatened that he may lose some business, and immediately word

is given to their different Catholic organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus, to bring pressure on that particular station. The pressure, in substance, is to approach the advertisers who use the facilities of the station involved, with a threat of loss of business by withdrawal of patronage unless they cooperate and join in demanding that the station manager withdraw the undesirable programs. In certain cases where the people and advertisers have refused to do this, their so-called "vigilant committee" has called upon the station owner and intimidated the manager and advertiser. In other cases, such as at Philadelphia, a Catholic cardinal induced the station owner to discontinue broadcasting upon threats to boycott his department-store business.

It should be most interesting to this committee to know that the common people, Catholics, Hebrews and Protestants, are not protesting against the WATCHTOWER programs and have not engaged in these unethical practices referred to, but that these "vigilant committees", these editors of Catholic publications and heads of other organizations inciting such lawless methods to accomplish their purposes, are, for the main part, priests, bishops, cardinals and other clergy of the Catholic hierarchy.

When such station owners realize that their whole business is threatened to be destroyed, they acquiesce to these unfair demands. In addition, such a station owner dare not mention the matter, for fear of further reprisals; but sufficient evidence unmistakably shows that this is their method of operation and that it continues even to the present time.

According to their publications, most of these activities are directed, as far as this country is concerned, through the central office in Washington known as the National Catholic Council or Conference.

The Catholic Press article recently showed that Mr. James H. Hanley, one of the Radio Commissioners, a Roman Catholic, was interviewed regarding the manner in which to have Judge Rutherford banned from the air. So far as we are able to determine, the principal reason given by the Catholic hierarchy that Judge Rutherford shall be banned from the air is to the effect that Judge Rutherford mentioned doctrines of purgatory, hell fire torment and trinity and prayers for the dead as being entirely unscriptural. By this we assume that no one dares mention anything which controverts the views of the Catholic hierarchy.

Following are several of many specific instances to substantiate this statement. In addition, I have 169 other Catholic publications showing the same unethical practices, which are here for your information if you desire them for your record.

Placed in the Records

There were then placed in the record a great number of excerpts from Catholic newspapers fully establishing every statement above made, and the attention of the Committee was called to articles of similar import appearing in other Catholic newspapers, of which names and dates were given, and the papers themselves were left with the Committee for their further examination.

Other exhibits filed with the Committee for incorporation into the records of the hearing were the following:

Judge Rutherford's letter to the Catholic Press, published in THE GOLDEN AGE No. 363 and republished in No. 376.

The article "League of Nations—Anglo-Papal Conquest of the U. S.", published in THE GOLDEN AGE No. 379.

The article "Radio Needs a Revolution" published in the FORUM and CENTURY magazines for February, 1934.

The article "Censorship on the Air" published in the AMERICAN MERCURY magazine for March, 1934.

A representation of the award of the French Diplomas reproduced in THE GOLDEN AGE No. 378.

A sheaf of letters from officials of radio stations commending the broadcasts of the WATCHTOWER programs.

A sheaf of affidavits, with letters attached, in support of the claims of interference and discrimination set forth in the Protest and Petition.

Jehovah's witnesses were the only proponents of this bill which guarantees free speech over the radio. Several were present to back up their affidavits with oral testimony. C. H. Carr, Albany, N.Y., had the opportunity to so do.

The only opponents of free speech over the radio, and advocates of the continued discrimination and interference which make the bill a necessity, were and are the following avowed enemies of the people: The National Association of Broadcasters, National Broadcasting Company, Columbia Broadcasting System, National Council of Catholic Men, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and the Federal Radio Commission. These do not wish the people to hear what the people themselves wish to hear, and so testified, as the record plainly shows.

At the conclusion of the hearings, the attorney, Mr. Wertz, said to his clients, in substance: "Speaking as an attorney, I may say that we have abundantly, and more than abundantly, established the truth of every statement we have made and every position we have taken in this matter."

For the full story, with all the evidence on both sides, file an order immediately with the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for the publication "Merchant Marine, Radio and Fisheries Committee Hearings on Bill H.R. 7986." He will tell you when it is ready (early in April) and the cost (probably about 25c, maybe less).

If You Ask Me

(Elm, in the Hutchinson *Herald*)

I'M WONDERING if the idea of free speech in these United States isn't losing out a bit.

Americans, it seems, are becoming rather touchy on various controversial subjects and the underdogs may be suffering.

The radio has to be so careful not to offend anyone. Mr. Cantor or Mr. Wynn springs a fast one on the plumbers or the icemen and immediately the Amalgamated Order of Plumbers or the Association for the Advancement of Icemen registers a great big complaint.

The good old American sense of humor seems to be passing on.

And radio stations are tossed off the air because the owner has said something which has offended an organization. Or perhaps the organization holds the opinion the radio speaker is wrong. If the organization is strong enough the radio owner scrams.

In Chicago interesting movies of rioting in Paris and Vienna are banned because the mayor thinks riots might get going in that great city.

The newspapers have printed pictures of the riots and stories have followed black headlines. But the movies are barred.

That's censorship and a clamping down on free speech.

A religious leader speaks his ideas over the radio and the organization he criticizes works to have him barred. And yet the nation was founded on the idea that religion was to be free, that all faiths could be followed and preached.

Radio stations are closed to him. He can pay and is willing to pay. But stronger organizations clamp down on him.

Free speech rights are forgotten.

The radios claim they want no controversial stuff going into the ether. They bar one speaker and permit another one. The address of the one remaining on the air may be controversial and answerable by the man barred.

Governmental departments shut down on news. They give out only what they want published. That's censorship and the free press is no longer free.

One radio station with more influence than a weaker one sees to it that the weaker one is pinched. The weaker one may be nipping at the heels of the influential station. Soon the nipping is halted entirely.

The president claims there is no thought of censorship in the newspaper code because of the constitution guaranteeing the right of free speech, but newspapers are afraid that in an emergency free speech would go a-glimmering.

It's a changing nation—and the change is for the worst, it seems.

An Interesting and Baffling Use of Nines

SAYS George Aker (alias Johnny Dab), of Indiana: "Being somewhat an amateur 'magician', who obtains his so-called 'mysteries' by natural laws only, and having noticed the 'Study in Nines', here is one that is a real trick and may be worth your attention. This is supposed to be an effect in mind-reading, a thing which is possible, provided you know in advance what the other person is going to think of. Have someone write down on a slip of paper a row of figures, any number of digits; e.g., 5492873. Then have him add the figures across, which in this case gives 38. Then have him subtract this total from the original number: 5492873 minus 38; which gives an answer of 5492835. Correct? Using this last total, allow him to secretly cross out any one figure he may care to and to give you the remaining figures and you will tell him correctly the figure he crossed out. This is the how. Suppose the figure crossed out is the 4. The number given to you will then be 592835. Write this number down and mentally add the row, which in this case gives 32. And here is where the old *nine* comes in. Simply subtract this number, 32, from the next higher multiple of nine, which in this case is 36, and your answer is 4, the number crossed out. Simple, isn't it? And it works every time. In the event that the number is a multiple of nine, then either a nine or a zero has been crossed out. To learn which, merely ask if it was a zero, explaining that a zero has no value; if they reply Yes, you have found the number; if they answer No, you know the nine is the number crossed out."

Relief in New York Increased Tenfold

THE Welfare Council of New York city reports that the cost of relief for the needy in New York during 1933 totaled $110,000,000. This is about eleven times the amount spent for that purpose in 1929, the year in which the prosperity bubble burst. In addition to the $110,000,000, large amounts are spent caring for people in institutions. The people need a righteous government, in which graft and profiteering will not be tolerated and in which relief will be a thing of the past.

Overgrown Box of Capitalism

SAYS Arthur Brenton, of Australia: "There is not a single country where western methods of production are in operation, in which there is any technical productive problem at all, either agricultural or otherwise; and the problem we have to solve is a problem of distribution. Imagine a closed box, representing the industrial system, a box in which are all the plant, material, craftsmanship, and other factors of production. Let there be an outlet from the box through which are to appear those final results of production, which alone justify the undertaking of any production at all—namely, consumable goods, in their widest sense of all the means of life, material and cultural. Let us all stand around this box with slips of paper in our hand bearing the injunction: 'You must consume less, so that the box can produce more.' What does this mean? Obviously, that we must allow as little to come out of the box as possible. But observe, the injunction says that this is to enable the box to produce more. More what, then? Surely not consumable goods, for these are of no use inside the box. Quite right. It is not consumable goods, but more 'capital' goods—more of the above-mentioned factors of production—that are to be produced. In other words, we are to stop up the outlet in order to increase the size of the box. And what then? Well, we go on to the next stage of making use of the increased productive power of the box to draw out of it—a larger supply of consumable goods? By no means, but to increase still more the size and power of the box. And so ad infinitum. Thus according to the current economic principle do we become 'prosperous'. It is upon this principle that the financial system bases its policy. It will create and issue money to be used for enlarging the box, but not for buying goods out of the box."

Making a Little Money

IN THE senatorial investigation of air mail contracts recently Charles W. Deeds, 31 years old, told how he "invested" $40 in airplane stock in 1926, and how it was worth more than five million a few years later. Another investor, Fred B. Rentschler, put in $253, and his paper profit in 1929 was $35,575,848. Rentschler received $1,585,514 from the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation in six years, during which period the government paid a single subsidiary of that corporation a sum of $40,174,412. The profits made by Deeds represent a net gain of 140,615 percent. Rentschler sold enough stock to net him $9,414,869 and still leave him nearly $8,000,000. Some inconsiderate persons might charge these men with making easy money at the expense of the people of the United States.

New Orleans' New Airport

AIR passengers from all directions, arriving at New Orleans, will land in a park of all but Edenic beauty, when trees now planted shall have reached maturity. Thousands of trees, comprising oaks, palms, cedars, junipers and Louisiana red-bud trees, will combine to make the Shushan Airport, the four-million-dollar state-owned terminal on Lake Pontchartrain, one of the most beautiful spots in the world. The port has concrete runways 4,800 feet long, illuminated by lights having a combined candlepower of more than 20,000,000, an administration building with modern and luxurious hotel accommodations, hangars whose main sections are 100 by 200 feet, sufficiently large to accommodate the largest planes that are likely to be built for some time to come.

The Largest Shipment of Gold

THE largest shipment of gold that has ever come to the United States arrived on February 15, at which time $45,000,000 worth of the yellow metal came from England and France via the French liner Paris. Gold is still esteemed of more value than human happiness, and while millions of people live in want and misery the "great men" of the earth entertain themselves in moving gold from one place to another. The time is near when, as Jehovah's Word assures us, a man shall be more precious than fine gold. —Isaiah 13:12.

Pan-American Highway Nearing Completion

THE highway from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico city will be open for comfortable travel next October. A fifteen-car procession from Mexico, D. F., to Washington will mark the completion of the road. It is hoped that the motorcade, carrying prominent officials from Mexico to Washington, will be able to reach Washington on Columbus Day. The work on the main highway and its subsidiaries will furnish steady employment for 15,000 men.

The Delicate Balance of Life

(By Waldemar Kaempffert, in the New York *Times*)

FOR some reason a paragraph or two about ozone in the report that Dr. C. G. Abbott prepares annually of the Smithsonian Institution's scientific activities received far more prominence last week than it deserved as a piece of news. About us lies an atmosphere in which a little ozone is distributed—so little that if compressed, presumably to the point where it is about to become liquid, it would make a layer but one-eighth of an inch thick. "Were this trifling quantity of atmospheric ozone removed we should all perish," Dr. Abbott remarked. "If it were ten times greater we could not live. Rickets would prevail universally. Why? Because the layer would cut off the sun's beneficent ultra-violet rays. It is astonishing and even terrifying to contemplate the narrow margin of safety on which our lives thus depend."

We can take nearly every constituent of the atmosphere and reach similar conclusions. Life and water are synonymous. Aridity spells death. Three-fourths of a man is water. Take the aqueous vapor out of the atmosphere as rapidly as it is formed, and the oceans of the earth would dry out.

Carbon dioxide, the stuff of which all vegetation is made, is likewise held in the atmosphere. Remove it and there would be no trees and grass, and consequently no higher animal life. The same can be said of the oxygen we breathe and of the nitrogen by which it is diluted, so that we may not be consumed by a process of flameless combustion, and of the comparatively rare gas hydrogen. Life depends not only on an atmosphere, but on a very complex atmosphere of the right chemical composition and physical state.

But if we want to have it driven home even more forcibly how delicately balanced is the atmosphere, we have but to turn to the work that Dr. J. Willard Hershey has been doing in McPherson College, Kansas. He proved that such small animals as rats, pigeons, cats, guinea pigs and monkeys die in two to five days when kept in pure oxygen. More startling is his discovery that even the rare gases argon, helium, neon and krypton, comprising less than one percent of the air, are essential to the maintenance of life.

Dr. Hershey tried a mixture of nitrogen (79 percent) and oxygen (21 percent) on his animals. Except for the absence of the rare gases mentioned it was much like the air we breathe. In ten experiments the test animals all died. Other experiments with helium and oxygen proved how important were the exceedingly rare gases. An atmosphere composed of 0.03 percent carbon dioxide (the amount present in air) and 99.7 percent oxygen is fatal.

So, as in air, there are other gases as rare and as important as ozone in the maintenance of life.

Stone Age Smarter than Brain Age

REPUTED scientists are very clever in telling us exactly how old the human race is. Their conclusions seldom vary more than a few millions of years. Recently, however, their calculations were somewhat upset. They found a genuine "stone age" lady, or her skeleton, and, lo and behold, her brain capacity was larger than that of modern ladies. Now, how old is the human race, anyway? These disturbing discoveries may lead scientists to accept the Bible's assurance that the human race is not nearly as old, nor as smart, as it thinks.

The Speed of Sound

SOUND travels at the rate of 1,087.13 feet a second, as determined by experiments made with microphones set up along a four-mile course. A gun was connected to one of the microphones and fired. As the other microphones caught the sound that fact was registered on a film. The film record can be remeasured to within a thousandth of a second.

Rose Preserved in Cement Block

WHEN concrete from an old building was being broken up, at Hutchinson, Kans., recently, a rosebud was brought to light which was in a perfect state of preservation. It had been encased in the concrete for eighteen years, but still had its original color and even a faint fragrance.

Cold Weather Raises Bridge

A TEMPERATURE of sixteen below zero caused the contraction of the cables of the Mount Hope bridge, between Bristol and Portsmouth, R. I., lifting the 1200-foot center span 21 inches. The center span of the George Washington bridge, New York, was lifted three feet above normal.

Loss of Confidence

By Lewis O'Donnell (Texas)

SINCE the "greatest debauch the world has ever known, the so-called 'World War', when twenty millions were killed, wounded and maimed, the savings of four centuries blown up in powder and smoke" the International Business Machine, of finance, religion and politics, has operated, unchecked, in all civilized nations and in semicivilized and barbarous countries.

The result is that the masses of the people of the civilized countries have lost faith in business men, in newspapers, in public officials, in the agencies that "uplift" the people and that are supposed to guide them in politics, religion and finance, until the people themselves have lost confidence in one another. They trust nobody. They think they have been duped and tricked in their investments. The taxation methods of every country have been proved to be unfair, favoring the few at the expense of the many. Our natural heritage, the resources of the land, have been exploited for the benefit of the few, and our cities have been made the 'happy hunting ground' for the public utilities, collecting exorbitant rates for the inside coterie holding their stocks and bonds, and never for the benefit of the cottage owner or tenant and citizens generally. The people believe they are the victims of a world-wide system that leaves them unemployed and without means to make a livelihood.

Undoubtedly the practice of usury and extortion, in many forms and guises, preached against by all the Scriptural prophets, forbidden by secular laws of many countries, but that is little mentioned by the newspapers and public men, is responsible for the present world-wide conditions; breeding revolution in many countries, and the most intense dissatisfaction with their own government that has ever been exhibited by citizens of the United States.

Tax-Exempt Securities

THE following comment in the Mt. Vernon *Daily Herald* is significant: "Once more the perennial battle in Congress to do away with tax-exempt securities is lost. This time the president personally interfered, asking Congress to not consider such legislation because such a move might jeopardize the treasury's finance program. In short, big financial interests have notified the government that they will not buy government bonds or securities unless they are tax-exempt. Always the threat of refusal to loan looms in the picture; and borrowers, like beggars, cannot choose. Today there are some $22,000,000,000 worth of tax-exempt securities in this country, which do not pay one cent in taxes to maintain government."

There you have it. Farmers are turned out of their homes and off their farms because they cannot pay taxes, while the selfish rich threaten to buck the government if it imposes a tax on the billions of hoarded wealth which they hold. The Scriptures make it clear that this consideration for the rich and oppression of the poor is one of the reasons why God will sweep all present institutions and governments into oblivion. Not one of them is worthy of continuance.

Huey Long on Common Sense

HUEY P. LONG recently said something which contains more truth than poetry. We quote: "The failure to see what actually is God's law has brought on America's whole woe. Here we have hewn a country out of a wilderness to where it is worth $400,000,000,000 in normal times, maybe more. It took the lives and labors of hundreds of millions, dead and living, to do it. Yet these fruits and products of labor, welded by so many million hands, are owned by a mere handful of men who probably did no more to produce them than any other equal number of men. Can a country survive which permits human labor and sacrifice to be thus stolen from those entitled to share in them? I say it cannot." And so say we all.

What the Press Sees Fit to Print

DR. WILLARD G. BLEYER, of the University of Wisconsin, at the recent convention of the American Association of Schools of Journalism, said:

"1. Newspapers are tending toward greater and greater degrees of monopolies.

"2. Newspapers may continue to have freedom, but readers and advertisers have little freedom in the choice of a local daily.

"3. In the monopolistic character of present-day newspaper publishing lies great danger to the formation of sound public opinion.

"It lies within the power of any local daily to color or suppress news or to print publicity of propaganda, thereby endangering public opinion."

More Stars in Henry's Crown

By Sydney M. Crane (Indiana)

HAVING read of various selfish policies of different corporations as shown toward their employees, I wish to add just one more to that long list. I have been employed at the Ford Assembly Plant at Chicago for six years and five months steadily. The employees who drive to work are obliged to park their cars in a space provided for that purpose. On May 21 last, as we left the plant for home we were greeted at the parking place by part of the office force taking down the make of the car, license number, and badge number. Of course, whoever was lucky enough to be driving a model T or A passed out without any questioning.

The following 28th of May the men who were so unlucky as to be caught with some make of car other than a Ford (with the exception of the bosses) were discharged, and they were given a chance to buy a model A.

As for me, I was finally given the air after two days' deliberation, during which time I was trying to reason with them. I explained that I would get rid of my Dodge and buy a model A. I am also paying for a home; and I have a wife and four small children, all of which I have taken unto myself since going to work for Ford. My case was taken to the manager, together with details. So I, the same as hundreds of others, am looking for a chance to sell the only thing I have, that is, my labor.

This selfish deal is not the first that has occurred. Another one took place when the model T sales declined. Just before that model was abandoned, the order was given to keep all makes of cars out of our parking space except Ford products. This lasted nearly a year.

With the Ford Motor Co., it is abuse upon injury continually. They do not respect even the state law, unless it is in their favor; to wit, they do not pay the men when they run out of material or when machinery breaks down or when some other department is unable to furnish their output in sufficient quantities. They merely knock the men off on their own time, and at the same time keep the doors locked so that the men cannot get out, thereby taking as much as fourteen hours of time paid for as eight.

I have desired for the last three years to write part of this outrage; and when this last order came, it was the straw that broke the camel's back. So here it is. *The Golden Age* may print this or any part thereof. I remain a friend and reader of the best magazine on earth.

Ability to Shoot Well

IN *The American Rifleman* Captain Walter C. Mayer, firearms instructor for the Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company, New York city, gives details of the shooting gallery which is fitted up for the employees in the stationery storeroom. Of the nineteen kinds of targets shown, nine are of human form. All clerks and officers are supposed to practice until they can shoot to kill. Captain Mayer gives some details:

> The ability on the part of any bank staff to shoot well will discourage robbery attempts; it should reduce insurance rates; it will create confidence on the part of the customers; and it will benefit the shooter as well as the employer. It is a valuable asset which no bank can disregard.
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> A well-trained staff has confidence in its ability to protect itself and to discourage banditry. It is the duty of every bank employee to learn *how* to use the firearms with which he is equipped—not only a duty which he owes his employer, but one which he owes his family and himself as well. A person may carry or possess a firearm for years without knowledge of how to use it, and never have any trouble; but when "old man trouble" does come, that person will either freeze in his tracks and be shot down, draw his firearm and shoot some innocent bystander, or scatter his shots all over creation and never hit "Mister Bandit".
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> The old phrase, "You can't tell what you will do in a pinch," is incorrect. One man who is thoroughly familiar with firearms is equal to four or five who are not. The trained man *knows* that as the average man uses a gun it is rarely effective even at point-blank range, for the simple reason that if the gun is pointed directly at another's chest at a distance of 10 feet, and the muzzle wavered ½ an inch when the trigger is pulled, there will be a miss—and a miss in an emergency means either a harp or a shovel. Contrary to popular belief, few gunmen can shoot straight, due to the sudden yank they give when pulling the trigger. It is a well-known fact that fully 90 percent of the people shot by bandits have powder burns on their bodies, which indicates that the gun was held practically against the body.
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> The firearms usually carried by bandits are not of the best. Many are of cheap foreign make that have been smuggled into this country. Due to the fact that permits for firearms are so difficult to obtain, the crooks get what they can. Their firearms are neither well made nor well balanced. This, no doubt, accounts for the poor marksmanship of the average criminal.

Not Even Original

THE Rev. Dr. John Wesley Hill, chancellor of Lincoln Memorial University, Cumberland Gap, Tenn., in a speech at the Kiwanis Club, St. Louis, Mo., is alleged to have said: "And if I had my way, that government would load all radicals advocating such changes on a ship of stone, with sails of lead and the wrath of God as a gale, and with Hell as its nearest port."

It is too bad that these would-be clerical murderers cannot even be original. If we recall correctly, these are the words that were used by Rev. Hillis, of Brooklyn, some time in the manufactured red scare in the fall of 1919. Readers who care to take the time will find the identical words in a copy of *The Golden Age* some twelve years back.

At that time Mitchell Palmer had hopes of riding into the presidential chair on the wave of a red scare which existed only in his own head. He used the government to help put it across, but even with government backing the scare was a rank failure and was finally given up.

The government loaded up a ship with people it did not like, and that were not liked by some of our prominent 100%-profit Americans of the time, and timidly steered it across the ocean to Russia. Rev. Hillis, out of the greatness of his soul, composed the blessing outlined above.

If Rev. Dr. John Wesley Hill seeks to convince us that he is a great man because of the strength of his similes and metaphors, we are unconvinced; but if he wishes us to think that he and Hillis are as alike as two not very good-looking horses' tails, then we have all the evidence we need.

A Resurrection in Virginia

W. L. SCOTT, of Virginia, says: "My work is that of selling undertakers' supplies, and I often come in contact with the dead, and attend many funerals. Not many months ago, a certain Virginia undertaker was called upon early one Sunday morning, by the chief of police of his city, to come to a home to make arrangements for the burying of the head of a certain family.

"On arriving at the home, the undertaker noted a great odor that burst out of the door as it was opened. The undertaker inquired of the person who opened the door, what was the odor; and here is the reply the undertaker got: 'Come right on in, Mr. ———; sit right down here and let me tell you the whole story. My husband died five days ago, which was on Tuesday morning, and the reason I haven't sent for you before is that my husband was a Christian Scientist, as well as all of us, and our friends have been coming here every night, telling us not to bury him, that they were going to raise him from the dead. In the meantime the body began to smell, and the good lady next door told the chief of police. And that is why the chief of police sent for you.' The poor woman was in great distress as the scene went on, more so than any other person he ever knew, so the undertaker informed me. Surely the missionaries should come home, and begin here right at their doors, and among themselves as well as among the other people."

Why Reverend Whelpley Erred

THE Reverend Thomas H. Whelpley, pastor of the Chelsea Presbyterian church, New York city, was formerly from Nova Scotia. The Canadian papers are taking note of the fact that he recently said in New York that the Old Testament is filled with difficulties and even absurdities and that he is convinced it is the source of most of our spiritual disasters; also that even the hero stories have a tendency to make heathens of our children. When Jesus asked the question, "Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures?" (Mark 12:24) He meant the "Old Testament" scriptures, which Reverend Whelpley despises; but then it should be remembered that Jesus was a true and humble child of God, and Whelpley is a clergyman.

Presbyterian Missions

THE Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions is in a bad way. The fall in the value of the dollar has involved it in a loss of about $100,000, affecting the activities of its missions in heathen countries to that extent. If the Presbyterians are still bringing the heathen the bad news of great misery that the majority of the human race, including all their ancestors, are predestined to spend infinite years in conscious torment, then this setback of the missionary activities is that much of a blessing to the heathen. We presume Presbyterians still cleave to this "doctrine of devils", as they have never officially repudiated it.

The Truth Makes Free

Judge Rutherford has stated more than once that the teaching of the churches has turned many people away from God. Here is a letter from one who was offended by the preachments of religious leaders and who now has found the truth.

Judge Rutherford,

Dear Sir:

I am penning you a few lines to express my opinion and sentiments on your writings. They are the only common-sense books I ever read. In my opinion you fear nothing but God your Maker, and He takes care of you. If not, they would bump you off. As for me, I never belonged to anything. My people were mostly what they called "Free Baptists". Now, I never could see anything free but the air we breathe. As to the clergy of any kind, I never had any use for them. I could see there was something wrong, and because I never would go and listen to these hypocrites I was considered a bad boy. Those old church grannies said I would be hung before I was 30. I will be 68 in coming May, and I have lived a rough-and-tumble life. To tell the truth, I did not care much nor think about God, man or devil. I just looked on religion as a fraud and the system of the way things are run as just a graft, and the preachers as the worst of all. A friend lent me some of your books. Well, I said, here is the only thing that ever looked right. So I sent and got all your books up to that time, and a Bible. But what gets me is some of my relations back east, who have always read the Bible and belong to any church and listen to a preacher of any kind. The Bible tells what they always were and are: blind leading the blind.

I admire your courage, and God grant you more power to enlighten the people. As for me. I lose my patience with most people. They don't want truth; nothing but nonsense. . . . But the God whom you serve will look after your safety as He did Daniel in the lions' den, and He will not let the wolves destroy you.

With sincerity, I am

N. C., *British Columbia.*

New Ways to Get Money

THE United Church of Canada has found two new ways to get money, or at least to ask for it, and it is no mean achievement, in these days, after all that has been done in that line, for a church to be able to think of a new way to ask for money.

The United Church of Canada is a union of Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational churches. It maintains all the usual departments of home and foreign missions, education and pensions, and now announces an annuity plan whereby, in consideration of a gift of suitable proportions, it will return the giver an income from the amount, on condition that at his death the gift becomes the property of the church. Looks like a good scheme.

Who, having a pile of ducats which he knows not how to invest safely (and what investment is safe in these days?), and who fears the climatic conditions in the world to come will be not all that could be desired, would not willingly turn over his roll to a bunch of dominies who need it, thereby assuring himself of plenty for the life that now is, and an eternal interest in a frigidaire in the life that is to come?

The other scheme is not so pretentious, and yet it may bring in more coin of the realm. It does not go after the whole pile, but merely after the loose change. The idea is that every member of the family, when he gets a spare nickel, shall put it in a little pasteboard bank, to be turned over to the dominie once in so often. The cost of the pasteboard banks is 60c a dozen, but the gracious provision is made that the cost may be deducted from the contents of the boxes when opened. In other words, by the second scheme you also get some of your money back. Clever idea. An idea still more clever is not to give them any of it at all.

The Smothering of Presbyterianism

Rev. H. McAllister Griffiths, editor of *Christianity Today,* in a sermon in Philadelphia, in February, urged 1,300 Modernist ministers of the Presbyterian church to quit the ministry. He affirmed that the only peace the Presbyterian church now has with these preachers in their midst is "the peace of a church that is dying without a struggle", and that "if the process should continue unchecked, fifteen years more will see historic Presbyterianism regarded as a quaint relic in the then so-called 'Presbyterian Church'."

We comfort Mr. Griffiths by expressing our conviction that in fifteen years from now every variety of Presbyterianism and all the other isms will have completely ceased. God's kingdom is at hand; it is functioning in the earth; the old world is passing away, and groaning as it passes. And everybody, including Mr. Griffiths, will be glad when it is gone. Nobody will want to preserve any of the quaint relics of the past. Indeed, the prophet says that "they shall not be remembered nor come into mind".

Wakulla Spring, Georgia

By S. W. Williams (Alabama)

I WISH all your readers could see Wakulla spring, this mammoth work of God, for no pen picture can fully portray its grandeur and beauty. Your scribe recently made a visit to this marvel of nature which bubbles up not far from the south Georgia line.

One pays 25c and rides out in a glass-bottomed boat over crystal-clear waters gushing up from 186 feet below. *The Golden Age* says one can see a penny lying on the bottom; let me tell you, as an eye witness, that objects of less size may be seen at the full depth. The water is so clear that it does not appear to be over 50 feet deep.

One of the attractions of Wakulla spring is the schools of flying fish. The fish seem to be about the size of a man's arm. They can jump about six feet clear of the water and go back into it several yards from their starting point, and they do this constantly.

There are many kinds of fish in the big spring. They travel in schools, every kind in its own school. The various schools were not friendly, mingling together as we would have expected them to do. They seemed to be as selfish as the religious denominations of today.

I wish you could all have been down with me in the deep, tangled wildwood of Florida, where a full-grown river is made by this single spring. It is a regular picnic to watch the flying fish play leapfrog.

The Fountain of Youth

By E. J. Bullock (Florida)

I BELIEVE that pure water is a great factor in building up and preserving the health. In these days of trainloads of soft drinks, teas and coffees, and hooch, the good old God-given spring on the hillside, bubbling up through the rocks and purified through nature's process, has been sadly neglected.

We have free stone springs, lithia, iron, sulphur and other mineral springs furnishing us with drink that is far better than any beverage brought forth by mere man.

I recall that several years ago I was much under weight and received a sample of medicine, along with which were the following instructions: "Banish care as you would a serpent, and drink lots of water." I did so and gained twelve pounds in two weeks. I often wonder if 'banishing care and drinking lots of water' hadn't more to do with the gain in weight than the sample of medicine.

When arising in the morning is the time we least care to drink water; and that is the time we need it most—the interior bath—and if we drink two full glasses of water on arising we do not so much feel the need of other beverage. Many people go days without a glass of water because, through habit, their requirements for drink are supplied through tea, coffee, etc. We can develop a water habit.

There's frost in the meadow;
There's song in the air,
For the birds are holding
A jubilee there.
There's a song in the valley,
And if you will look,
The songster, you'll find,
Is the babbling brook.

It has babbled along
For ages untold.
Its wealth is far greater
Than silver or gold.
Its source is just yonder.
God taught it to sing.
Let's take the old bucket
And go to the spring.

In Case Chris Should Slip

TO ALL who dig up $1 or more, the Salvatorian Seminary, Society of the Divine Savior, Saint Nazianz, Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, P. O. Box B, offers a choice of four medals, one of which we notice is called the St. Christopher Medal.

It says about this Christopher medal: "St. Christopher is the acknowledged and special patron of travelers. He is invoked against accidents, storms and sudden death, and in this day of automobiles such protection is all the more necessary. The pious wearing of this medal is a constant invocation, as it were, for his protection."

Now doesn't that look like a good accident policy? It surely does. One side of the medal shows "St. Christopher" being steered around by a baby Jesus, seemingly astride his neck. So far, so good. But we turn the medal over, and on its back it says, "I am a Catholic. In case of an accident kindly notify a priest."

What is wrong with that? Nothing, only—. Only what? Only that this method of insuring against accident, with provisions of what to do in case the policy doesn't work, makes us think of the church member who knew he was going to die. He asked that they put in his coffin his nicely framed certificate of church membership and along with it the chemical fire-extinguisher that up till that time had always hung in the front hall. He didn't intend to take any chances. And, on the whole, you can't blame him. Send in your dollar and get a medal.

"Catholic Association Urges World Parliament"

THAT is the title of an article in *The Literary Digest,* covering almost a full page of its issue of March 17, 1934. The opening sentence is: "Something like a parliament of nations and a federation of the world is proposed by the Catholic Association for International Peace." The conclusion is: "Put it all together, and it spells brotherhood of man, an economic federation in which nations, employer and employee, capital and labor, producer and consumer, would have representation. St. Peter's is the basilica of a faith common to all countries. Perhaps the nations may erect a basilica for a common economic and social creed that will bring them a little nearer to the Kingdom of God on earth."

This proposition for a Catholic League of Nations is well timed. It is announced just at the close of the pope's "Holy Year". An intervening paragraph says: "The study, which is to be published in several languages, is the joint work of the Ethics and the Economic Relations Committees of the Association, and was under the immediate preparation of the Rt. Rev. John A. Ryan, of the Catholic University of America; Prof. Parker T. Moon, of Columbia University and the Rev. R. A. McGowan, assistant director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference."

The last named institution, maintained by the bishops of the Roman hierarchy, is the clearing house through which the efforts were made last year (and are still being made) to force Judge Rutherford off the air. As soon as a station has been coerced into breaking a contract, the N.C.W.C. fixes up a news dispatch so framed as to make it appear that it was a voluntary act, and sends it out over all the country to induce and intimidate other stations into doing the same thing.

Mass Out of Focus at Ten Meters

THE Cleveland Polish Daily *Wiadomosci Codzienne* of November 18 contains the interesting information that the mass read in the Catholic church is valuable outside of the church only over a distance of ten meters, and that is why it is no good over the radio. It seems, in an item bristling with no less than 45 z's, 34 s's and 31 w's, that the "Holy Office" has discovered that somebody is holding out on them since it became possible to get something worth while over the radio. And so the "Holy Office" has figured it out that if a church is not crowded the mass is good merely within the walls, but if it is overcrowded it is good for 10 meters outside, and that is positively all. We looked it up; a meter is 39.37 inches, and so 10 meters come to 393.7 inches, or 32 feet 9.7 inches. In practice it works out this way: If your feet are within 32 feet 9.7 inches of the wall of the church, then you are in focus, provided there is a big crowd, and provided you keep on your feet. If you keep your feet in the same place you are out of luck if you sit down unless you turn your back to the church. If you face the other way, your feet are in the mass, but your brains and the rest of you, except your shins and knees, are out of it. A little study makes it all clear.

"For the Love of the Divine Infant"

WE HAVE in hand a circular letter, an appeal from St. Christopher's Inn, Garrison, N. Y. The inn is under the care of Fr. Anselm Francis, S.A., "spiritual director." Meals given out in 1925 were 49,969; meals given out in 1930 were 118,130. Night lodgings in 1925 were 16,636; night lodgings in 1930 were 39,399. The report shows the increasing strain being put on every part of the machine. Men's hearts are failing them for fear.

Fr. Anselm says: "I beg of you for the love of the Divine Infant to send us an offering," and terminates his letter with "Asking the Divine Babe to love you". The letterhead shows a great throng of the hungry unemployed. In a corner, with the hay all about him, is a 'Baby Jesus' in a one-piece Rubens suit. Apparently he is about a year old.

The Learys sent this to us. They say, "Please tell me, why doesn't this babe ever grow up? Will you kindly ask them? I haven't the heart to."

Well, we are "leary", too, but willing to do anything to be accommodating. That Jesus was a baby once, we admit; the Scriptures show that He grew to be a man, and is now the express image of the Father's person, the Lord of life and glory, with all power in heaven and in earth.

Wait till He takes this unemployment proposition in hand, and there will be something doing. Meantime, we are glad for all the good anybody is doing in lending a helping hand to the poor and needy.

How the Devil Mistreats His Dupes

D. S. ABERNATHY, of Washington, says, "While out witnessing today I ran across an ex-minister or ex-evangelist. He soon began to tell me that he had visions and talks with God. He was living in a little shack of a house. When I came into the yard and up to where he was I noticed that he had some bones and meat out on the walk in an old dishpan. As he owns a dog, I thought that it was dog-meat that he had in the pan, washing it off. In the course of our conversation he advised me that he did not have a cent to his name and had been destitute over a year and that all he had to eat was the scrap meat and bones from a butcher shop.

"I met another ex-minister the other day who also was 'having visions and talking with God' and giving out typewritten folders of his demon-inspired doctrines and predictions. He was also destitute and dirty and in filthy garb.

"Surely Jehovah is now allowing us to see these false prophets in destitute circumstances, hungry and almost naked, and in darkness, while His own, true to His promise, have food convenient for mind and body."

Origin of the League Idea

By A. J. West (England)

RELATIVE to Judge Rutherford's assertion that "the proof is overwhelming that the League of Nations compact originated with British officers", a speech of Mr. Lloyd George in 1930 is of interest. He said:

"It was the member who was elected in this town forty years ago who proposed the first resolution in a gathering of the principal Allied statesmen in Paris in 1919 upon which the Covenant of the League of Nations was afterwards based. The cabinet of which I was the head was the only government in the world that had, before the conference met, and even before the Armistice was signed, prepared carefully thought-out plans for putting the principle of that resolution into operation. Even during the most anxious moments of the war there were committees of that cabinet sitting to frame a scheme for setting up an association of nations for ensuring peace on earth."

Huge Sea Serpent in Northern Waters

A HUGE sea monster has been seen on several occasions in the waters of the coast of British Columbia. It is reported that fishermen have seen at least twenty-five feet of its body, and that its head, shaped somewhat like that of a horse, is as big as a beer keg. Of course, it got away. Making due allowance for the tendency to exaggerate with which fishermen are said to be endowed, we still think the monster must be something out of the ordinary. Remains of such creatures have been assigned an age of several million years by scientists. The fact that some of these inhabitants of a departed world are still in existence would seem to show that scientists share the weakness which is said to be a characteristic limited to fishermen.

Glad to Be Doing Useful Work

DISPATCHES from Cleveland tell of the conversion of two more pastors; they are working with pick and shovel on the road gang of Cuyahoga county. No doubt they are both glad to at last be doing useful work in the world, and, besides that, they each get 50c an hour for 30 hours every week.

The Norris Dam

THE Norris dam, under construction in the Tennessee Valley, will rise to a height of 253 feet and require over a million cubic yards of concrete. It will result in the formation of a lake which will extend over an area of eighty-three square miles. More than four thousand men are engaged on the project.

The Business of Killing Cripples

IT IS a new industry in the United States, that of killing cripples, but it is getting under way. It is under the general guidance and direction of those who advocate a purgatory in which the fires are well stoked. If you are a cripple, and not a booster for purgatory, watch your step.

Thousands of readers of *The Golden Age* have met the intelligent, sweet-faced little hunchback, Miss Grace Black, 500 Cedar Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. She has made her last witness in the flesh.

She went as she would have wished to go, arrested on a false charge, "guilty" only of obeying the Lord's command, and following His example of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom from door to door, in Millvale, Pa.

Brought before Burgess Pfischner, with 52 others of Jehovah's witnesses, she, in common with the others, was discharged, not having committed any offense. The shock of the arrest and discharge was too much for her weak heart. The priest who caused it may have all the glory. More about Millvale on next two pages.

Jehovah's witnesses 'Standing for Their Lives'

(A personal letter from Pittsburgh to a New York correspondent)

Dear A——,—

Thought perhaps you would be interested in our last Saturday's experience with the transcription machines [employed to reproduce Judge Rutherford's Bible discourses in lecture halls—*Ed.*], as it was amusing to see how hard the Devil is trying to stop the work.

In giving out the fliers announcing the last meeting of the series in Millvale on "Can the World Be Recovered?" one sister was stopped, just as she had about finished, by the chief of police of that town and told that there was no need for her to give out any more fliers, as there was not going to be a meeting, that he was going to stop it, and he wanted her to tell those in charge to come and see him about it, as he understood at the last meeting we insulted two of their priests. The chief of police is also Catholic. Of course, no attention was paid to his remarks or his request, but everything was arranged for the meeting as usual, the meeting being scheduled for Saturday evening.

Saturday afternoon, about one o'clock, the man who rented the hall to Stewart called him and asked him not to have the meeting, as he heard there was going to be trouble. Stewart came over to the auditorium, and we decided to call the owner and see what he meant by 'trouble'; and he again begged Stewart not to have the meeting, and tried every excuse possible, saying that the meeting was misrepresented, etc., and finally said that the Catholics were going to send 500 or 600 around to cause a riot. Not getting anywhere over the phone, he asked us to come out when he would be at home (he being the bank cashier of the town) and he could talk further.

In view of his telling us that they were going to cause a riot, and of what the chief of police said, we thought it might be well to have the state police on hand; so Pyle, Stewart and I started out to find the state police. But they said that they could not help us at this time, and suggested seeing the sheriff for help. On the way back we decided to tell the Millvale chief that we expected this protection; but he said that he would not do this, and that he was going to stop the meeting himself. So we left for the sheriff's office, and, it being late, found that he was gone for the day. Knowing his brother very well, I called him, and he told me that the sheriff was out of town and would not be back until Monday, but told me whom to get in touch with, a deputy, and I finally found the proper deputy, who said that if there was going to be trouble he would send a machine-load of deputies around, at 7:30 p.m. In the meantime we had a large number of the friends on the phone and advised them to be around at the meeting.

We later went to see the owner of the building, and he again stated the facts, stating that 62 percent of the people of that town were Catholics and they had asked him to stop the meeting. Being the cashier of the bank, he was afraid that if we went ahead with the meeting he would lose his job. When told that we were going ahead with the meeting, he showed us the door and told us to get out, and, as we were leaving, told us to "go to ———".

Well, we went back and waited for 7:30, when the deputies would arrive. Some of the friends arrived about 7:15 and found two Millvale policemen at the door, who would not let them in, saying that the meeting was off. We already had the transcription machine and record in the building and were all set for the meeting. By 7:30 a fairly large crowd had gathered out in front of the building, and promptly on time the deputies arrived. They inquired what the trouble was, and were informed by the Millvale police that they were instructed by the chief to close the place. However, the deputies insisted on their opening the doors and letting the people in, which they did. The chief soon came around and wanted to know how the people got in, and the police pointed to the sheriff's car with seven deputies; and the chief immediately changed his ideas.

The building holds about 100 to 125 seats, and, in the six meetings preceding, the largest attendance, including friends, was about 40, with 15 or 20 strangers. This evening we had about 50 of the friends there, a few strangers came in, and about ten minutes to eight a body of men and boys marched down from the Irish Catholic church, where they had a meeting, with instructions what to do. There were about 50 in this group, and in about five minutes more over 150 more marched down from the German Catholic church just around the corner. This more than filled the hall, with all standing room taken and the two anterooms filled, and then others kept coming until the crowd filled all the way down the steps. The deputies did not attempt to give

any instructions; were just waiting for any trouble that might be started; and the chief sent his two men up into the hall to see that there was no trouble.

Everything went O.K. for the first few minutes, and when Judge Rutherford first mentioned that the Catholic church was of the Devil, some one of the crowd started to give a soft laugh, and this laugh passed from one to the other for a few seconds and then stopped. When the same subject was mentioned again the same thing started, and then Jehovah used one of their own crowd to help the meeting on, as it would have been useless for any of our crowd to say anything, with the determination and instructions they had to break up the meeting. The leader of one of the crowds rose to his feet at this point and asked all to be gentlemen and hear what was said before they judged, and all obeyed and were very quiet throughout the rest of the lecture. Just at the time when this second laugh and speech by their leader was on, one of the brethren running the transcription machine got his foot mixed up with the electric cord and it was pulled out of the socket. While this small interruption was on the lecture was off, but when the lecture started the people were all quiet.

The net result was that, instead of 15 or 20 listening to the lecture, close to 300 listened very closely, standing on every foot of space, and hearing just what the priest did not want them to hear. After the meeting was over, the leader of one of the crowds started to argue with the chairman of the meeting, and became loud at times, which brought some of the men back; and, seeing that he had an audience, he became louder in his talk and denied what was said by Judge Rutherford, and he was soon assisted by another leader; but before he could say much the Millvale police insisted on their clearing out of the building.

In talking with many of the Catholics gathered around the building and not being able to get in, and also with the chief of police himself, they stated that the whole thing had been greatly misrepresented, and that from what they could see we were being greatly discriminated against and they did not believe the lies that were told. Several Catholics who could not hear asked if we could not bring the lecture to their home sometime, so that they could listen to this lecture.

Throughout it all we can see the leading of Jehovah with His people, and can see the desperate fight the Devil is putting forth, although he sure is leading a losing battle.

Just recently one of our newly interested Catholic boys, 22 years of age, was beaten with a whip by his mother and thrown out of his house because he insisted on going out in the witness work. This boy is very active in the work, even with the great handicap of being almost blind. At his work he talks with everyone, having three other Catholic boys going out in the witness work with him, and now has a Jew interested who has started out in the witness work the last two Sundays.

This was written with interruptions. Thought when I started this that I would have time to write it, but soon found that there were many other things to do. Thought, however, that you would be interested in the Devil's attacks.

Yours in Jehovah's service,

G. W.

Racketeering in Its Most Despicable Form

ONE of the elementary principles of Christianity is sympathy for those that are in sorrow over the loss of their loved ones. The reason why Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus was that He sympathized with Mary and Martha and with all who were passing through like afflictions.

The heavenly Father has the same sympathetic heart. "In all their affliction he was afflicted" is a statement that touches every human heart. His Word counsels to "weep with them that weep" and to "comfort all that mourn".

With this little introduction we present to the attention of our readers an illustration of the most devilish, callous heartlessness of which the mind can conceive. It is from a personal letter to Judge Rutherford. Plumb, if you can, the depths of meanness and cruelty of the diabolical system responsible, and ponder that it is this same system that demands that Judge Rutherford be put off the air so that matters of this kind may become everyday affairs in this country and nobody may dare to say a word in protest. Indeed, they are everyday matters *now*. Here is the letter:

I am a reader of all your writings and believe in your explanation of the Bible and its truths, so with that in mind here is one truth I want you to have. No doubt you will be able to use it to good advantage in telling the people of the injustice in the Catholic

church, Erie, Pa. I refer to St. Stanislau Church, corner 13th and Wallace streets.

I had a sister die on January 29, 1934, and, as you know, it is customary to go to the priest and arrange for mass on the day of burial. The wish of the family was to have the funeral on Friday, February 2, but the parish priest said No, that it had to be on Thursday, February 1, but before he would have the funeral, or even give a date, they would have to pay for the pew rent and a building fund, and $35 to $65 for mass, and it would all have to be paid in advance—which the poor family could not pay, as they were hit with the hard times like many others. The total he had charged against them was around $200, to cover all.

The family would not agree to pay it, and so the funeral was not held in any church, as no priest will buck another priest. They talk about shotgun men, but this method of robbing the dead and the sorrowing ones that remain behind makes the man with the gun a king compared to the priest.

The history of our family in that church is that my father belonged 48 years and was fully paid up. The sister that died belonged since she was married, for over 28 years, and was fully paid in pew rent for all except two years, and then they paid each Sunday, as they charged 10c a pew. The last building charge they did not pay, for they did not pledge themselves.

After they turned her husband and children down, my father, fully paid up, went to see what he could do, and the priest that caused all the trouble, Ignasiak, closed the door in his face and would not give him a civil answer; so they held the funeral at the home on Friday, the 2d, and not in the church. The woman who died was Rose Koprowski, 714 East 12th street; the family is well known in Erie. The reason I did not write you sooner is that I wanted to get all the facts. I was not able to attend the funeral myself, on account of sickness in my own home.

My interest in writing this letter is not for what happened to our family, but for the good that might come to others that are in the same circumstances. With best wishes, and may you keep up the good work, I subscribe myself

Your true friend.

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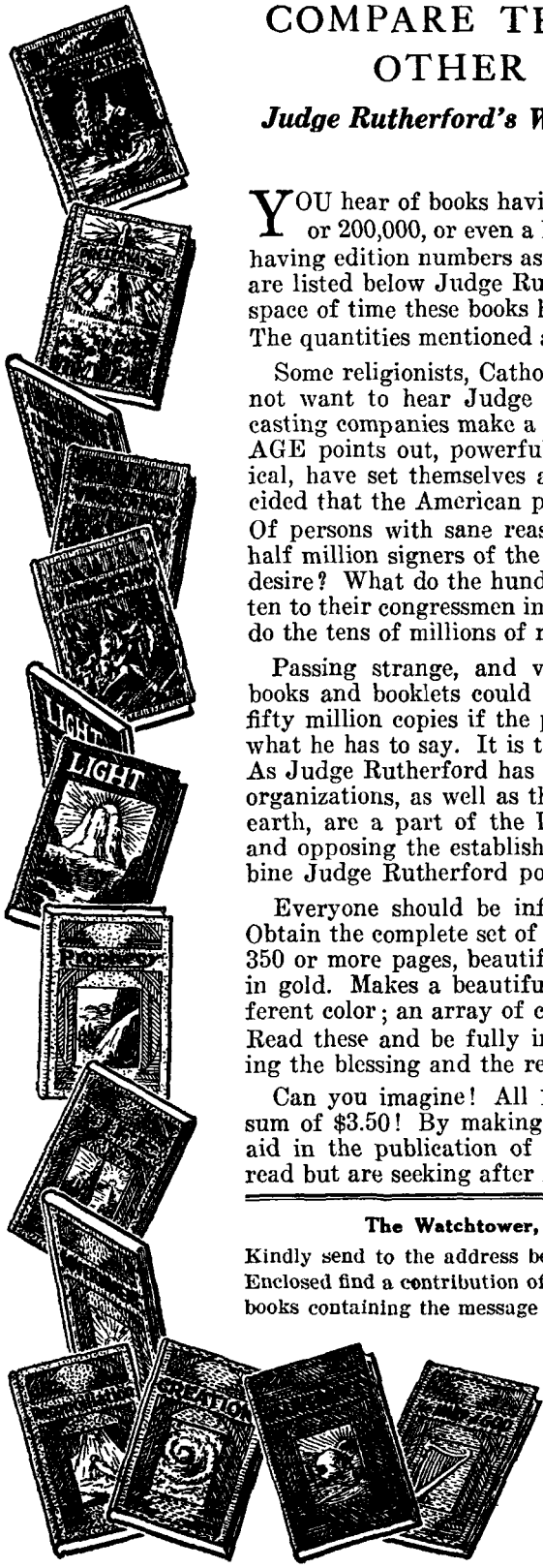
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Persecution in Germany

MORE than thirty years ago the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, incorporated under the laws of the United States of America, established in Germany a branch office, and from that time until 1933 continuously taught the truth of the Bible without money and without price. Many thousands of German people came to a knowledge of the truth of God's kingdom and rejoice in their privilege of worshiping and serving Jehovah God. Many of such persons had been Catholics, others Protestants, and still others outside of all church organizations. During all that time the progress of the Society's work in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, which was carried on by many good men and women of Germany, was bitterly opposed by the clergy, both Catholics and Protestants. Time and again the clergy published all manner of falsehood against God's people, Jehovah's witnesses, but the political rulers gave no heed thereto.

The revolution that brought into power the Hitler government also brought about a change. The clergy got the ear of the political powers and induced them to act against Jehovah's witnesses, which are known throughout Germany as INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS and the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY. The Hitler government, on the theory that these Christian people, Jehovah's witnesses, were a menace to the state and threatened the peace and safety of the state, acted upon the slanderous and libelous statements published by the clergy and prohibited Jehovah's witnesses from carrying on their work. These faithful Christians were wrongfully charged with being in alliance with Jews, Marxists and anti-National Socialists. Without even a notice of such charges, and with no opportunity given Jehovah's witnesses to make proof of the falsity thereof, and without any hearing of the facts whatsoever, the Hitler government did on the 4th day of April, 1933, issue an order prohibiting the operation of said Society or Jehovah's witnesses and seized and confiscated property of the Society then at the value of two million five hundred thousand marks. Such action of seizure was in violation of the treaty between the United States and Germany and, the property so seized and confiscated being that of an American corporation, the American government intervened and on the 28th of April, 1933, such order of confiscation was rescinded and set aside and the property returned to the possession of its rightful owners.

Again on the 24th of June, 1933, and without any notice whatsoever, and without a hearing of the facts, the German government seized said Society's property above mentioned and again stopped its work in Germany. The United States government, under the terms of the aforesaid treaty, again intervened on behalf of the Society, and in October, 1933, the German government again released the property from such seizure, but still refused to permit the Society to use the same in carrying on its work. The German government by its officials announced that the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY and the INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION could bring suit in the German courts for damages resulting by reason of such seizure and could find relief in that way. Demands were made to do this by filing suits in the courts, but when this attempt was made the German government flatly denied the right to maintain such suits. In the meantime German authorities had seized a great amount of other property throughout the various states of Germany and destroyed much of it, broke up the meetings, prohibited Jehovah's witnesses from meeting together to study the Bible, confiscated their books, Bibles and other literature and threw many of them into prison and concentration camps.

Repeated efforts have been made to have a hearing before the German authorities to the end that the facts might be presented, and that the proof might be brought forth to fully establish the fact that the Society is not in any wise connected with any political organization, but all such efforts have utterly failed. German officials have promised a hearing, but when an attempt has been made to reach them they have refused to see anyone representing the Society who attempted to place the facts before them.

At a convention of seven thousand of Jehovah's witnesses held in Berlin in June, 1933, a statement of the facts was issued in the form of a Resolution or Declaration, millions of which were printed and copies delivered to German officials, and many others distributed throughout Germany. While our brethren were engaged in the distribution of this Declaration of facts many of them were arrested and thrown into prison and concentration camps. The German officials have shown that they do not want to know the real facts, but that they are moved by some sinister and powerful influence determined to do injury to Jehovah's witnesses and to prevent the proclamation of the message of Jehovah's kingdom.

The action of the German government in seizing the Society's property and in prohibiting its work of religious worship and service throughout Germany not only is in direct violation of the treaty between the United States and Germany, but is also a flagrant violation of the terms of the Constitution of Germany. Section 137 of that Constitution reads:

1. There is no State church.

2. The freedom of cohesion to religious societies is guaranteed. There are no limits to the cohesion of religious societies within the territories of the Reich.

3. Every religious society organizes and manages its own affairs independently, within the bounds of the law, which is valid for all. It bestows its offices without the cooperation of the state or of the civil community.

4. Religious societies acquire legal competence, in accordance with the general regulations of civil law.

5. The religious societies remain corporations of public law, in as far as they have been such hitherto. Other religious societies have, on their petition, to be granted the same rights, if they give the guarantee of duration, by virtue of their Constitution and the number of their members. Should several such publicly legal religious societies join up and form a union, then also this union is a publicly legal corporation.

6. The religious societies which are corporations of public law are entitled to levy taxes, on basis of the civil tax lists, in accordance with the legal regulations of the country.

7. On the same level as the religious societies are put the religious associations which have their own "Weltanschauung" (religious opinion — world's contemplation??).

This section of the Constitution has never been suspended, but at all times has been in full force and effect, and yet its terms have been repeatedly violated with reference to Jehovah's witnesses. Many petitions of German citizens have been sent to the German officials calling attention to the violation of the Constitution in the action taken against the Bible Students or said Society, but these petitions have been ignored.

In Saxony several men and women were arrested and prosecuted for the distribution of the Berlin Declaration above mentioned. They made defense in the courts. When their case came on to be heard on appeal in a superior court of Leipzig in Saxony that court acquitted the defendants and discharged them, and in the opinion filed the court, amongst other things, said: "If the Association is one in the sense of a religious society, then the prohibition would be an infringement of the Constitution." A legal authority, to wit, *Dictionary of Legal Science,* by Dr. E. Bumke, president of the Supreme Court of the Reich, and Dr. Ebermeyer, attorney general of the Reich, among other things says this concerning religious societies: "As regards such religious societies, above all into consideration, the Methodists, the free community, the new apostolical, Bible Students, and others are included." Upon the strength of the decision of the above court, and the opinion and authority above cited, again application was made to the State Court for the German Reich, the Supreme Court of the Reich, to have the grievances of the Bible Students, or Jehovah's witnesses, heard, and this the courts have denied.

Jehovah's witnesses in Germany have made every possible effort to present their case before the German authorities, asking that all restrictions and hindrances be removed and that they be permitted without interference to go on with their worship of God and their service to Him according to His commandments, and which is guaranteed by the Constitution of Germany. All their efforts in this behalf have failed.

The following letter was addressed to Mr.

Hitler and was delivered to him by a special messenger, which speaks for itself:

SIR:

This letter is a kindly notice and warning of things that are of vital importance to your welfare. You will find it to your interest to read it carefully.

In Germany for many years faithful and good men and women have been teaching the doctrines of God's Word, which people jointly work under organizations bearing the name of EARNEST BIBLE STUDENTS and the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, which names merely represent the Society or corporate organization for the carrying on of their work. These men and women are devoted to Jehovah God and serve Him as His witnesses, telling the people what is the truth of the Bible. They seek to do good unto all men and injury to none.

In the early spring of 1933 your government without just cause or excuse forcibly compelled these earnest Christian people, who are Jehovah's witnesses, to cease the worship of Jehovah God in the way which God has commanded them to worship; seized their Bibles, song books, Bible textbooks, and other Bible literature, and their furniture, drove them out of their places of worship, and forbade them to assemble together to study the Scriptures and to worship God, and to preach the truth to others.

Your government also without just cause or excuse seized a great amount of books, Bibles, paintings, paper and other material, and destroyed the same by fire, which property belonged to the aforesaid Society. Many of these innocent and faithful witnesses of Jehovah God your officers have incarcerated in prison, and illtreated them. You being a very busy man, probably many of these things have not been brought to your attention; but that is not the fault of those who have been unjustly and cruelly treated.

Enemies of Jehovah's witnesses have maliciously misrepresented them and told vicious lies against them in order to induce your government to do injury to them. In order that the government might be informed as to the real facts more than seven thousand of Jehovah's witnesses assembled in Berlin, Germany, on the 25th day of June, 1933, and there issued a Declaration setting forth the facts concerning their work in Germany, which declaration was furnished to all the high officials of your government, and millions of copies thereof were distributed amongst the people until such distribution was forcibly stopped by officers of your government. That Declaration, a copy of which is hereto attached, called upon your government to see to it that these faithful people, who are Jehovah's witnesses, might "without hindrance obey Jehovah God's commandments and worship Him as commanded, and tell the people of His kingdom for the blessing of all the families of the earth".

That request has been ignored by your government, and you have refused to permit these witnesses of Jehovah to serve Him and worship Him as commanded by the Most High.

These faithful followers of Christ Jesus and who are Jehovah's witnesses have waited and suffered long, hoping that you would cause their unjust treatment to cease and permit them to go on with their worship and service of Jehovah God without interference. But you have failed to do so. During the past ten years the rulers and the people of Germany have received notice by the wide publication of literature that God's kingdom is here and that His King, Christ Jesus, will establish a righteous government on earth for the blessing of the people. They have been warned that those who oppose God and His kingdom shall be destroyed by the Lord at Armageddon. Such notice and warning have been ignored by your government.

Permit me to remind you that Jehovah God sent His servant Moses to Egypt to give notice and warning to Pharaoh that he must let God's chosen people go and worship Him in the manner that He had commanded. Such notice and warning Pharaoh not only ignored, but he defied Jehovah God, and the result was that Jehovah killed all the firstborn of Egypt and then destroyed the ruling power. (See Exodus 12:29, 30; 14:23-28.) The Scriptures plainly declare that what came upon Egypt will come in a far greater degree upon all the world, and particularly upon those who oppose Jehovah God and His kingdom. You may successfully resist any and all men, but you cannot successfully resist Jehovah God.

Pharaoh said to Moses: "Who is the LORD [Jehovah], that I should obey his voice?" (Exodus 5:2) Later he learned to his sorrow who Jehovah is. Jehovah's witnesses have done everything within their power to show your government that they only want to freely worship Jehovah God and serve Him as He has commanded them, but their efforts have been ignored and their maltreatment continues by your officials. Once more in their behalf, as the president of the Society or organization under which they work, and in the name of Jehovah God and His anointed King, Christ Jesus, I demand that you give order to all officials and servants of your government that Jehovah's witnesses [who are of the EARNEST BIBLE STUDENTS and the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY] in Germany be permitted to peaceably assemble and without hindrance worship God and obey His commandments by teaching to the people the Bible truths concerning God's kingdom under Christ, for which kingdom all Christians have long hoped and prayed.

If by the 24th day of March, 1934, there is no response to this earnest demand and nothing done by your government to grant the relief of the aforesaid Jehovah's witnesses in Germany, then God's people in other countries will begin the publication throughout the nations of the earth of the facts concerning Germany's wrongful treatment of Christian people there; and having delivered the testimony, we will submit

our case and leave it to Jehovah God by and through Christ Jesus to administer the punishment of the guilty ones in His own good way. Permit me to remind you that Jehovah warns that no one shall oppress His anointed. (Psalm 105:15) Christ Jesus is now on His throne, and the battle of the great day of God Almighty is just ahead, and it will be the greatest tribulation ever known, and there is just one way of escape: "Be wise now, therefore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."—Psalm 2:10-12.

Respectfully submitted.

WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY,
By



President.

San Diego, California,
February 9, 1934.
To
Chancellor Adolf Hitler,
Brown House,
Munich, Germany.

Like Pharaoh of old, the official power of the German government has repeatedly said that everyone has the right to worship God as he wishes and yet in the face of its own laws and declarations continues to refuse Jehovah's witnesses the right to worship Jehovah God and carry on their work. These officials furthermore defame the name of Jehovah and persecute those who attempt to serve Him. In harmony with the terms of the foregoing letter addressed to Mr. Hitler, a mass assembly of Jehovah's witnesses at Los Angeles, California, on the 25th day of March, 1934, unanimously adopted the Protest following:

PROTEST

For many years Jehovah's witnesses in Germany, unitedly working under the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, have engaged in bearing testimony to the name and kingdom of Jehovah God. During the past year the German government without cause or excuse has wrongfully seized, confiscated and destroyed the Bibles, song books, furniture and other property of these faithful Christians, prohibited them to meet together and worship God according to His commandments, and has cruelly persecuted and imprisoned many of them, and, like Pharaoh of old, that government has wickedly opposed Jehovah and defamed His name.

Therefore, We their brethren as followers of Christ Jesus do earnestly and vigorously protest against such unwarranted treatment of Christians by the German ruling power, and we call upon all true Christians and fair-minded people throughout the earth to join in this vigorous protest and demand that Jehovah's witnesses, without let or hindrance on the part of the German government or others, shall be permitted to go on in their worship and service of Jehovah God in the manner which He has commanded, and we register our protest by declaring against Satan and all such oppression and by taking our stand on the side of Jehovah and His kingdom and His people.

This Protest and accompanying speech was broadcast by a nation-wide network of radio stations, and the information is that many thousands of the unseen audience likewise arose and affirmatively voted for the adoption of such Protest. This publication is made for the purpose of informing the order-loving people of the earth of the unrighteous action of the German government against honest and faithful and true Christians, in order that the German officials who have thus wrongfully acted upon the advice of the clergy may never be heard to say that they were ignorant of the fact that they were persecuting faithful and true followers of Christ Jesus. The following has been prepared by one of Jehovah's witnesses who is in possession of many of the facts, letters and communications from those throughout Germany who have been wrongfully persecuted, thrown into concentration camps, and imprisoned, and which facts speak for themselves, to wit:

JEHOVAH GOD REPROACHED

Official leaders of the present government in Germany have slandered the name of Jehovah God, not only by their words, but also by their deeds in destroying great quantities of Bibles and Bible textbooks and by persecuting, by imprisoning and by mistreating Christians on account of their faith and their serving God in the way He has commanded them to do, namely, by proclaiming the good tidings of the establishment of Christ's kingdom for the blessing of all nations.

Satan, acting through the clergy, is responsible for these persecutions and for hindering the work of God's anointed in Germany, and he has blinded the political element and has caused the German authorities to believe the false and slanderous charges which have been raised against Jehovah's witnesses by the godless and faithless clergy class in Germany.

The publication of the following facts does not constitute a Jewish or Marxistic or anti-National Socialist propaganda, but it is a true record which is now published because God's enemies and the enemies of the truth, after having been warned repeatedly, have made it necessary. This is in defense of our brethren in Christ who are suffering innocently. For a whole year we have waited and have suffered the unjustified and cruel measures of the German government; we have waited (in vain) for a release because the treaty between America and Germany guaranteed that our activity could be carried on without hindrance, and because, according to many public utterances of the present leaders in Germany, who claim to be sent of God, liberty of faith and conscience was supposed to be safeguarded in the Third Reich. For example: Reichskanzler Adolf Hitler, in April, 1933, said: "Nationally and racially thinking men have the holy obligation to take care that everyone in his own religion should not only speak outwardly of God's will, but he should really fulfil God's will and see to it that God's work is not dishonored. Whoever destroys God's work is therefore fighting against God's will and the creation of the Lord." Thus he and his officials are judged by his own words. He also said that if a man knows a thing, sees a danger and a possibility of help, "then it is his damned duty and obligation, not to work quietly, but to stand publicly against the evil and for its remedy; and if he does not do it, then he is a coward and a weakling." Reichsminister Rudolf Hess, Hitler's right-hand man, said, in October, 1933: "Confession and faith, or no confession, is every man's own and private affair, which he must account for to his own conscience. Coercion of conscience must not be exercised." Reichskanzler Hitler also said in his book *Mein Kampf:* "Man's relation to his God is holy and must be respected," and that political power and religious matters must be kept separate.

In view of these utterances, which we accepted as truthful statements, many letters and requests were submitted to the German authorities regarding the unlawful and oppressive measures against our Society and against our brethren in Germany, but these requests were neither heeded nor answered.

The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society being an American corporation according to the law, and duly registered under German law, the American government finally intervened on behalf of the Society, by reason of the treaty between the two nations, whereupon the confiscated property of the Society in Magdeburg was released and given back to the rightful owners.

In the answer of the German government to the American government it was stated that the Society could take recourse to the German courts, but this had been asked for and refused even before the Foreign Office in Berlin answered the American note.

No German lawyer is willing and able to defend our rights in the German courts under the present conditions. At present the work of the Society in Germany is still forbidden by a measure of the Prussian Minister of the Interior and by other local authorities who, according to the German laws, had no right to issue such decrees against the Society, which was legally admitted in Germany by the Reichsrat, the highest Federal authority. A recent verdict of the Supreme Court at Leipzig proved again that the measure forbidding the Society in Germany upon a special decree of the Reichspräsident, could not legally apply to our Society, which, according to the German law, is a "Religionsgesellschaft". (See *Manual of Legal Knowledge* by Prof. Stier-Somlo, Dr. Bumke, president of the Supreme Court, and Attorney Dr. Ebermeyer. This manual classifies the Bible Students, i.e., our Society, as a religious body or organization which cannot be dissolved or forbidden by the Prussian minister, but that our case should be properly handled by the Supreme Court at Leipzig and by the Reichsrat of the Federal government.)

The Society has sustained a great material loss, its name has been injured and besmirched by the action of the German authorities, thousands of books belonging to the Society, valued at about $750,000, were burnt and destroyed without justification and without warning. Hundreds of our brethren in Germany were imprisoned, mistreated and persecuted because of their faithfulness to Jehovah God and to Jesus Christ, their King and Lord. In spite of this great injustice which was done to our Society in Germany, and in spite of the illegal exercise of the police power against our brethren in the faith, we are certain the officials are blinded by Satan. We bear a great responsibility towards the Creator, and we must therefore make known the following facts for the vindication of Jehovah's name and His people.

Contrary to the consular treaty with America, contrary to German laws, and, above all, contrary to God's laws as expressed in the Bible, the property of the Society at Magdeburg was confiscated and seized by the police at Magdeburg on April 4, 1933. Later, on April 28, the occupation was withdrawn and the ban upon the activity of the Society was removed because no evidence of the alleged subversive and communistic activity of the Society was found. The removal of the ban was announced by the government officials over the radio and was published in the daily newspapers of Madgeburg by order of the Regierungspräsident Dr. Nikolai of the city of Magdeburg.

On June 24, 1933, a new decree was issued by the Prussian Minister of the Interior forbidding the Society and its work, and again causing the property of the Society to be confiscated and appropriated by the State. In October, 1933, through the intervention of the American government, the property, bank accounts, etc., were released and the rightful ownership of the Society was restored. This release was signed on October 7, 1933. The document states that the property of the Society is fully released and restored to the full control of the Society, but the ban upon the activity, printing of literature and holding of meetings still remains in force. The Hakenkreuz flag which had been raised upon the Society's buildings in Magdeburg by the military officials was then taken down and 30 men in uniform who had occupied the buildings and who had searched in vain for arms and ammunition and communistic literature were sent home again; and some of the men were ashamed of what they were told to do by their superiors.

On the 21st, 23rd and 24th of August, 1933, 65,169 kilos of books, unfinished production and color prints were taken on large trucks and were burned just outside the city of Magdeburg. These books represent the value of M. 92,719.50. Moreover, literature, Bibles, song books and furniture, as used by the local groups of Jehovah's witnesses, were confiscated and destroyed throughout Germany, and the loss of this property is estimated at nearly 2,000,000 marks.

Persecutions

Many of our brethren have borne the persecution patiently without complaining and without wishing their names to be mentioned. They leave it to the Lord to punish their enemies. In Saxony alone more than 500 brethren were in concentration camps. The following cases will suffice to confirm the statement that Christians were and are being persecuted unlawfully in the Third Reich, and that in violation of the principles announced by officers of the German government.

A. Sch. in C., November 14, 1933:

On the 11th of November the firm . . . engaged my services as a weaver. When leaving I said, "Auf Wiedersehen"; whereupon the foreman replied, "Here there is no salute but 'Heil Hitler'." I quoted Acts 4:12, and then he said: "It is no use for you to start at all." My services had already been engaged and I was to start on the 13th of November. The chief of the Workers Council to whom I also explained my viewpoint said: "People who do not use the Hitler salute, we cannot use. They can but disturb the harmony among the workers." Then I received the papers back. The employer who had accepted my services greeted with "Guten Tag". Another employer greeted in the same way. This would show that in this firm only the laborers are forced to cry "Heil Hitler".

H. St. in St., November 25, 1933:

Since 1927 I have been a State forest worker. On the 13th of November, 1933, I was discharged by the forest official. The reason was that I did not fulfil my duties towards the country because I did not participate in the election of the Reichstag and the plebiscite on the 12th of November. On account of my faith and my knowledge of the Bible (I am a Bible Student) I have not participated in any political election for the last ten years. I am of the opinion that our Constitution guarantees the liberty of faith and that it does not force anyone to participate in a political election. My work in the forest I have always done conscientiously, and I would ask you to inquire about this at the forester's office. Apart from this I participated in the war, where I was injured, and I have the Iron Cross II.

In a letter which the above-mentioned witness of Jehovah wrote to the officials who had dismissed him from his work we read the following:

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the chancellor of the Reich, and other ministers of the government, many times stated that the election was voluntary and that the representative of the "Führer", Herr Hess, desired that there should be no discrimination whatsoever towards those who had other opinions. It is therefore presumptuous to consider every man who is not of your opinion a criminal, as you have done in my case only because I speak the Word of God and want to remain faithful to Him. (Matthew 25:40, 45) This attitude is not in harmony with the purposes and declarations of the "Führer".

Probably you know that I have consecrated my life to the almighty God as one of His witnesses and that I am determined to remain faithful to Him. This vow towards God requires from me obedience unto death, as stated by the law written in the Holy Scriptures. If an S. A. or an S. S. man takes his oath towards the Führer and then breaks it, he is considered a scoundrel. How much more abominable am I, if I break the vow I have vowed towards God. In 2 Timothy 2:3, 4, James 4:4, and in many other scriptures, the true Christian is forbidden to engage in politics, which means to have nothing to do with the administration of this present world. I have acted according to these requirements in that I have not participated in the elections either in the past or in the present. And now I would ask you to judge yourselves as to who is to be obeyed more, God or man? Please read Acts 5:29.

I emphasize the fact that you, in that you have taken from me my work and daily bread because of my faith as a Christian, have, according to the Scriptures, identified yourselves with those who, since the days of Christ, have persecuted and maltreated all those who, like Christ, have shown their faithfulness to the almighty Jehovah God. You must not think that this is a punishment for me, but rather, according to the Bible, it is a great honor, because, as a witness of Jehovah, I have a small part in the persecutions for the sake of the Lord's name.—Psalm 2; Matthew 24:9; John 16:1-4.

Meeting held on November 13, 1933, in the dining room of the firm . . . :

Mr. H. asked whether H. V. (Jehovah's witness) had taken part in the election on the 12th of November. H. V. said, "No." When asked for what reason he stayed away, H. V. replied: "Ten years ago I consecrated my life to Christ Jesus and Jehovah, according to the instructions given in the Holy Scriptures. These state plainly that all the followers of Jesus must confess Him in truth and must not have anything to do with the affairs of this world. For this reason I have not taken part in any election since then, and I shall continue to do so. If I have not voted, this is not out of malice or in order to injure anyone, nor to diminish the honor of the nation, but only because I have promised to be faithful to Jehovah and because I must remain faithful to Him. Disloyalty would result in eternal death, because then there would be no hope of resurrection for me." One of the officials asks whether H. V. knows that the Bible says that there is no authority but of God. H. V. knows that. If that is so, says the official, the attitude of H. V. is to be considered as malicious. H. V. tries to disprove this conclusion by quoting various scriptures. To the question whether H. V. had asked his friends to stay away from the election, H. V. replied, "No." The official asked H. V. further whether he knew that this Association was forbidden. H. V. replied in the affirmative. The official explained that the position taken by H. V. could very well be considered as being anti-government, and said that H. V. would have to suffer the consequences. H. V. was further asked by the official whether he was for or against the government of Hitler. His reply was, "Neither for nor against." The official asks H. V. whether he had said that the government of Hitler was not called of God, to which H. V. replied that he had not made such a statement.

(Newspaper clipping)

Lichtenstein-Callnberg.—At the close of the Reichstags election and the plebiscite S.A. men led seven non-voters (Bible Students) through the streets of the city; each one had to carry a torch. They had put a notice around their neck to mark their treason. On the market place the people took a hostile attitude towards them after they had been forced to call out aloud and plainly their names. The police ordered all seven to be arrested, as there was danger of the crowd's manifesting their excitement by committing acts of violence against them.

Another newspaper wrote:

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTIONS OF THE BIBLE STUDENTS

An interesting incident was reported from the Saxon village Niederschlema-Zwickau. In this place all those entitled to vote did so with the exception of a few people seriously ill—and of six Bible Students. The latter explained that they stayed away from the election because they had conscientious objections. In Lichtenstein-Callnberg, in the same district, there were also several Bible Students who did not vote. S. A. men led them with torches in their hands through the town and they carried notices which duly advertised their course of action.

Miss F. D. in G.:

On the 14th of November, 1933, I was called to the town hall to be questioned for not participating in the election. The mayor asked me why I had not come to vote. My answer was that it was my duty not to do so, that this was forbidden by the Scriptures, and that I have to obey God more than man. Then he said that this had nothing at all to do with the election, but that by my course of action I had excluded myself as a citizen of the state and that they were going to deprive me of the unemployment money. This they have now done. I said to the mayor before leav-

ing that he would have to account for his action towards God, and that I did not care if I should starve to death, because with what I get now I already have to go hungry half the time, and that the time has come where God will recompense all Christians according to their conduct.

H. M. in G.:

I did not vote on the 12th of November. On the 14th I was asked to come to the town council to account for my attitude. I was asked why I had not done my duty. I said that I had not voted for years, and that I trusted in God and put everything into His hands. He said that this had nothing to do with the election, that by not voting I had shown that I did not take an interest in the German people and in their welfare, and that for this reason the German people on their part had no more interest in me, either. I replied that it is God's will that all men should be helped; whereupon he said that I could get my relief money from those quarters, but that I could not get any more from him.

O. F. in S.:

Last Sunday the local leader of the National-Socialist party, Mr. V. P., committed acts of violence against E. M. and threatened him terribly. He took him by his coat and wanted to throw him into a mashing-vat holding 1500 liters. E. M. did not defend himself. The Nazi man eventually let him go after further threatening him and using obscene language. His conduct was the same towards Mrs. E. V.

Although the Ministry of the Interior had published an order according to which there should be no coercive measures taken towards non-voters, such incidents happened. The representative of the chancellor of the Reich, Rudolf Hess, among other things had published the following: "There must be no coercion of conscience in matters of faith. Faith is a most personal matter for which one is responsible but to one's own conscience." The authorities here want to forbid me to receive any visitors at home, and if any come I have the greatest difficulties.

A. Sch. in C.:

Please note that the chief of the Workers Council of the firm . . . has written to the Labor Office in M. regarding the Hitler salute. As a result the office in M. has advised me that I shall not get any unemployment money for six weeks.

F. F. in V.:

As a witness of Jehovah I have never made use of my right to vote, and so I have stayed away also from the election on the 12th of November. This was sufficient excuse for others' sticking on my two shop-windows two big posters which read as follows: "I am a traitor to the Fatherland! — I abandoned my country in a decisive hour! — I, traitor to the people, have attacked you from behind!"

H. D. in R.:

The brethren from G. R. send greetings and rejoice in present truth when the things we have all expected are fulfilled before our eyes. Some of the brethren have great difficulties because of not participating in the election. Do the city authorities have the right to exclude non-voters from doing work for the city? With some brethren they wrote on the walls of the houses and on the sidewalk in big letters: "Traitors to the country, traitors to the people," and other malicious things. As they did with the Communists, so they forced the brethren to wash off the election placards and the notices on the sidewalks in public. We are convinced that soon the Lord will vindicate His word and name on earth.

W. V. in B.:

Since the 22d instant I am here in the police prison. On the evening of the 22d, four friends with their wives were having tea with me and we were freely discussing the Holy Scriptures. Suddenly police entered the room and took us all to the police office. The four wives were allowed to go home, but their husbands were kept there. Now I have learned that my friends have also been released. Please do what you can that I may get free, too, for I have done nothing wrong. I am an employee with the magistrate in B. and I must fear to lose my position. You know, my dear brethren, that I consider it a privilege to suffer reproach for the sake of our great God; for our dear Lord and the apostles did the same. Nevertheless, we want to do everything we can to clear up misunderstandings and errors, for no just man can find any pleasure in letting other men, and Christian men at that, suffer innocently.

K. B. in M., November 22, 1933:

Last Sunday, November 12, two to three witnesses happened to meet together, when the police suddenly entered the room. They had probably been sent by the clergyman of the place. When the policemen entered there were also friends from the neighborhood with us and we were, all together, ten adult persons. One man had come to teach my child to play the guitar. The others were talking, singing and trying to dance. I read in the books and in the Bible. One of the officials searched each one's pockets and recorded everything. One of those present had a *Vindication* III in his pocket; another one had a notebook containing quotations from the Bible and from our books and which referred particularly to kings, rulers and clergymen, and also to the people in general. The policemen carried away from one the notebook, from the other *Vindication* III, and from myself all the books, with my Bible Concordance; however, I could keep my Bible. The policemen then asked everyone

whether we had had a religious service and whether we were reading from the books. All replied in the negative. On the 21st of November I went to Sch. to see the police at headquarters. I inquired about my books, and was told that they were awaiting instructions from K. before they could do anything further in the matter. They said that if we had committed a punishable offense we would be sent to the Heuberg (concentration camp) for three months; if not, that our books would be returned.

Mrs. G. L. in N., on November 14, received the following notice from the police headquarters:

Recently you have ordered from abroad the forbidden writings of the International Bible Students. This is a continuation of the activity of the forbidden Bible Students Association. The police authorities are therefore under obligation to imprison you for a time.

F. H. M. in F., on the 17th of November, addressed the following letter to the president of the Reich, von Hindenburg:

In my registered letter of the 1st instant I tried to show you that, contrary to the theologians who engage in politics, a true Christian must follow God's commandment which says that he must not meddle in the political affairs of this world and that he must stay away from the elections. I have also drawn your attention to the fact that the threats expressed by the political leaders will lead to other persecutions of Christians in Germany.

I have now already a great number of records according to which Christians, who for years, obeying God's commandment, have not voted, are now being terribly persecuted. Because these incidents throw a bad light upon the honor of the German nation, and because they make void the decrees of the Minister of the Interior of the Reich regarding the liberty to participate or not in the election and regarding the election-secret, I would like to give you below a few cases of persecutions of Chistians which have occurred in the southwestern corner of Germany.

Because he did not vote, Mr. K. in A. was carried to a concentration camp; K. K. in Sp. was arrested; Mr. and Mrs. L. in K. and Mr. Sch. in D. were dismissed from their jobs immediately; in Sp. the homes of Christians who in obedience to God's commandments had not voted were searched and Christian writings and books were confiscated. In J. crowds were gathered in front of the houses of such Christians, and these uttered nasty insults and threats towards them. In D., just as in the dark Middle Ages, Miss F. was carried by force into a saloon, was put on the stage, and then they pronounced a mock death sentence. Strong in the Lord, she defended herself courageously, and was then allowed to go home. According to reports received, it is not in Russia, but in Frankfort on the Main, that people are dismissed officially from their jobs on the ground that they are Bible Students and believe in God.

Telegram to Reichspräsident von Hindenburg:

In Bochum there are since Monday, 13th of November, terrible persecutions of Christians. Witnesses of Jehovah from 35 to 60 years of age who, on account of their religious conviction, did not vote, have been terribly maltreated by S. A. men. Numerous husbands have fled because they did not want to be exposed to these brutalities. Many families are broken in heart and mind. I ask for your help.

W. in D., November 28, 1933:

Last Wednesday, the 22d instant, about 9:30 p.m. three policemen entered our apartment and claimed that there was a meeting. My daughter and I were visiting somebody else in town. My husband sat in the kitchen and read in the Bible and in the books *Vindication*. The officials confiscated these books, which were our own. On Thursday afternoon, towards 3:00 p.m., my husband was carried to the police office, where he was questioned for four hours. Two witnesses were there who claimed that they had seen two other witnesses of Jehovah enter our apartment. This is all wrong, as the two brethren in question were able to establish a perfect alibi. Then, on Friday morning, a policeman came and asked my husband to go to the court in D. for a trial. He is still there, and until now we have not been allowed to see him. In the meantime the police have questioned all the brethren and interested people and confiscated the books. The reason for this action is probably none other than that we have been faithful to the Lord and have not engaged in anything else.

F. A. in C.:

On the 18th of November H. R. in W. was arrested by the police and was brought before the police president in R. He was accused of what is called "cruelty propaganda" because after the 12th of November, which was the election day, he cited to others Isaiah 41:24 as referring to the election. R. did not vote, because of his faith. The Workers Council has informed his wife that her husband has been dismissed because he did not go to the polls.

E. H. in B.:

The following are the names of those who have been arrested: (follow seven names). Some of these were carried away from their work. Some were arrested when listening to the radio, and one of them was fetched straight out of bed. We, the brethren in B., inform you in all honesty that our brethren have done nothing wrong against the present government or its institutions and we confidently hope that Jehovah will release them. Further we would inform you of the following: On Friday two sisters from B. went to see the chief of police in St., inquiring as to why their

husbands had been arrested. We thought it was because they did not vote, but this is not the case. The chief of police said, in substance:

I have ordered your husbands to be arrested because the people in D. were very much excited against them and I was afraid that your husbands would be beaten. I wanted to avoid this. Your husbands have put themselves out of the now existing commonwealth of the nation. He said that he had seen the government about it, but that for the moment he could not do anything further. He further said that other brethren might probably be arrested also, if they did not join the community of the people. He objected to our brethren not participating in the "Winter Relief Movement". However, we have not accepted any help from this organization, either, although some of the brethren are unemployed. We, as well as those who are in prison, feel innocent. Jehovah God knows what we wanted to do, and with His help we want to endure until the victorious end. Jehovah is our help, our protection and our strong refuge.

K. S. T. in B., November 20, 1933:

As you know, the chancellor of the Reich, on the 10th instant, between 1 and 2 p.m., spoke to the German workers. In our factory, where I worked since the 28th of December, 1925, until the 10th instant, the workers were all assembled in one hall. Each one had to attend. My chair had been put in the center of all the workers, so that they could observe me. After the chancellor had finished his speech, the Horst Wessellied was sung, when they all lifted up their hands. I did not do so, because I cannot do so as a witness of Jehovah. While I sat on my chair I was pushed from behind and somebody said, "Get up!" I got up, but did not raise my hand. Then an S. A. man came and wanted to hit me in the face; but it just happened to slightly touch my nose, because I made a backward movement. They pulled up my hand, but I let it drop again. Then the S. A. man said: "You seem to be crazy. You deserve a good thrashing." When the song was over the foreman yelled at me: "You are a common scoundrel ripe for S. (concentration camp)" Then I gave him a brief testimony, to which he could not say anything. Then I was called out and was immediately dismissed from my job.

S. in O., December 3, 1933:

The Devil starts the open fight. He shows his true face in all its hideousness. I am in danger of being brought into an insane asylum. Tomorrow, Monday, the 4th instant, I shall have to be examined by the district doctor on the order of the authorities. There is already a rumor that I shall have to go to an insane asylum. On the 12th of November we did not vote, and because of this we had to go to the "Braune Haus" on the 13th. The same evening S. was carried through the town in order to be exposed to the public. I was to have my turn the following evening. The 12th and 13th of November were days of powerful witness for the name of Jehovah.

In S. a number of Bible Students did not participate in the political election which took place on the 12th of November, 1933. The next evening, towards eleven o'clock, several families were suddenly ordered out of bed. On that same day Mr. H. and his wife had buried their father. Because of this they were naturally exhausted. About eleven o'clock there appeared from six to ten people and called him to come down. He was quite unsuspicious, and thought that it might be some important matter. Immediately he was asked why he had not voted. He gave the Biblical testimony that a Christian must not engage in politics, that he did his best, however, to support the good measures of the government in the economic domain, but that he could not agree to military rearmament. This could lead to more bloodshed, and he could not take any responsibility for it. He tried to give further explanations, but he was suddenly attacked by several people, who beat him with a rubber club. Because of this noise in front of the house his wife had got up, too, and wanted to see what had happened to her husband. She ran into the kitchen, having nothing on but her nightgown, and when she put on the light a man stood there and hit her several times with a rubber club. She said nothing else to the man but that God was a just Judge, and a few similar remarks. The people tried also to get into the house of the neighbor, but Mr. H. did not open, in spite of all the noise and ringing of the doorbell. With F. S. they did the same, fetched him out of his house and maltreated him with the rubber club, so that for some time afterwards he had swollen feet and was ill. When the population, alarmed by the noise and tumult, had appeared on the scene and disapproved of this action, the Nazi men then limited their action to dirtying the garden hedge of another house. On several houses they painted such words as these: "Here lives a traitor to the nation." The same things happened in other places also.

In H. a brother was arrested the day before the election, and on the election day some more were imprisoned. One of them got five days in prison because he did not join in singing the "Horst Wessellied". W. K. had a window-cleaning business. He was fetched from his house, carried into some office, and from there, after a short hearing, into another house, where he was terribly mistreated. The authorities informed the business people by circular letter that they were not allowed to give any more work to this man. His business having thereby been ruined, he tried to sell it to one of the workmen. When this became known, he and the purchaser had to go to some office, where the selling agreement was torn as being only "fictitious". K. was then taken again into some other house and again horribly maltreated by two men. They hit him so hard that they knocked some of his teeth out and weeks thereafter he was not able to lift his left arm. He does not know as yet whether he will regain his

full strength and health. He lost his livelihood for the sake of his faith.

Several papers wrote that the Bible Students had lost all rights to live in Germany, that their "Demon Jehovah" would yet be thankful if the German people would send this Jewish-American sect where it belonged, namely, to the desert; that nobody was allowed to give them a job, and if once their stomachs were empty they would learn what it means to be a member of the German nation. Such insults were numerous. Others were threatened with the loss of their position, with the boycott of their business, with the loss of the unemployment money, with arrest and concentration camp. Yet there is no evidence whatsoever that Bible Students have expressed themselves as being against the government. On the contrary, it is true that, as the authorities, employers, etc., generally know, Bible Students are quiet and reliable citizens who try to live strictly according to the Bible and to do good to their fellow men. The arrested and mistreated witnesses of Jehovah have but expressed their faith in the Bible, i.e., that the deliverance of mankind will be accomplished by and through the establishment of the kingdom of God, and in no other way.

In L., K., O., M., H., B., T. O. and G. some of Jehovah's witnesses were tried and released, many books and writings were confiscated, and each one of them was forbidden to receive more than two visitors at a time. In O. the brethren have to register twice daily at police headquarters, and they are not allowed to leave their houses after 7 p.m. Two of them, unemployed, were refused further unemployment dole.

H. W. in O. was dismissed from his position in the Chamber of Agriculture because he did not vote on the 12th of November. That is strange, is it not? when you remember that the chancellor of the Reich and his ministers so many times stated that the election was to be entirely free.

F. M., director of the city band in S., was dismissed from this position because he did not vote. The leader of the National-Socialist party ordered him to be dismissed, but allowed him to stay on as a plain musician so as not to become a public charge. M. R. in K., war cripple, member of the "War Victims Relief Organization", was expelled from the association because he did not vote.

In A. there were about 100 people who did not vote. They then fetched one of Jehovah's witnesses, two friends of the truth, and a 60-year-old man who had no connection with us and who had been fighting during the war in the German colonies against Germany's enemies, all together four people, who were forced to go through the town carrying a notice reading: "We are traitors to the country." The three did it to the honor of God. One of the two friends returned in 1921 from captivity in Siberia, and has now lost his job.

In E. twelve witnesses of Jehovah were ordered (1) not to leave their houses between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.; (2) not to receive visitors. This "in order to maintain public order and safety according to § 1 of the decree of the Reichspräsident for the protection of the people and the State, dated February 28, 1933". These witnesses were accused of having had an exchange of ideas and having received forbidden literature from abroad. One wonders why the German rulers deem it advisable to take such measures against absolutely harmless people who have never committed any violence.

The above are but a few out of many cases which have come to our knowledge. We know, however, that nearly a thousand of our brethren were imprisoned one time or another and that particularly in Saxony our brethren were beaten and illtreated in the concentration camps, and this only because of their faithfulness to God and to Christ. Our brethren have been more courageous than either the communists or the socialists and they have given a good account of their faith before the cruel representatives of Satan the Devil, who was a "murderer from the beginning".

The secrecy of the mails does not exist in Germany. Many of our letters were opened, and most of our brethren in Germany are being closely watched. They dare not receive any visitors, their mail is opened, and in some cases our brethren are being told by the police what they may write and what they may not write. The police came to a mother who has a son in Switzerland. The police took all her books away from her and asked her to show the letters she had received from her son, and she was warned not to write anything pertaining to conditions in Germany, and she was told also to warn her son to write nothing except personal matters. There is no freedom of the press, nor religious liberty, and the common rights of the citizens are greatly limited.

Negotiations

The wrongful actions of the German authorities against the Lord's work in Germany began

a year ago, April 1933. It was very difficult to even approach some of the leading officials.

During a conversation between Dr. Fischer of the German ministry and a representative each of the Society and of the American government, Dr. Fischer stated that the Bible is not reliable, that Jehovah is not acceptable, and that particularly the "Old Testament" should be discarded. He also stated that particularly the so-called "German Christians" are against Jehovah's witnesses, and that the Germans who are of the Aryan stock do not need any redemption, because they have God in themselves and are destined to save the world. He further said that the redemption by the blood of Christ's sacrifice is nonsense. He also objected to a certain portion of the text in our literature and did not even know that it was a citation from Isaiah's prophecy. Later, at another conference, when through the intervention of the American government the Society's property was released, Dr. Fischer insisted that all meetings of the Bible Students should be forbidden and that in the buildings of the Society at Magdeburg no one should be allowed to pray. Such strange and ridiculous demands caused some of the representatives of other governments to state that the Nazi leaders want to do away with God. A well-known high official of the American government said, referring to the Nazi leaders: "Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad." The discussions further revealed that Dr. Schemm, an official of the German government in Bavaria, and Cardinal Faulhaber and other religious bigots had something to do with the action of the German authorities against the Lord's work. Many officials in Germany, however, admitted that our Society and our brethren have done no wrong, and they have stated publicly that our Society is not a political organization, and that the Society has nothing to do with any political organization. Minister Rudolf Hess, the right-hand man of the Reichskanzler, stated regarding our affair that he could do nothing about it, because it is a religious question; and thus our case was referred from one to another. No one was willing to take the responsibility. Dr. Frick, the Minister of the Interior of the Reich, stated that he would not do anything against us, nor for us. He turned the matter over to Dr. Scholz, and Dr. Scholz turned the case over to Dr. Erbe. Some of the officials were rather arrogant. Recently Dr. Erbe stated to a representative of the Society in Berlin: "We know all we care to know about the Bible Students. It is no use to discuss the case with me. You would be wasting your time and mine. Our mind is made up, and I doubt whether the American government will continue to intervene on your behalf." The Society's representative replied: "If you refuse to hear us, the responsibility is now upon you. We have done all we could, and now you must not be surprised if we are forced to take other measures to defend ourselves." Even foreigners and a number of Americans were forced to listen to the vainglorious boastings of German officials, and some Americans were beaten and illtreated because they refused to salute the flag or to reply "Heil Hitler". German lawyers employed by the Society, and other German subjects, have freely stated that our case should be heard, and that much wrong has been done against the Society in Germany. But the court in question, the Verwaltungs-Gerichtshof, to which the German government itself directed the Society in its official note to the American government, refused to accept our complaint. Here the copy of their refusal:

Preussisches Oberverwaltungsgericht
Dritter Senat
Nr. III.A. 15.33
1.

Berlin-Charlottenburg 2,
Hardenbergstr. 31.

Den 15. Juli 1933.

Re your letter of the 15th July 1933.

No legal suit can be admitted in this court against orders emanating from a central authority of the country which orders are issued according to § 1 of the Decree of the 28th of February, 1933.

(s) DR. DREWS,
Minister of State.

Legalized:
(Signature of the First Secretary of the Chancellery)

Stamp:
Preussisches Ober-
Verwaltungsgericht
Kanzlei.

One of the attorneys of the Society, who at one time defended Hitler himself and his associates when they were in trouble, was refused

access to the chancellor. Many letters and many telegrams were addressed to Reichspräsident Hindenburg, to the chancellor of the Reich Mr. Hitler, and to other officials, to stop the persecution of Christians and to safeguard the liberty of faith and conscience in the Third Reich, but without avail.

A final warning was addressed to Mr. Hitler as per letter of the 9th of February to Hitler. (See page 453.)

These facts are related without any hatred or bitterness. They prove conclusively that Biblical pictures are being fulfilled in our day and that the enemy Satan seeks to destroy those who have the testimony of Jesus Christ. The servant is not above his master.

The Bible prophecies referred to in this letter of Judge Rutherford to Mr. Hitler are of great importance to all who really believe in the Bible as the Word of God. Pharaoh's magicians were able to copy some of the plagues; and thus we see that in our day the Devil is copying God's kingdom, and thereby he seeks to divert the attention of the people from the true kingdom of God. The above facts clearly prove that the Third Reich dare not claim to be a part of God's kingdom as suggested by the picture which is being sold in Germany. There is no other name given amongst men than that of Jesus Christ whereby men may be saved, and there is no other God than Jehovah, the Lord of all; and His kingdom is the only true hope of all nations.

An Exceedingly Interesting News Item

THE following exceedingly interesting news item appeared in the New York *Times* for March 28, 1934, probably the midnight edition. It does not seem to have appeared in later editions.

29 Bible Students Cleared in Reich

Members of Sect Are Released After Trial on Charges of Treason to Nazi State.

Wireless to the New York *Times*.

Darmstadt, March 27.—Twenty-nine adherents of a small and singular German religious sect, the Ernst Bibelforsher—Earnest Bible Students—were acquitted here today by an emergency court.

Their organization and tenets had been proscribed by the National Socialist Government, but they had continued to propagate their faith.

They were then rounded up and prosecuted on arguments curiously similar to those pressed by the authorities of ancient Rome against the early Christians—that they were enemies of the existing State and of secular government in general.

The court took pains to point out today that they were acquitted only because there were not yet in present-day Germany legal grounds for their conviction.

The court found on the evidence that the Bible students were, in fact, inimical to the Nazi State, inasmuch as "they regard all secular governments as works of Satan".

The court held that their attitude and activities were therefore reprehensible. It ruled, however, that the constitutional changes effected in Germany by the National Socialist revolution must be guided by the principle that only those parts of the Weimar Constitution [adopted in the city of Weimar in 1919 by the National Assembly of the German nation as the constitution of the new German Republic] had been voided that were plainly repugnant to National Socialist tenets. That constitution provides for freedom of religious association and faith, and it forbids repressive action by any of the constituent States.

Natural Disasters Not the Worst

LABOR, of Washington, D. C., in its February 6 issue, said: "Two items in last week's news need to be put together to get their full meaning. One told of 3,000 people in northern Nova Scotia, crops already ruined and fishing stopped by ice packs, who were on the verge of starvation when an ice-breaking ship ground its way through the floes, and brought provisions. The other told of 481,000 children under 16 years of age on the public relief rolls of the state of New York. Both are tales of public calamity; for to have children on relief rolls is a disaster, and to have them on relief in such numbers is a major catastrophe. But the figures at least are a pretty fair example of how utterly the troubles which nature brings upon a community are dwarfed by those which it brings upon itself. . . . The depression is man's work, and it has shadowed the lives and menaced the health of children in a single American state almost equal in number to the entire population of Nova Scotia."

The Demand of Jehovah God

THE roar that went up from 12,000 throats at the Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, Sunday afternoon, March 25, 1934, when a most significant resolution was unanimously adopted (following Judge Rutherford's second address), was the roar of men and women, to be sure, for Jehovah's witnesses are still in the flesh; but it was much more than that, for these witnesses are His spokesmen, and the spokesmen of His King, Christ Jesus.

The resolution, broadcast all over the United States, and, by short-wave transmission, over all the earth, demands, 'Let us go, that we may worship our God in the way that seems to us good.' It is nominally addressed to visible entities, no doubt, but it is actually the demand of Jehovah to the Devil, whom Pharaoh, king of Egypt, represented, when Moses and Aaron went in and stood before him and gave Jehovah's word, "Let my people go."

It was a world-wide demand, and the cry of "Aye" that went up in Los Angeles was literally heard around the world. Everywhere, calm and gentle but sincere and determined men and women jumped to their feet and shouted "Aye" at the same instant. Without a doubt that shout sent its echoes to the throne of God and to the dwelling-place of man's greatest enemy, the Devil.

It will be a pleasure to many of our readers to observe the wide distribution of Judge Rutherford's lectures, as indicated by the following cablegrams and telegrams received at the convention hall in Los Angeles.

Cape Town, South Africa. "Telegrams announce Rutherford's stirring broadcast heard clearly throughout South Africa from W2XAF. Friends greatly thrilled." Watchtower.

Cape Town, South Africa. "Excellent reception both speeches, South Africa." George Phillips.

Strathfield, N.S.W., Australia. "Speech thrilling. Joined mighty throng concluding 'Aye'." MacGillivray.

Bern, Switzerland. "Heard lecture. Thrilled. Reception fair. Greetings." Harbeck.

London, England. "London company identify themselves with you in great radio lecture 'World Control' and pray Jehovah's richest blessing on result. 'The Lord stood with me, and strengthened me.'—2 Timothy 4:17."

Mexico City, Mexico. "Heard lectures almost complete, but with some interference, though able to make it out, and rejoice with you. Explaining points to Spanish friends. We are for resolution in every respect and to the limit voting for it. Love and greetings to Judge Rutherford and assembled witnesses from company branch and Montero."

Galt, Ont. " 'World Control' lecture of great power and importance received perfectly." George Young.

Hamilton, Ont. "Packed auditorium appreciated lecture 'World Control'. Response unanimous." Hamilton company.

Toronto, Ont. "All recognize gladly standard obedience, and to resolution vote 'Aye'. Jehovah's blessing be yours always." W. F. Salter.

Winnipeg, Man. "Heard your lecture from Los Angeles. Rejoicing over message of comfort." Winnipeg company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Dothan, Ala. "All praise to Jehovah and His Vindicator, earth's new Ruler, Christ Jesus. Thanking Jehovah for 'Requirements'. We heard message and heartily endorse resolution." W. F. McLendon Harrell party pioneers.

Fort Smith, Ark. "Praise Jehovah. Message clear, inspiring, forceful." Fort Smith company of Jehovah's witnesses.

To the Ends of the Earth

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S impressive discourse on WORLD CONTROL, delivered to an immense visible audience at Los Angeles on March 25, was instantly flashed to the most remote corners of the globe by means of short-wave radio, as well as being broadcast to every part of the North American continent by a chain of 151 radio stations. Firmly based upon the unshakable truths of the Holy Scriptures, Judge Rutherford's remarks carried conviction and consolation to millions of order-loving people.

While the Roman Catholic hierarchy continues to exert its power to suppress the truth it is highly gratifying to see the message of Christ's kingdom going forth in ever widening circles. The response from the radio audience, expressed in numerous telegrams and letters, was enthusiastic and sincere. The people are giving eager attention to the truths which the enemies of righteousness seek to suppress.

Immediately following the address WORLD CONTROL, a second discourse, REQUIREMENTS, heard over 59 of the 151 stations extending across the entire country, made clear the terms upon which Jehovah's divine approval can be obtained. It formed an appropriate sequel to the main discourse, pointing out the rules that must govern those who look for the establishment of God's kingdom of righteousness under Christ.

St. Paul, Minn. "The St. Paul company of Jehovah's witnesses, in regular assembly unanimously vote aye to resolution as set forth in talk broadcast from Los Angeles this afternoon. Will work unitedly with our King to the vindication of Jehovah's name. The thrilling message on 'World Control' came in fine." St. Paul company of Jehovah's witnesses.

St. Louis, Mo. "Group of Jehovah's witnesses send greetings. Enjoyed lecture. Are with you shoulder to shoulder." St. Louis company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Hawthorne, N. J. "Lectures on 'World Control' and 'Requirements' thrilled the heart of all Jehovah's witnesses in Jersey. Reception clear. Resolutions heartily endorsed. Continue to push the battle to the gate." C. R. Hessler.

Brooklyn, N. Y. "Reception of lectures 'World Control' and 'Requirements' was perfect. Thrilled hearts of all listening. All voted 'Aye' to resolutions." Italian company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Greensboro, N. C. "Both addresses heard clearly over WBIG. Greatly enjoyed. With love and appreciation." Jehovah's witnesses of High Point and Greensboro.

Akron, Ohio. "Three hundred thirty-one assembled at Akron just listened to your broadcast and send you our love and appreciation for the message of encouragement to Jehovah's witnesses and hope to the people of the world. When the resolution was read, we all answered 'Aye' as one man." Akron company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Oklahoma City, Okla. "Entire program heard; wonderful reception; both powerful messages; resolutions adopted." Oklahoma City company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Ashland, Oreg. "Greetings in the name of the Lord to all convened in convention. We rejoiced to hear the lecture this afternoon over KMED. We also rejoice to join with you in the resolution." Ashland company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Pittsburgh, Pa. "Greetings in the name of Jehovah our King Eternal. The Pittsburgh company of Jehovah's witnesses unanimously voted approval of resolutions at conclusion of lecture. Reception here excellent. An additional resolution was adopted by three hundred fifty assembled expressing appreciation of truths presented and our united determination to press the battle to the gate to the honor and vindication of Jehovah's name. Warmest love to you and conventioners assembled at Los Angeles."

Pawtucket, R.I. "Reception of 'World Control' program excellent. Was a great feast." Pawtucket company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Spartanburg, S. C. "Your voice heard here even better than if we had been there. Every word clear." Spartanburg company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Washington, D.C. "Jehovah's message heard. Thrilled our hearts. Blessed be name Jehovah." Anton Koerber.

Oakland, Calif. "Greetings. Lecture thrilling beyond words of description. Sincerest thanks to Jehovah for His blessing on it. Count on our support to stand by you in pressing the battle to the gates to the finish. Resolutions unanimously approved. Love to convention." Oakland company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Miami, Fla. "About one hundred assembled to hear lecture. It was marvelous indeed, and came through clear. Then the transcription, 'Requirements.' What an evening! The Lord be praised. These are surely wonderful days, with the testimony, the echoes of the convention, and the Memorial." Jessie P. Montz.

Augusta, Ga. "We send love and greetings. We also fully support the two resolutions as adopted today at Los Angeles convention." Augusta company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Chicago, Ill. "May we humbly express our deep gratitude, appreciation, and thanksgiving for the most thrilling lecture yesterday that we have ever heard?" Pioneer camp of Jehovah's witnesses.

Indianapolis, Ind. "Jehovah's witnesses here send greetings. Lecture 'World Control' came in clearly. Truly a message of hope for all who trust in Jehovah and His anointed King." Indianapolis company.

Dubuque, Iowa. "Lecture clear. Appreciated this well-directed blow between eyes. Love." L. O. Hillyard.

Ashland, Ky. "Resolution adopted unanimously. 'World Control' lecture clear as a bell." Ashland company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Bangor, Maine. "Congratulations. All praise to Jehovah. Address 'World Control' received over WRVA, Richmond, Va. Fair reception. Parts of second address received over some stations, including WBBR. Resolution received in full and supported by company. Greetings extended to all Jehovah's witnesses now assembled in convention Los Angeles. Continue praising Jehovah's name." Bangor company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Baltimore, Md. "Address heard perfectly. We heartily join in resolution passed." Baltimore company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Greenfield, Mass. "Wonderful! Thrilling! Reception very good. Waiting for the tenth plague." Greenfield company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Detroit, Mich. "Greetings in the name of Jehovah to the assembly of Jehovah's witnesses in convention at Los Angeles. The anointed in Detroit, four hundred strong, assembled for service and hearing the message on 'Requirements', rejoice on this day of battle, and thankful for the privilege of being a witness to the name of Jehovah. May the blessing and protection of Jehovah be with you and His people as each one seeks to honor and praise His name. The reception of broadcast excellent. Wonderful message of cheer and comfort. We all unanimously adopt the resolution." Detroit company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Seattle, Wash. "Two hundred twenty-seven listeners heartily endorse your stirring resolution." Seattle company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Freedom of Utterance a Vital Necessity

RECENTLY, in an address at the Columbia University School of Journalism, Col. Robert McCormick, publisher of the Chicago *Tribune,* said, "At all costs, we must have freedom of utterance, whatever errors may exist or may arise. Only through this means will national rights be protected. . . . The rights of the press consist in the right to tell the truth about a public matter. With this right goes a duty to do so . . . Freedom of speech and freedom of press include the same principles. Both principles are guaranteed in the same section, thereby further affirming the doctrine." Referring to the first amendment to the Constitution, he said that its functions were to do away with licensing, eliminate censorship and destructive taxation of the press, and end the crime of libel on the government.

The guarantees provided for freedom of speech and freedom of the press should likewise be specifically provided for the radio, an extremely important means of communication and publicity. To interfere with freedom here would be to interfere with a fair and open discussion of all questions affecting the public interest. There are those who would restrict the liberties of the people in this direction, and by excluding certain persons of certain ideas from the radio, denying them expression through this most effective means of publicity, the odds against the excluded parties and ideas are very great. It is well that those who contend for freedom of the press give this matter impartial thought; for it is a certainty that if the liberties of the people are abridged in one direction their liberties in other fields will most certainly be encroached upon. Publishers may for personal considerations insist upon freedom of the press and at the same time ignore interference with or intimidation of free broadcasting. But such a course would be shortsighted, to say the least, and because it is contrary to justice, if for no other reason, it would be a violation of the command, "Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you."

What Free Speech Really Means

That there are forces at work which, realizing the importance of the radio, would impede and obstruct the effort of certain groups to call important matters to the attention of the people, cannot be denied. The sinister implications of this course on the part of either a majority or a minority cannot be overstated, nor can it be too strongly condemned.

Free speech, whether by personal communication, by press or by radio, means that you shall not interfere with others' saying what they consider expedient to say, even if it be something you would rather not have said, for one reason or another. It does not mean that you will permit the other person to say what you approve and that only. Freedom of speech likewise gives you the privilege of contradicting or refuting what has been said by another. Thus, by open and frank discussion can the truth of any matter be arrived at and the listening, reading or radio public be fully persuaded in its own mind as to what is right and what is wrong, what is expedient and what is inexpedient, and be governed accordingly.

But some will object that this extends too much liberty and that the privilege to say what one pleases may be subjected to grave abuses, as, for instance, the imputation of evil to blameless persons, and the besmirching of worthy and innocent parties. Here it should be borne in mind that libel laws have been provided against such abuses and that these are a sufficient protection for the public. To propose either limitation of liberty or censorship of speech, press and radio as a means of preventing abuses would make the cure more dangerous than the difficulty which it is intended to correct.

Throttling Free Discussion

In a preceding paragraph reference was made to forces that seek to impede and obstruct the efforts of some to bring important truths to the attention of the people. The most notorious example of such activity is the campaign conducted by the Roman hierarchy to "get Judge Rutherford off the air and keep him off". The effrontery of this determined effort to interfere with the free expression of the truth is something that has not been matched in countries other than Catholic for a long time. The Roman hierarchy is the traditional enemy of the rights of the people, and this latest example of its intolerance is a warning to the people of the United States and all other countries that value the right to worship God in accordance with their understanding of His Word of Truth.

The Roman hierarchy claims that there are 20,000,000 Catholics in the United States. This is unquestionably far in excess of the most lib-

eral estimate of those who are even moderately interested in the actions of the Hierarchy. That there is wide disaffection among the subjects of the Roman system is a matter of common knowledge. But even if it were granted that the figure is right and that the Hierarchy represents the sentiments of these 20,000,000, which is most certainly not the case, they still number only one-sixth of the population of this country. We have here then a case of a small minority attempting to dictate to the vast majority what they shall hear by radio and what they shall not hear.

The methods by which the Hierarchy has undertaken to carry out its plan to throttle the free discussion of vital subjects are characteristic. They call to mind the Inquisition and the persecutions of the Dark Ages, during which the lamp of truth was all but extinguished. The course of action pursued by the Papal power to attain its end is almost incredible. Of this *The Golden Age* has already had something to say. It is certain that if the people of the United States appreciated the full significance of what has been going on they would demand that their representatives in Congress not only refrain from giving encouragement to the Hierarchy, but that they see to it that effective safeguards are provided against its encroachments upon the liberties of the people. As the matter now stands, however, it is evident that there is manifest a truckling attitude to the Papal power on the part of certain members of Congress that is incomprehensible. On the other hand, there are congressmen who are valiantly seeking to make provisions for the protection of the people's liberties. Some of these have been misrepresented and ridiculed in the public press, but have nevertheless persevered in their efforts to faithfully discharge the responsibilities laid upon them.

Significant Legislation

Recently Representative L. T. McFadden introduced in the House a bill to make specific provision that the freedom of the radio shall be safeguarded; an enactment that is urgently needed. The bill, the contents of which appear in full in *The Golden Age* No. 377, meets the exigencies of the case exactly and provides for proper and definite penalties for those who try to interfere with the free use of the radio.

Subsequently President Roosevelt's Communications Bill, introduced in the Senate by Senator Dill and known as S. 2910, and in the House by Representative Rayburn, and there known as H.R. 8301, has tended to push the McFadden bill into the background. Important as the legislation proposed by the president may be, it overlooks the provisions set forth in the McFadden bill, provisions that are necessary to safeguard the liberties of the people.

The Communications Bill does not provide against interference and discrimination in the use of the radio. It is therefore a matter of concern to Congress to see that the essentials of both bills are given consideration, either incorporating the provisions of the McFadden Bill in the Communications Bill or dealing with each separately, but seeing to it that the important issues raised in the McFadden bill are neither overlooked nor delayed.

The extent to which publication of facts and the expression of thought and opinion over the radio have been interfered with makes it imperative that Congress do something to remedy the situation. The members of the Senate and the House should clearly appreciate the vital necessity of action on the McFadden bill and demonstrate by their disposal of the matters which this bill brings to their attention that they want to safeguard the liberties of the people. Whatever the action taken on this subject, it will demonstrate whether they have the interests of the people at heart or can be turned from a consideration of the main issue by matters of relatively less importance. Let them make certain that freedom of speech over the radio shall be guaranteed to all responsible persons who wish to make use of that modern instrument to call the attention of the people to truths which they should know.

The present deplorable condition of the American people has been and is being used by selfish and unscrupulous interests to seize power which in more secure times has been resented and stoutly resisted by the champions of liberty. Minorities are pushing themselves forward as guardians of the morals, the religious sensibilities and the general welfare of the people, and at the same time are proscribing the people's most fundamental liberties. It is a subtle and suave foe that seeks to limit free speech, free press and free radio, and it is against such foes that definite and clear-cut legislation must be enacted, so that the truth may have free course and vital issues be freely discussed.

No Controversial Subjects?

(Contributed)

SOME radio stations are giving out that they will not permit controversial matter to be sent out over the air. No controversial matter! Is there anything in this present evil world that is not controversial? We sit and listen to a radio singer. Mother says, "Isn't he a nice singer?" Dad, entering the room a minute later, growls, "He sounds like a dying cat. Can't you get something else?" Result, controversy!

Another example: Bachelors quarters. Smith has turned on the radio and is listening to a speaker discuss almost anything, when his bosom friend, Jones, opens up with, "If that fellow ever had an idea he would die of apoplexy. Why are you listening to him?" Smith replies, "I am just testing out his vocal cords, and it will take sixteen more minutes to complete the test. Any objection?" "It's your funeral," counters Jones benignly; "I'm going out for sixteen minutes—to avoid controversy."

Still another case. Miss Dethample is going into ecstasies over the platitudes of Rev. Eduard Wynne, her favorite radio preacher, while her best beau tries as hard as he can to be at least civil about it. But he is heard next day to say to a confidential friend, "If somebody would only bump him off, I think we could be happily married."

Eliminating controversial matter from radio stations will have its advantages. It would contribute to the peace of the town. Our partly deaf neighbor who runs his radio approximately seventeen hours a day, with open windows in summer, would be able to attend to other matters, and so would we. We would almost say that we are in favor of eliminating all controversial matters from the air, and eliminating our receiving set with it, except that there are a few things that we want to listen to, controversy or no controversy. Besides, it does seem as though the president should be permitted to talk to us now and then.

If You Mean It, Sign It

A GROUP of students recently went to the White House to register their objections to compulsory military training. They told their story to the president's confidential secretary and handed him their petition, then left. But they had forgotten to sign their petition, which made it of no effect. If you have anything to say in writing, do not forget to sign your name. Editors and others who handle a great deal of correspondence learn to look for the signature before reading the letter. Anonymous letters are not even read.

School Teachers Unpaid and Underpaid

WHILE the demand for educational opportunities are greater than ever, there are more than 200,000 certificated teachers out of work in the United States and 45,000 receive less than $300 a year. Thousands of teachers have not been paid for months, and others are paid in warrants which must be discounted at the banks. In 45 states the school term is six months or less. One-fourth of the teachers receive less than $750 a year. More than 2,000,000 children are out of school.

New York City's Charity Bill

NEW YORK city spent $106,854,537 for charity in 1932, an increase of 85 percent over 1929, the year of the crash. The figure gives a wholly inadequate idea of the misery and suffering which have been endured by the destitute and unemployed. That misery cannot be measured by statistics, but the cry of the oppressed has not escaped the notice of the great Judge, Jehovah, who not only will bring them permanent relief, but also will see to it that their oppressors are permanently restrained.

Chicago Fair—Continued

DURING the summer of 1934 you will be able to make a visit to 'Europe' by stopping at the Chicago Fair. There will be a series of European villages, similar to the popular Belgian village which attracted so many spectators in 1933. There will be villages representing Old England, the Swiss Alps, and the Black Forest of Germany. The English village will represent England as it was in the 16th century.

Children on Relief

OF THE total of nearly 12,500,000 persons on relief, 5,500,000 are children under sixteen years of age. More than a third of these are under school age, and the other two-thirds, compelled to subsist on what *The American Progress* calls a red-beans-and-grits diet, have their capacity for learning reduced by the inadequacies of relief provisions.

Fort Wayne Awfully Bad

WE JUST happened to notice that in Fort Wayne, where so many nice people live, they arrested only 2,436 persons in 1929, but in 1930 they arrested 3,445, over 1,000 more. Knowing that Fort Wayne has so many fine churches, we wondered what all these good church members could have been doing. The only things they were charged with were:

Army deserter, assault and battery, assault and battery with intent to kill, assault and battery with intent to commit criminal assault, assisting in maintaining a nuisance, adultery, arson, associating with prostitutes, auto speeding, assault, burglary, bigamy, carrying concealed weapons, converting mortgaged property, contempt of court, child neglect, cruelty to dumb animals, carrying revolver without permit, defrauding boarding house, disorderly conduct, drawing deadly weapon, embezzlement, entering to commit a felony, fugitive, fornication, false pretense, frequenting house of ill fame, forgery, frequenting gaming house, grand larceny, gaming, issuing a fraudulent check, indecent exposure, improper lights, improper license, impersonating an officer, involuntary manslaughter, keeping a gaming house, operating a gaming device, keeping house of ill fame, loitering, larceny by trick, murder, maintaining a nuisance, malicious trespass, material witness, no driver's license, open muffler, driving while intoxicated, parent neglect, parole violator, public intoxication, petit larceny, peddling without city license, prostitution, passing street car discharging passengers, pointing deadly weapon, possession of gun after conviction of a felony, provoking, possessing a gaming device, pandering, robbery, receiving stolen goods, receiving goods under false pretenses, criminal assault, resisting an officer, reckless driving, train climbing, trespass, transporting liquor, unlawful possession of liquor, unlawful possession of still, unlawful sale of liquor, unlawful sale of narcotics, vagrancy, visiting house of ill fame, vehicle taking, violation of city ordinance, operating automobile without license, secreting mortgaged goods, mayhem, conversion and fraudulent disposal of vehicle, conversion of goods, running stop street, alley parking, running red light, no tail light, conspiracy, false affidavit, no taxi bond, parking without lights, possession of auto with altered engine number, lending operator's license, conspiracy to commit a felony, unlawful left turn, turning in false fire alarm, unlawful parking, highway robbery, failing to stop after accident, short weight, failure to return motor vehicle.

When Children May Leave School

FOUR states, Texas, Georgia, and the Carolinas, permit children to begin working at fourteen years of age. These states are indicated in black on a map recently published in the New York *Times*. Virginia requires children to attend school until they are fifteen. On the map it is marked black with white lines somewhat relieving the blackness. The lightest-colored states are Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Oklahoma, and Ohio, in which children must attend school until they are eighteen. Wyoming, Mississippi, Delaware, Maine, and the Dakotas set the terminus of the school age at seventeen, while the remainder of the states, thirty in all, permit children to go to work at the age of sixteen. The proposed Child Labor Amendment would make eighteen the minimum age for all the states. In view of the unemployment among adults, this measure would seem to be desirable, to say the least. The Catholic church in the United States opposes the measure, as it objects to education in general, and the control of education by the government in particular. Since only the professedly celibate are entrusted with more advanced education in the Catholic system, its method of reasoning on the subject would, if carried out in practice, result in there being no children to educate, inasmuch as the celibate life is held forth as the ideal, though not as general as appearances would indicate.

Tammany's Friends

FORMER U. S. Attorney Medalie stated recently that "leaders of Tammany Hall went to Welfare island and visited whomever they pleased and were never recorded as visitors". And he adds, "I do not think they could have done that without connivance with the warden or his deputies. And what they did there and why they went might be interesting to know." On Welfare island the duly appointed officers did the bidding of the crooks. Until recently conditions on Manhattan island have not been much different. Obviously Tammany and the convict rulers of Welfare island had much in common.

Aluminum Safe?

ANOTHER fish story going the rounds of the press is that aluminum is perfectly safe for cooking. It is admitted that some of the metal is worn off in the process of cooking, and you get this in your food, but, say the manufacturers, it is harmless. We are told that there is aluminum in the system, and that a little more won't hurt anybody. However, it should be remembered that there is a vital difference between the kind of aluminum contained in living organisms, in the human body as well as in the various foods we eat, and that which is dissolved from the metal in which some uninformed people still do their cooking. Personal experience has taught many people that it is highly detrimental to absorb the inorganic aluminum which is absorbed by foods cooked in utensils made of that metal. But you don't need to take anybody's word for it. Just watch the foods cooked in aluminum, notice the change in color or taste so unpleasantly apparent in most instances. Above all, do not permit foods to remain standing in the metal. It means almost certain illness. The ridiculous assurance that certain foods cooked in aluminum save you the trouble of cleaning the utensil should show without reflection that you are eating not only the stale remnants of foods cooked in it for weeks and even months previously, but also a portion of the metal itself. Eat it if you want to. It is up to you. We have no ax to grind.

Danger in Electric Appliances

FEW people are aware of the danger that lurks in the convenient electric appliances with which the modern home is supplied. The comfort and convenience these appliances bring to us are accompanied by certain dangers against which it is well to guard by bearing in mind the following rules:

1. It is dangerous when bathing to take hold of an electric switch or touch an electric apparatus. (Recently a young man was killed as a result of a heater's falling into the tub while he was bathing.)

2. In bathrooms switches and other exposed electrical fittings which one is likely to handle should be made of nonconductive material. The metal chain pull socket is objectionable.

3. Electric heaters, fans and sun lamps should be placed in such a way that there is no possible danger of their falling over or into the tub.

Human Creatures Made to Live Forever

OCCASIONALLY we see actual physical evidences of the Bible doctrine that man was not made to die, but to live forever upon the earth. We hear of old folks going through a rejuvenating experience which if it were made complete would restore them "to the days of their youth". Lack of vigor prevents complete rejuvenation under present conditions, but in the regeneration of which God's Word tells us all mankind will be privileged to return to the vigor and freshness of youth. Mrs. Mary Ann Elliott, 75, of Beaverton, Ont., is the latest case of partial rejuvenation called to our attention. Her gray hair is darkening, she is cutting a third set of teeth, and her eyesight has improved remarkably, whereas she was all but blind. And remember, "millions now living will never die." 'The righteous shall go into life eternal.'—Matthew 25:46.

The Home of Tomorrow

"THE Home of Tomorrow," a model house on exhibition at Mansfield, Ohio, is described as "the miracle home of electricity. It has electrical fixtures which together can do the work of 864 servants. Nineteen built-in motors furnish the power. It has shadowless lighting, colored illumination, automatic sliding doors, burglar alarms which light up the entire house inside and out, infra-red and ultra-violet lamps, and many other things.

Ultra-Violet Lamp Bulbs

ULTRA-VIOLET rays will not pass through glass of ordinary thickness. A bulb for ultra-violet lamps is now made which, though mainly of fairly thick glass, has a thin side, about two ten-thousandths of an inch thick, which will permit the rays to pass through. Heretofore such bulbs were made of quartz, which was expensive.

Picking Strawberries in November

AN ITEM from Okabena, Minn., tells of strawberries, unaffected by heavy frost, then growing in somebody's garden, as perfect as any in summer. The writer reporting this phenomenon remarks that it may well be taken as an indication that the Millennium is just around the corner. And so it is, strawberries or no strawberries.

Vladimir Leonidovitch Durov—Animal Trainer

A DISPATCH from Moscow tells of the marvelous results in animal training which have been achieved in that city by Vladimir Leonidovitch Durov. How these results were brought about is not explained, except that it is stated Durov has been an animal trainer for two generations.

His eagles soar freely over Moscow and return home in time for dinner. The barking of his dogs is not mere barking; it is in a fundamental sense conversation, because Durov understands their language and "barks" responses.

A ferocious-looking wildcat is busy mothering a tiny mouse. Near by an ordinary house cat is playing lovingly with a brood of rats; they clamber all over her and nestle up in her fur to sleep.

A prowling wolf not only does not attack a ram put into his cage but cowers in terror at the ram's approach. The ram in his turn is aware of his power over the wolf, chases him around the cage and butts him playfully. He's a generous-hearted ram, though, and does not actually hurt his ancient enemy now that their roles are reversed.

Seals and a baby walrus respond to Durov and his assistants with almost human understanding. The huge bear earns his keep by operating a machine which pumps water for the other animals. Birds take all the joy out of hunting by running toward the gun and perching on its muzzle as soon as it is fired. Foxes spread carpets for other animals to show their tricks on. The camel waltzes, lions and tigers play house; even the porcupine does stunts.

Lola, the four-year-old chimpanzee, has the run of the house. She took an intimate and noisy interest in the United Press interview, smoked a friendly cigarette with the correspondent and proudly showed him a sample of her first efforts in penmanship. Female vanity is apparently Lola's principal vice, if vice it be. She primped in front of a mirror repeatedly, stuck combs into her hair, tried on hats and gloves, and spent her spare moments twisting the hair on her body with a curling iron.

A hospitable dog found matches for our smoke and did other little jobs around the house as intelligently, and certainly more willingly, than most servants.

Printing Bibles

A GOOD many people are interested in seeing the Bible widely circulated, and contribute liberally to Bible societies of various kinds. This is commendable, though it seems that it has taken an unnecessarily large outlay of money to accomplish what has been done in this direction. The wide distribution of Bibles must necessarily precede the work of instructing the people in Bible knowledge. Much has been accomplished by the mere distribution of Bibles, but much more is being accomplished by sincere men and women who strive to assist others to an understanding of the Bible. One Bible society has distributed 76,000,000 Bibles in 69 languages over a period of seventy years. The tremendous scope of the work carried on by Jehovah's witnesses is seen in a comparison with these figures. During a period of approximately twelve or thirteen years, Jehovah's witnesses have been instrumental in distributing in excess of 150,000,000 books in sixty languages, put out in less than one-fifth of the time of the Bible Society's operation. This is just twice as many books as the number of Bibles distributed by the Bible society. The literature distributed by Jehovah's witnesses is all strictly on Biblical subjects, and does not indulge in speculation or give space to human philosophy.

Getting Fruit Juices from Coal Mines

By Dr. Milo Hastings

THE reason why we eat coal-tar chemicals is that some of them taste or look or smell enough like real foods to fool a man who is anxious to be fooled. To color, flavor or preserve foods, and more particularly drinks, is the role of the coal-tar and other related chemicals.

The reason why they are used is that it is cheaper to get them out of a coal mine from "ancient super-cooked trees" than it is to grow, pick, and ship them from trees of our day. By a clever mixture of these chemicals, together with some organic acids and cane sugar, it is quite possible to make Orangine, Lemoid, Cherryide, or Gooseberry bunk. Bottles and barrels and tank-cars and young oceans of this sort of stuff is drunk, because we are all a bunch of silly children to whom red circus lemonade has a lure against which mother's lemon squeezer cannot compete.

The intelligent adult is certainly not fooled by the ordinary "pop", the different colors of which are named after fruits. He knows when he orders "cherry" he cannot tell it from "raspberry" except by the label, and if he drank it blindfolded he would never have any cause whatsoever to suspect that it was named after either fruit. He is usually informed also to the extent of knowing that the fruit syrups of the soda fountains are flavored syrups, and if he wants lemon or orange juice, he can get it by ordering it instead of lemon or orange soda.

Promotion Company

By U. Ketchum & I. Skinum (New York)

THE well known firm of U. Ketchum & I. Skinum, of New York, is reported as saying:

"Knowing that you are always in the market for good investments, I take the liberty of presenting you with what seems to me to be the most wonderful business proposition, in which, no doubt, you will take a lively interest and write or wire us the amount of stock that you wish to subscribe toward the formation of this company.

"The object of this company is to operate a large cat ranch in or near Toronto, Canada, where land can be purchased very reasonably for this purpose. To start with, we will collect about one hundred thousand cats. Each cat will average twelve kittens a year. The skins run from ten cents each for the white ones, to seventy-five for the black ones. This will give us twelve million skins a year to sell at an average of thirty cents apiece, making our profit about ten thousand dollars a day.

"A man can skin sixty cats a day for $2.00 per day. It will take 100 men to operate the ranch, and, therefore, the net profit will be about $9,800 per day.

"We will feed the cats on rats, and will start a rat ranch near by. The rats multiply four times as fast as cats. We will start with a million rats. We will have, therefore, four rats per day for each cat, which is plenty.

"Now, then, we will feed the rats on the carcasses of the cats from which the skins have been taken, giving each rat a fourth of a cat.

"It will thus be seen that the business is self-acting and automatic all the way through. The cats will eat the rats, and the rats will eat the cats, and we shall have the skins.

"Awaiting your esteemed reply, and trusting that you appreciate the golden opportunity that we are giving you, which will assure you a large return on the money invested, we remain,

Yours very truly,

[Signed]"

Capitalism

By R. E. Dunbar (Ohio)

ALL things that are done in this world are accomplished by capital and labor working together. Neither capital alone nor labor alone does anything. Capital demands interest from its money loaned, and profit from its investments, that is, money spent. Labor demands pay for its work. Now, labor cannot pay itself: it requires capital to pay labor; or, in other words, labor is capital's costs for what is done. From which it follows that, before capital can begin to make any interest or profit, it must get back all it paid labor; or, in other words, labor must spend all it got for working before capital has received back the costs. Then whatever capital is able to sell after that is interest and profit to capital. But how and to whom does capital sell it?

Capital cannot sell it to capital; for capital already owns it, having become the owner when it paid labor for working. Also capital selling to capital would not make any interest or profit for capital. Therefore capital, in order to make interest and profit, must sell it to labor. But how is labor going to buy the remainder, having already bought all it could with what it was paid for working? The answer is, labor must borrow from capital. But capital is not prone to loan its money without ample security. This system of affairs has been carried on so long and to such an extent that labor now lacks the security, capital having become the possessor of the security as a result of its taking interest and profit. The big question is, How is labor to again obtain the required security?

Capital makes business possible by investing money in business. The costs of business go to labor *for working;* the profits of business go to capital *for nothing:* they are just added on, with the result that capital makes business impossible by taking money out of it.

Public Ownership

THE Davenport (Iowa) *Times,* February 9, 1934, carries an editorial which tries to make out that municipal ownership of public utilities is wasteful and inefficient, but it has difficulty in explaining away the great difference between the cost of power furnished by private companies and that furnished by municipally owned plants. For instance, while Canadians pay 1c for power, people in Westchester county, N. Y., are called upon to pay 7c per kilowatt hour. The numerous examples of decreased rates where power plants are owned by the community prove that private corporations make far too high a charge on the service they render. The result of reduced rates is usually a greatly increased use of electrical appliances.

How to Drive a Car

Dr. Felix Underwood (Mississippi) thoughtfully suggests the following rules for drivers. They appear to have been the result of wide experience.

"1.—When you start to back out of the parking space, blow your horn and shoot her back. Don't take the time and trouble to ascertain if any other cars are coming down the street.

"2.—Next, 'give her the gun,' and get her into forty or fifty within the first one hundred feet, if possible.

"3.—Shoot past the cars in front of you. Remember that you are in a hurry and can't be delayed by the slow-moving vehicles that are making only thirty-five or forty miles an hour.

"4.—On approaching the next street intersection, don't let your mind be worried by the possibility of another fellow's coming down the cross street, even though you cannot see through the brick building which shuts off the view. In fact, your business is so urgent it will not pay you to lose any time over such a trifling matter.

"5.—When you reach the country, let no man, woman or child pass you, and as fast as you get in sight of other cars show them your tail light.

"6.—The best points for passing a car on the highway are—(a) in loose gravel; (b) in a curve; and (c) over a hill. Don't let these small hindrances interfere with your trip.

"7.—On passing through a village or small town don't slow down at all. If any change is made in your speed, it should be from an extra notch of gas. What concern should you feel for the women, little children, and old men who live in that town? They are nothing to you.

"8.—Railroad crossings should cause you no concern. In fact, during 'most any hour of the day or night you can cross the tracks without getting hit by a locomotive—if you cross at the right time. If you see a train coming, step on the gas and show the engineer that you can beat him to it.

"9.—The most important adjunct to successful driving is a hip flask. A pull on this modern convenience every now and then will bring marvelous results while driving a car. It will accelerate the speed of the car, will enable the driver to cover more of the road, and bring to his vision new and beautiful highways that cannot be seen by other eyes.

"10.—In brief, 'do your bit' to help the doctors, the hospitals, and the undertakers to pass through this period of depression that has gripped the world."

Why Private Companies Handle Air Mails

IT IS all clear now why, when the air mail business was entirely in the government's own hands, the big politicians at Washington insisted on turning everything over to private corporations. The way it works out, the politicians pay the private companies any old price they see fit, for handling the mails, and then the private companies can hand a quarter of a million dollars to young Lindbergh or to anybody else they please without so much as batting an eyelash. At the time of this gift of a fortune Lindbergh was receiving a salary of $10,000 a year. Young Hoover, son of the hero of the Battle of Anacostia, was also one of the beneficiaries. Nobody expected anything of him, but they did of Lindbergh. The latter young man made a mistake that he did not fall all at once instead of coming down in public esteem 250,000 feet at the rate of a dollar a foot.

Gold and More Gold

WITH the price of gold raised from $20.67 to $35.00 an ounce the world's supply of monetary gold has increased in value from about $8,000,000,000 to something over $20,000,000,000, according to the Associated Press. The United States has about $6,800,000,000 of this amount, and is getting more, while France has $3,080,000,000. The Bank of England has about $1,500,000,000. England is the chief gainer by the increase in legal value, as most of the gold produced comes from mines in her dominions. Actually, however, all the gold-hoarding countries are on the toboggan and are headed for the scrapheap.

Over-Water Formation Flying

IN 1931 General Italo Balbo flew from West Africa across the South Atlantic to Brazil, a distance of 1,864 miles, non-stop. This record was surpassed by the massed flight of six United States Navy planes, September 1933, in flying from Norfolk to Coco Solo, C. Z., which is 2,059 miles. This same squadron has now set a new record by flying from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, a distance of 2,408 miles over an all-water route, without a single island in its path.

'Not to Threaten, but to Warn'

THIRTY-FIVE hundred years ago Jehovah God expressed His vengeance against Satan's organization by slaying the firstborn of the land of Egypt. It was in the spring of the year and on the same day that the enslaved Hebrews killed the passover lamb and held their first "feast unto Jehovah". The firstborn of the Hebrews were spared, passed over by Jehovah's destroying angel.—Exodus 12:1-36.

Pointing to Christ Jesus, John the baptizer said: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) Thus he identified Jesus as the antitypical or real passover lamb. At the death of Jesus on the passover day, A.D. 33, the firstborn of the antitypical Egypt, that is to say, Satan's visible world organization, did not die. Satan's chief servants have till this day continued in power and activity in the "great city, which spiritually is called . . . Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified". (Revelation 11:8) The reason therefor now clearly appears and shows that the time is rapidly approaching when the firstborn of antitypical Egypt must die.

When Jehovah's time came to make a name for himself in Egypt He sent a shepherd down there to deliver His testimony and to lead out the children of Israel from Egypt and to act as the mediator of the law covenant between Jehovah and the Israelites. The shepherd Moses was in the mount of Horeb (Mount Sinai) when Jehovah drew him aside by attracting him to the burning bush and there spoke to him and directed Moses to go to Egypt and to deliver the testimony of God to Pharaoh. (Exodus 3:1-22) Promptly there appeared before Pharaoh king of Egypt this man Moses accompanied by his brother Aaron.

Not a License or Permit

It would not be permissible before Jehovah God for His witnesses on earth to ask for a license or a permit to be issued by worldly institutions to preach the gospel of God's kingdom any more than it would have been proper for Moses and Aaron to ask permission of Pharaoh to worship God. The Biblical record (Exodus 5:1) says "Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness." On later occasions Moses and Aaron delivered a like message to Pharaoh. (Exodus 7:16; 8:1; 9:1) Such, however, was not a request that Pharaoh or his officers should issue a permit or license to worship or to serve Jehovah, but the same constituted a *demand* made by the express commandment of Jehovah that Pharaoh and his officers must quit interfering with the chosen people of God in the exercise of their liberty to freely worship and serve Jehovah.

Even so now the people taken out from the nations for Jehovah's name, to wit, His faithful remnant or witnesses, are sent forth by Him and are commanded to bear testimony before the rulers of the world; and it would be wholly inconsistent for them to ask the rulers if they might preach the gospel. It is their business to demand that Satan and his representatives on earth cease their interference with Jehovah's witnesses in delivering the gospel of His kingdom.

Pharaoh not only was notified of God's purpose involving Egypt and its firstborn, but was granted full time and opportunity to identify himself as God's enemy and show on which side he stood. He was notified and warned of what God would do if he continued to interfere with His people, and notwithstanding this notice and warning he continued to harden his heart: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go." (Exodus 7:14) Now the earthly representatives of Satan in this modern or antitypical Egypt are given full warning, time and opportunity to identify themselves before Jehovah takes final action against them at the impending battle of Armageddon. The supremacy of Jehovah must be made known to these rulers, and His witnesses must declare God's supremacy and the greatness of His name throughout the earth. (Exodus 9:16, *Leeser* translation) It therefore must be displeasing to Him for anyone to ask permission of the antitypical Pharaoh (Satan) and his earthly officers that one might go about and preach the gospel. Since God has commanded this notice of warning to be given, Jehovah's servants must obey His commandments.

The Plagues on the Modern World

The rod of Moses was employed by Moses and Aaron in invoking the ten plagues upon Egypt, including the death of Egypt's firstborn. In this connection Moses was a type or figure foreshadowing Christ Jesus, the Greater-than-Moses (Acts 3:21-23); whereas Aaron pictured the

footstep followers of Christ Jesus, His brethren, the members of the body of Christ to whom is committed "the testimony of Jesus Christ" and who deliver the testimony. That rod of Moses stretched forth symbolically said that that which is done is by the authority and commandment of Jehovah God.

The plagues upon Egypt constituted notice and warning of God's purpose to execute His wrath against all those who oppose Him in carrying out His purposes. Nine of those plagues preceded the setting up of the feast of the passover. The slaying of the passover lamb and the institution of the first passover among the Israelites was directly interwoven with the tenth plague upon Egypt. The ten plagues have an antitypical or modern fulfilment upon the visible world of Satan, and this before the complete expression of God's vengeance against Satan's organization, invisible and visible, at Armageddon, "the battle of that great day of God Almighty."—Revelation 16:14, 16.

It is written by Jehovah's prophet: "He cast upon them [the Egyptians] the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them." (Psalm 78:49) This refers typically to the plagues in Egypt; and, in the modern antitype thereof, the expression "evil angels" clearly appears to refer to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the faithful remnant on earth as members of His body. This conclusion is in harmony with the Scriptures when we remember that the word *evil* in the Scriptures does not necessarily mean that which is wicked, but does mean that which brings misfortune, woe and punishment upon the wrongdoers. One translator of this text renders it thus: "A mission of messengers of misfortune." (*Rotherham*) Jehovah's witnesses do now proclaim His message of misfortune, woe and punishment against Satan's organization, both the invisible part and also the visible part composed of big business, big politics and fraudulent religion. This furnishes the clue to the understanding of the antitypical fulfilment of the ten plagues upon Egypt. It suggests that Jehovah uses His witnesses on the earth in connection therewith.

The plagues from number one to number nine were pointed declarations and notices of Jehovah's supremacy, and thereby both Jehovah's organization and that of Satan were brought to view. The tenth plague brought the release of Jehovah's people from Satan's organization and their deliverance from Egypt. Such plagues were performed before Pharaoh, and hence constituted notice to him. The antitypical fulfilment of the plagues must be before the Greater Pharaoh, Satan, and his organization, and constitutes notice and warning to Satan and his organization. We know that Jehovah is not responsible for the economic depression, woes and misfortunes that have come upon the peoples of this earth, because it is expressly stated in His Word that Satan has brought these woes. (Revelation 12:12) Therefore the nine preliminary plagues upon Egypt could not properly apply to such woes. They must have some symbolic significance, such as the seven last plagues of The Revelation, chapter 16. Each plague is a specific message of misfortune, and these messages delivered in modern times by Jehovah's witnesses against Satan's organization irk, disturb, plague, and forebode the downfall of Satan and his organization. As the plagues upon Egypt constituted notice and warning, antitypically fulfilled such must be notice and warning. When the ten plagues are antitypically fulfilled and performed, then would come the complete overthrow of Satan and his organization.

The first plague, the turning of the water of the Nile river, etc., into blood pictured or foreshadowed a message of truth being declared or made known in the presence of Satan's visible agents on earth, as well as to the invisible part of his organization. It showed that commerce is an institution of Satan, an integral part of his organization which he has employed to deceive and oppress the people and to carry on his bloody and death-dealing work and which has served as a great defamation of God's holy name.

The second plague, that of frogs, antitypically fulfilled, exposes the modern frog-croaking, the great croaking noise in the way of palaver and talk and agitation, and wind-puffing, assuming great wisdom and making much noise about the ability of various human systems to bring about the desire of the people, the falsity of which God's message exposed as being from Satan. Amongst the croakers were and are included the clergy and their newspapers, as well as the secular newspapers, and agitators amongst the common people. (Compare Revelation 16:13.)

Lice are associated with filth and are found on creatures of unclean habits. The plague of lice symbolically stands for or represents that which results from the message of truth delivered by Jehovah's witnesses and which greatly

annoys, plagues and nips or bites the unclean organization of Satan, and particularly the official members thereof. The visible part of Satan's organization, particularly that section thereof called "Christendom", is an unclean and abominable thing before God, and a good habitation for "lice". God's remnant of witnesses bear and give forth His message that smites "Christendom" and declares it to be not of God nor of Christ, but to be unclean, filthy, and abominable in God's sight and exceedingly lousy with Satan's agents who are nippers of the flesh and suckers of the lifeblood of the people.

The fourth plague was that of a great swarm of flies. Satan is known as "the lord of the fly", or "Baal*zebub*". The word "zebub" is derived from the Hebrew word meaning "to flit". Hence "Baal*zebub*", according to the Scriptures, means "lord of the flitting one; the sidestepper; the great transgressor", that is, Satan himself. The whole world, or antitypical Egypt, lies under Satan the wicked one. The world has been terribly pestered by these flies, Satan and his numerous invisible and visible agents, since the coming of the Lord Christ Jesus to Jehovah's spiritual temple in A.D. 1918. His witnesses now declare that Jehovah is in no wise responsible for the woes that have come upon mankind in these last days, but that Satan and his agents are the responsible ones and that all mankind are afflicted by the bites, corruption, annoyances and all the schemes and blood-sucking doctrines of the wicked rulers of this world, including Satan himself. This message galls, bites and plagues the chief rulers and their allies and supporters.

The fulfilment of the fifth plague, the grievous murrain upon all the beasts of Egypt, used in carrying on its commerce and war, was and is a message to the effect, to wit, that this world's 'beasts of burden', including all military and economic organizations, human inventions, and all kinds of national recovery schemes, and such things as "holy year" schemes, are all fraudulent and are not from Jehovah God, but are in fact of the Devil, and will completely fail to bring relief to the people, and that all such things must die. This message of truth is a great plague to "Christendom" and greatly annoys Satan and his visible organization.

The clue to the significance of the sixth plague, that of boils breaking forth with blains upon man and beast, appears to be given in Revelation 16:2, 11. This shows that the plague would affect all those on earth who are members of Satan's organization as the leaders thereof, as well as those who are supporters of that wicked organization. Hence Jehovah causes His faithful witnesses on earth to proclaim before the Devil and all his agents in the world (modern Egypt) that the League of Nations (the "image of the beast"), the World Court, the peace pacts, disarmament conferences, "holy year" schemes, prosperity schemes, and all like schemes, are not of God, but of the Devil, and that the instigators and supporters thereof are unclean and an abomination in God's sight, just as King Uzziah was unclean and became leprous for his wrongful acts before Jehovah. (2 Chronicles 26:13-23) The declaration of this message is a great plague to the modern Egyptians.

Plague seven was a rain of grievous hail such as never was known before. "Seven" is a symbol of divine completeness, while hail symbolizes hard and unbreakable truths that cut, bruise and kill. In harmony with Revelation 16:21, this great plague antitypically began to come upon Satan's earthly organization in August 1928. Since that particular time God has continued to rain down upon "Christendom" great chunks of strong and weighty truths, unparalleled in world history, and this because the time has arrived for the increase of knowledge of God's Word of truth (Daniel 12:4) and for the announcement to be made that the end of Satan's organization is at hand.

The eighth plague was that of a great swarm of locusts. The key to the understanding of this plague appears in Revelation 9:1-12. There Jehovah's witnesses, under their King, Christ Jesus, are pictured as bringing God's message of vengeance that stings and torments and works desolation upon "Christendom's" false claims and boasted self-righteousness. In the past few years the constant barrage of testimony of truth at and against "Christendom" has brought a great plague upon Satan's visible organization. As the plague of locusts came upon Egypt, so now not only has the antitypical plague begun, but it continues upon modern Egypt throughout all the land of "organized religion", so called.

The ninth plague upon Egypt was thick darkness over all the land thereof except that part occupied by the Israelites, and there the Israelites had light in their dwelling-place. In calling forth the ninth plague Moses "stretched forth his hand toward heaven"; which seems to say

symbolically that this message of notice and warning given by divine command pertains to heavenly things, which became totally dark to those making up the visible part of Satan's organization, and particularly those who form the religious or so-called "spiritual" elements of Satan's organization. Although given full opportunity to know the truth and to identify themselves with God's kingdom, "Christendom's" leaders have refused to give heed: "they know not, neither will they understand: they walk on in darkness." (Psalm 82:5) All light Jehovah has withdrawn from the world. More keenly now than ever the political and commercial elements of the world, which trusted and hoped that they would receive favor by the ministration of the clergy, have come to realize that God is not blessing the clergy or any of their schemes. The three days of darkness upon Egypt symbolically means that the present-day darkness upon the world will continue and persist until Armageddon, when the whole Devil system will go down into the abyss of everlasting darkness.

At the conclusion of the ninth plague Pharaoh said to Moses and Aaron: 'Be gone and see me no more.' Even so now after the ninth antitypical plague has been served upon the rulers of the world, they have in effect said to Jehovah's witnesses: 'Be gone; we will see you no more; for in the day you bother us further you and your works will die.' Pharaoh defied Jehovah God. The rulers of the world are now doing the same thing. They oppose Jehovah's witnesses and spurn God's warning, and they reject God and His kingdom. After this, and in harmony with the will of God as He has commanded, Jehovah's witnesses will give no further notice and warning to the world rulers, but must now bring to the attention of the people of good will the message of notice and warning concerning Armageddon and God's kingdom, even as Moses and Aaron gave special instruction to the Israelites just before the tenth plague came upon Egypt.

It now appears that the nine plagues have been antitypically performed by Jehovah's witnesses at the command of the Lord and under His direction, which messages of truth are still continuing, and persist, and are great plagues upon the rulers of the world and their henchmen. The official element of Satan's visible organization would be glad to be rid of the 'pestiferous' witnesses of the Lord. This is made manifest by the constant howls that go up from the Roman Catholic hierarchy and other clergymen, big radio preachers, and others of like stripe, who demand that the messengers be forbidden an opportunity to use the facilities of the world for proclaiming the truth. Jehovah's witnesses are now thoroughly hated by all such opposers, and they would like to find some apparently legal excuse to destroy Jehovah's witnesses. There is still some witness work to be done amongst the people, and preparation is now being made for the final plague to be visited upon Satan's organization at Armageddon.

Spoiling the Egyptians

Jehovah had previously told Moses that, when His due time came for the deliverance of the Israelites, "ye shall not go empty," but that the Israelites should borrow of the Egyptians: "and ye shall spoil the Egyptians." (Exodus 3:21, 22) Immediately following the ninth plague Jehovah spoke to Moses and said: "Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold. And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians." (Exodus 11:2, 3) The borrowing of articles from the Egyptians was not merely for self-adornment, but for the use of the Israelites in the service of Jehovah.

This seems to mean that it is right and proper now for Jehovah's witnesses to apply for and use any and all of the facilities that the worldly rulers now control and to use them in order for the furthering of the witness work for God's kingdom. That means that they are to use the enemy's own means or instruments against them, such as radio stations, the facilities of the courts, the making of petitions and protests, the lawmaking bodies, which right is guaranteed by the fundamental law of their own land, and by the use of any and all other means to bring to the attention of the people the message of Jehovah's kingdom. By thus doing they are not asking permission of Satan's organization to do something, but they are serving notice upon Satan's organization and demanding that this worldly organization shall cease interfering with the execution of God's purposes. The borrowing from the Egyptians would also include receiving money by Jehovah's witnesses in the way of contribution for the Kingdom literature, and then using that money in the preparation and publication of more such literature. Thus

the Lord's people are diverting some things from the Devil's crowd into the Lord's work and service. This is further and conclusive proof that Jehovah's witnesses are not engaged in a commercial enterprise, such as hawking and peddling and bookselling, regardless of what the worldly tribunals may decide or determine, and certainly regardless of what the clergy and their crowd may say.

Firstborn Slain

Preparation must duly be made, and was made, for the final plague, and at the same time for the protection of God's people. Pharaoh and his official family had spurned and disregarded the notice of warning of the nine preceding plagues. Hence it would have been useless to give Egypt's rulers any instruction concerning the passover protection which was given to the Israelites; and none was given the Egyptians. It appears, however, that Moses plainly warned Pharaoh that all of Egypt's firstborn should die but not even a dog's tongue would move against any of the Israelites; and this warning was given to Pharaoh before Moses finally withdrew from his presence.—Exodus 11:5-10.

Jehovah told Moses that the death of the firstborn would take place at midnight, meaning antitypically at a time of the world's blackness or darkest period. The blackness of darkness is now upon the world, and must continue until Armageddon. "And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne, unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle."—Exodus 12:29.

The final plague upon the world will be at Armageddon. Who, then, constitute the antitypical firstborn? The firstborn son is "the beginning of his strength"; so declared God's law. (Deuteronomy 21:17) The antitypical Pharaoh, who is the Devil, has children, and these children include the "tares" (Matthew 13:38) and the clergy of "Christendom". (John 8:44) Acts 13:8, 10 and 1 John 3:8, 10, 12 identify more of these children. Egypt's firstborn would therefore picture all of Satan's children, that is, those of his earthly organization who are "the beginning of his strength", namely, the chief of the strength of his organization, to wit, the leaders and chief ones in the religious, commercial and political branches of his visible organization. The firstborn of every portion of Satan's organization was destroyed; which antitypically means and includes the "man of sin", "the son of perdition" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-12), the modern "strong-arm squad", and those who put forth their strength to carry forward Satan's schemes; and also the counterfeit of God's kingdom, namely, the League of Nations. In this day Satan makes war upon the remnant of Jehovah, the "church of the firstborn" (Hebrews 12:23). He would destroy them unless prevented from so doing by Jehovah's power. The only protection these faithful witnesses have is from the Lord, and this comes by reason of their obedience to Jehovah's commandment given to them by the Greater Moses, Christ Jesus.

Preservation

The slaying of the passover lamb, and the eating thereof, preceded the slaughter of Egypt's firstborn. Even so the death of "Christ our passover" and the partaking of the merit of His death by those begotten of God's spirit precede the slaughter of Satan's firstborn at Armageddon. (1 Corinthians 5:7, 8) As Israel's firstborn were passed over and preserved on that fateful night, even so the faithful remnant, who are Jehovah's firstborn, will be passed over and preserved at the battle of the great day of God Almighty. They will survive Armageddon by virtue of Jehovah's protection. The Scriptures also show that the people of good will, the "sheep" class, who do good to the "least of [Christ's] brethren" (Jehovah's witnesses), will also survive Armageddon, but not for the same reason that the Lord will preserve the remnant of His firstborn.—Matthew 25:31-46.

The Scriptures, therefore, clearly seem to show that Egypt's firstborn represent the visible part of Satan's organization, which will be destroyed at Armageddon, and that the invisible part of his organization, including Satan himself, will shortly follow thereafter, when Satan will be cast into the pit of destruction. (Revelation 19:19-21; 20:1-3) "Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD [Jehovah] with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son [of God; Christ Jesus, the King], lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."—Psalm 2:10-12.*

(* For a full discussion of the ten plagues upon ancient Egypt and their modern significance read the article "His Name", published in *The Watchtower*, March 1 and 15, 1934.)

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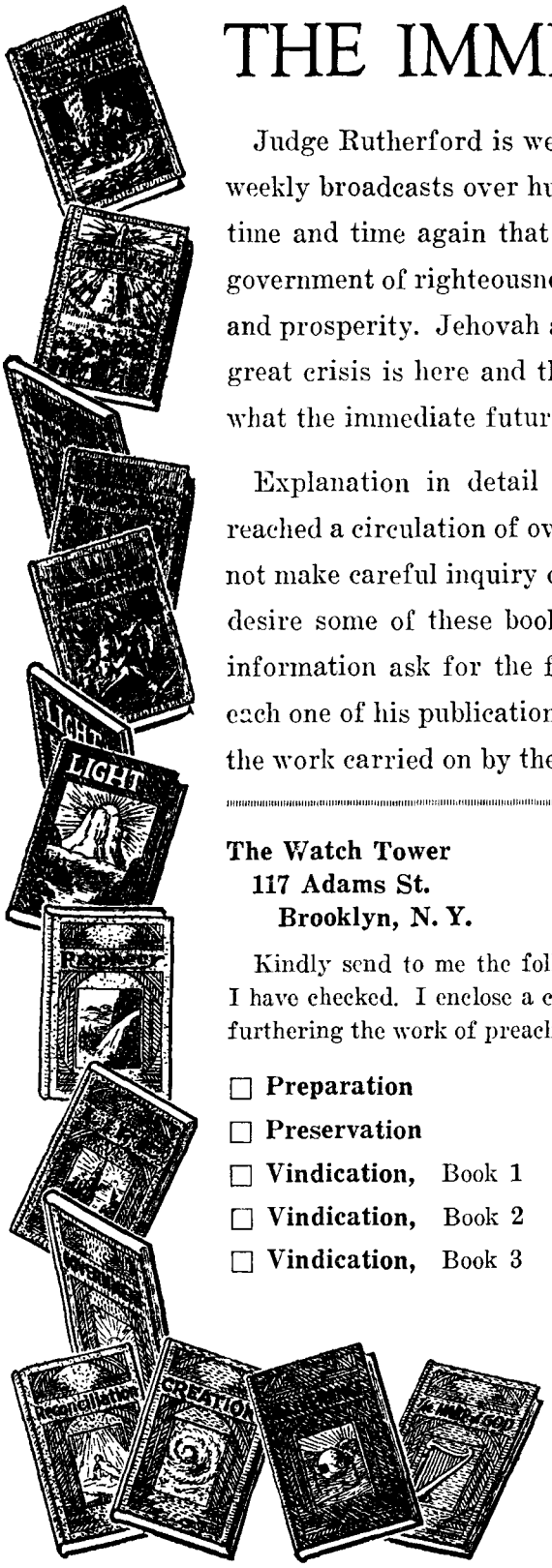
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Sands of Time

The Serious Problem of the Depression

WALTER T. DIACK, general secretary of the New York city Y.M.C.A., says in his annual report: "The serious problems of the depression did not begin with the stock market crash. They began when young men, who had been taught to think, found the doors of employment closed to them. They began when these young men found in a world of plenty they were unable to earn a living. This is a situation which cannot be solved by the bread line or the lodging house. It can be solved only by taking thought of the morrow for the youth of our country and endeavoring to adjust the economic structure so that it provides equal opportunity for all."

What Fascism Destroyed in Vienna

THE New York *Times,* referring to the conditions which existed in Vienna before its socialistic government was overthrown by fascism, said: "Its municipal tenements, now housing 200,000 persons in ideal conditions, are recognized all over the world as models of their kind, and Socialist achievement is also writ large in hospitals, schools, day nurseries, baths and parks. The municipal services, such as electricity and gas, expanded by leaps and bounds and were cheaper to the consumer than anywhere else in the world."

Housing Survey in Mississippi

OF 22,125 farmhouses surveyed in Mississippi, 21,743 were without running water, and 20,959 do their laundry out of doors with practically no equipment; 17,957 were unpainted; 16,615 needed screening; 7,901 needed additional doors and windows; 8,491 needed new roofs; 7,373 needed new foundations; 8,775 needed additional bedrooms, allowing two adults to each room. Of the homes visited 11,013 needed shrubs and shade trees, and 2,128 needed wells drilled.

Million-Dollar Room

THE dining room on the eighth floor of the Union League Club, Chicago, has been dubbed the "Million-Dollar Room, or the Folly of 1929". It is papered with stocks and bonds, gold-engraved and green-bordered, which have no value except as wall paper, but have a face value of about $1,000,000. Not a bad idea, and suggests a bridal chamber papered with marriage certificates and divorce decrees, and a Salvation Army barracks papered with college diplomas and church membership certificates. In these hard times everything has its uses. Undertakers' parlors could be papered with automobile licenses and liquor permits.

Triumphant Last Flight of TWA

THE last flight of the Transcontinental and Western Air Lines, Inc., before their mail contract was taken away, was a triumphal one. The start was made from Glendale, California, at 11:56 p.m. Stops were made at Albuquerque, Kansas City, and Columbus, and the plane landed in Newark at 1:00 the next afternoon, breaking the best previous record for a passenger-carrying plane across the continent by five hours. The plane carried twelve persons all the way, and fourteen persons part of the way, together with several hundred pounds of mail, air express, and baggage.

Scrubbing the Dome of St. Paul's

FOR the first time in 220 years the dome of St. Paul's, London, is in process of being scrubbed. The job, it is estimated, will take eight men eight months. On account of the peculiar slant of the dome, the men practically hang backward while they work. When they fall, if they fall, they have a clear drop of 170 feet to the floor beneath.

The Detroit Bank Collapse

WHILE it is generally held that the Detroit bank collapse was caused by Coughlin's radio activities, contributing factors are said to be that the bankers were paying 17-percent dividends even while their institutions were toppling, and 43 judges were aided by loans of $639,631 at a time when they might better have avoided the reception of such favors. The public got frightened and pulled out their deposits at a rate reaching up to one and a half million dollars a week.

A 1,400-Mile Flight for Life

THE baby Sue Trammel recovered perfectly from the operation for water on the brain, performed at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore. With her parents, a nurse and a grandmother the child was carried from Houston, Texas, to Baltimore in eleven hours, a distance of 1,400 miles. The aviator, James R. Wedell, made the trip through stormy skies, freezing weather and darkness, when air lines had been suspended because of bad weather, landing in Baltimore at 2:00 a.m.

Instrument Boards on Latest Planes

THERE are eighteen dials on the instrument boards of the latest planes, one of which enables the aviator to turn over the controls to the Sperry Automatic Pilot and sail along like a bird, with nothing to do but keep his eyes fixed on the other seventeen, and figure on what to do when some one of them begins to cut up. Seems like a complicated job.

Light Dawns Gradually in Bergenfield

BERGENFIELD officials are gradually awakening to the fact that New Jersey is a part of the United States. They were helped recently by a decision of the New Jersey Supreme Court that the municipality's ordinance requiring that permission of the police department be first obtained before handbills can be distributed to householders is unconstitutional. The court held the ordinance to be illegal because it vested discretionary powers in a chief of police and provided no rule of determination, except the wishes of the police, for allowing or denying the distribution, and the court held that this discretionary power is illegal.

Stealing Rides on Ferry Boats

NEW YORK CITY operates several ferry lines. On these lines in the past eight years 318,579 persons have been given free rides because they were allegedly 'On City Business'. Thousands of the persons to whom the passes were issued, and who made use of them, were never connected with the city administration in any manner whatsoever. The passes got into the hands of such persons through the mayor's office, the controller's office, and through various judges, aldermen and other civic officials.

Boy Biologists Swipe the City's Snakes

TWO ambitious New York youths, each fifteen years of age, wanted to study snakes at close range. They broke a pane of glass at the Bronx Zoo, went in, and took out of their cages a boa, a black Florida gopher, a striped Arizona racer, a spotted racer, a South American redbander, a Venezuelan rainbow boa, a Florida corn snake, a red-bellied water snake, and a South American boa. Then they gave the snakes to the school where they are pupils, and the rest was easy.

Power Road from Boulder Dam

THE power road from Boulder Dam to Los Angeles runs alongside the great towers, each 109 feet high, and each weighing 20,000 pounds, that are spaced 1,000 feet apart all the way from the big dam to the big city. The copper cable between the towers is 1.4 inches in diameter, and hollow, the largest ever used. It is calculated that Boulder Dam will have a generating power four times that of Niagara Falls.

Will Think Quietly, as Usual

TEN students of Ohio State University refused military training, having taken their stand for a warless world. They endeavored to enlist the active assistance of the Columbus clergy to prevent their expulsion from the university. The Reverend John Miller, assistant pastor of the Indianola Avenue Presbyterian church, put the case for the ministers when he said it was their purpose "to quietly think about the matter but take no action". In war time the dominies think noisily on the subject of war; in peace times they think quietly; on both occasions, and always, at heart they are for war.

Blaming God for the Hard Times

IN AN address at Vatican City the pope said, in substance, that "the hand of God is being felt in the economic difficulties through which the world is struggling". Now let us get this thing straight, so that we can know which god he is talking about (whether Jehovah, the God of eternity, or Satan, the Devil, the "god of this world").

It was 10:30 a.m., February 10, 1929, with the rain falling in torrents from leaden skies, that the pope, robed in white and wearing a gold tiara, and seated within his famous gestatorial chair, in which he was carried around by eight bearers, spilled the beans for us all by "blessing" the whole world.

We did not learn of this until June, when we said:

"We're all sunk now, for it seems that just before the pope finished his deal with Mussolini to take over the temporal power and a good-sized chunk of the money which America recently loaned to Italy, in a moment of thoughtlessness he blessed the whole world. And, mind you, this is after all those airplanes blessed by the pope and bishops have landed at the bottom of the sea."

Ever since that time the world has had nothing but hard luck, and we can't help but feel that the pope wished it all on us when he blessed us. But now that we have got it, why blame God for it, when the Devil is really the one at fault?

Ministers Fundamentally Off

THE differences of Chicago ministers on the question of fundamentals confirm Judge Rutherford's charge that the clergy are not really fundamental, but either reactionary or unfaithful and faithless. The survey of 1,039 clergymen listed with Chicago Church Federation revealed the fact that the majority of the pastors of that representative city hold views that are thoroughly unscriptural. The existence of the Devil is denied by 54 percent; the existence of angels, by 60 percent; the existence of heaven, by 59 percent; and of a judgment day, by 39 percent; while belief in the unscriptural doctrine of inherent immortality is professed by 92 percent. Sixty-seven percent of the ministers hold beliefs in evolution that are not supported or warranted by Scripture. Their views on hell are fully as unscriptural as their other opinions.

United States Treasury Robbed

THE official and regular way to rob the United States treasury is by means of contracts for Uncle Sam to do this or that for such and such a price; that has often been done. But in March an old-time and unskillful thief robbed a showcase containing $75 in gold coins; it was directly in front of the cashier's office, and immediately above the treasury vault, where millions of dollars in gold and paper are kept. The thief got away without disturbing any of the police or watchmen guarding the nation's wealth.

The Reign of Terror in Poland

SAYS Charles Edward Russell: "In Poland, for many months now, the Jews have lived, if at all, under a reign of terror. In many towns and cities Jews have cowered in their houses, not daring to appear upon the streets. If one was seen anywhere the sight was the signal for a riot. Thousands of Jews have been beaten; some have been killed. All Jewish stores have been looted or closed. Jewish workmen have been unable to pursue their vocations. Whole Jewish communities are literally starving. Jewish children have been driven from the schools; Jewish students, from the universities.

"Members of an anti-Semitic society have armed themselves with sticks having razor blades at the end, and with these have attacked, and slashed, Jewish fugitives. Other detachments have traveled to and fro on railroad trains looking for Jewish passengers, and beating any they have been able to find. Trains have been stopped between stations, and Jews driven from them.

"Three Gentiles were mistaken for Jews and nearly beaten to death, one of them a public officer.

"A funeral procession was organized to do honor to an anti-Semite killed in a drunken and riotous attack upon a Jewish house. As it went along, cursing the Jews, there was an explosion, and one of the marchers fell, badly wounded. Instantly arose the cry that he had been shot by Jews, and extensive raids were planned to hunt the Jews from their hiding-places. At the hospital no bullet wounds were found upon the injured man, but in his body pieces of tin. This started the suspicions of the police, and he confessed that he had been carrying a hand grenade to use against the Jews and it had prematurely exploded."

A 'Good Cigarette' Gone Wrong?

ON JANUARY 28 (1934) a $100,000 fire destroyed the Jesuit Novitiate of the Sacred Heart Winery at Los Gatos, Calif. The wine manufactured there was used at sacraments and masses and for just plain drinking by papas of the church, and brought good prices. It is rumored that winery owners who pay good taxes to the government had an idea that a careless cigarette might be a good investment if deposited wisely. But the Jesuit Novitiate of the Sacred Heart Winery is to be rebuilt on a larger scale than before; so that is another 'good cigarette' gone wrong.

Ware Chair Factory Closing Down

JUST 259 years ago the Ware family landed in southern New Jersey and started a chair factory. For generations they obtained their own wood from the near-by woodlands and gathered their own rushes from the marshes, formed their own frames, glued them together, wove the rush bottoms, stained and varnished their product, and acted as their own salesmen. The great-grandson of the founder of the plant is eighty years of age, with no apprentices and no children, and the plant will be closed down and soon be nothing but a memory.

Sterilizations in Michigan

IN THE past twenty years 904 inmates of a single home and training school have been sterilized at Lapeer, Michigan, 129 of them last year. It is claimed that a frightened youth was chained to an operating table and forced to submit, and that a young girl was tricked into a sterilization operation which she knew nothing about until she awakened from the ether.

Robbed the Church of Its Cards and Dice

THREE Detroit youths robbed the Reverend Hofkesbrink's Rosedale Park (Mich.) church of four decks of cards, six pairs of dice, and four ash trays. The name of the church, whether it was St. Peter's, St. Anne's, St. Joseph's, or whose, was not given. Anyway, they were bad boys to cut the saints out of their usual poker games, or whatever it was they were playing. As no denomination was mentioned, the name of the sect is *known,* for there is only one church carefully shielded in cases of this kind.

O'Mahoney Assails the Plunderers

IN AN address at Indianapolis Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, of Wyoming, denounced "the ring of promoters and bankers, their alliance with public officials, their use of popular heroes, clean-cut young aviators and experts, to win public confidence, and then their raid upon the national treasury while paying themselves huge salaries and bonuses". While he was at it the senator also explained that "insiders were admitted on the ground floor and, before the public selling campaign began, were permitted to purchase stock at a fraction of the price at which it was later offered on the open market. The innocent public, its enthusiasm aroused by the heroic feats of the young eagles, was permitted to rush in with its savings and make the market in which the favored few were able to unload". That tells the story, in about as succinct language as it has ever been told, of how the big bankers connive to rob the common people.

Monopolists Retarding Prosperity

SENATOR BORAH puts it very well when he says: "To raise prices first, as monopoly is doing, is simply to hold labor and the producer down to the bare level of existence. With the price-fixing power in the hands of those interested in charging all the traffic will bear, there is no hope of restoring the purchasing power of the masses."

Boys Sentenced to Sunday School

TWO Seattle youths who stole an electric heater from a Christian Science church of that city have been sentenced to go to church morning and evening and to attend Sunday school for the next two months. Can't help but wonder what they will be taught. Will they get the information that an infinitely loving God deliberately planned to roast almost the whole of the human family in the strangling fumes of burning sulphur throughout all eternity for something that somebody else did six thousand years ago? Will they be taught that their ancestors were chimpanzees? Will they be taught that somebody with his collar on backwards can, for a consideration, get their relatives out of the frying pan ahead of time? The judge who sentenced them should have specified the curriculum.

New Jersey Trying to Keep Out Truth

NEW JERSEY is afflicted with quite a number of reactionaries and standpatters who will not hear of progress in any direction and who simply will not tolerate the truth. They want to penalize severely anyone spreading propaganda against any group of persons because of their religion, race or color. It is believed (by some) that this measure is aimed at Nazi propaganda, but it is appreciated by others that it is intended to keep out Jehovah's witnesses with their testimony that the kingdom of God is the hope of the world. Many New Jersey towns have persistently subjected these messengers of peace to every kind of indignity and inconvenience.

The hand of Rome is clearly evident in this piece of medieval legislation, which proposes not only to punish those who circulate literature unfavorable to the "churches" now stagnating in New Jersey, but those also who so much as dare to possess such literature.

San Francisco's Sale of Hetch Hetchy

SAN FRANCISCO voted last November to sell its Hetch Hetchy power to the Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation. This will bring the city $2,000,000 per year. The private company will sell the power back to San Francisco for $8,000,000 per year. Pursuing this method of self-enrichment, the people of San Francisco should all sell their homes for one-fourth of what they are worth and then use the money thus obtained to pay a good stiff rent for the same properties. In this way they would help Big Business, which seems to be San Francisco's one great aim.

40,000 or 50,000 Too Many Pastors

THE LITERARY DIGEST, March 10, 1934, has an article entitled "Finds 85,000 'Poverty-Stricken' Churches; Three-Year Survey Also Shows an Oversupply of Between 40,000 and 50,000 Protestant Pastors". The *Digest* doesn't say what is to be done with the 40,000 or 50,000 that nobody wants to hear preach. We have a suggestion. Let them go to work, like other people. After a few weeks in overalls the whir of the alarm clock at 6:00 a.m. will seem like music; and the footfalls on the cold bedroom floor, like steps in paradise, compared with the slow-moving bread lines in which these purveyors of advice on all subjects beneath the skies now march to the tune of the dirge.

Swindling Disabled War Veterans

REPRESENTATIVE GRISWOLD has uncovered a racket devoted to the swindling of mentally disabled war veterans. The swindlers enter heavy overcharges for clothing and other items, and invest in depreciated securities for which they charge the par price. By these means the estates of thousands of former soldiers have been robbed of millions.

"The Holy Tunic of Christ"

THE so-called "Holy Year" ended with the exhibit at Argenteuil, France, of the so-called "Holy Tunic of Christ", Good Friday to Easter Sunday, March 30 to April 1, 1934, inclusive, by authority of the pope himself. This garment, supposedly woven and colored by the virgin Mary, is said to be made of wool, seamless, 40 inches long, purple in color, and last exhibited to the public in 1829.

The argument that it is genuine is based on Mark 15:17, which reads, "And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head." Everybody who can reason must know that the purple which was put on Jesus at that time was nothing that Mary made for Him, but was a garment borrowed for the occasion and intended to mock His claim of royalty.

And if you read on down to the twentieth verse you ascertain that "when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him", and the mere manner of the statement proves that the normal color of Jesus' clothing was not purple.

Japanese Rejoicing

THE happiness of Emperor Hirohito of Japan at the birth of a crown prince, and the coincident happiness of the populace generally, was shared also by 35,000 convicts and prisoners, including a number of assassins, all of whom had their sentences reduced by as much as one-fourth.

City Salaries Paid out of Capital

INVESTIGATIONS into New York city's government disclose that something like $50,000,000 was paid out in salaries in the last ten years, which payments were made out of capital and never appeared in the budget. That is one of the reasons why the city's bonded debt has gone soaring.

Franco-German Cooperation in World War

DURING the World War the Franco-German armament makers cooperated with each other beautifully. Through the Lonza Company, Switzerland, the French apostles of Big Business supplied Germany with huge quantities of glycerin for explosives, nickel, copper, oil and rubber for other military purposes. Germany was equally obliging. Every month 150,000 tons of scrap iron, steel or barbed wire were shipped into France via Switzerland. One family of armament makers, called the "de Wendels" in France and called the "von Wendels" in Germany, supervised these exchanges. Their control over both the French and German governments was so great that gunfire was carefully directed away from their ammunition factories on both sides of the line. England was affiliated with both sides, through the Vickers company. In rural England is a cannon captured from a German regiment. On one side of the cannon are engraved the names of the British soldier lads that were killed by it; on the other side is engraved the name of the British concern, the Vickers Company, that made the gun.

"Of Thee I Sing"

(Reprinted from the St. Paul *Daily News*)

MR. W. H. DEWAR is a Y.M.C.A. secretary of Canadian birth who was anxious to become an American citizen. Appearing before Judge Alfred A. Stein, in Elizabeth, N. J., he was asked to present a written statement giving his position in regard to war and peace. This he did in the following language:

"I have no reservation whatsoever about bearing arms in defense of the country. Should the government, however, undertake war 'for the solution of international controversy' I could not guarantee now what my conscience might dictate under such circumstances, or should the government enter any war that is used 'as an instrument of national policy' in expressing our relations with another nation I could not give assurance now as to what my position might be at such a time."

In presenting his statement to the judge Mr. Dewar called attention to the fact that the quotations were taken directly from the Kellogg peace pact. Nevertheless Judge Stein said that on the basis of previous decisions he would have to deny Mr. Dewar's application for citizenship. According to the Kellogg pact the United States has renounced war as an instrument of national policy. But it objects, apparently, to having its prospective citizens do so. We have one position, it seems, for consumption abroad and another for home use. No wonder people by the thousands are going to the New York musical comedy "Of Thee I Sing" to roar at their own government. As one reviewer put it, "The play is funnier than the government, and a lot less dangerous."

A parallel of the above occurred during the World War, in Wisconsin. A professor of economics told his class that Liberty bonds were not worth their face value, and he was arrested and tried for sedition and admitted making the statement. He was fined $300, and offered three $100 Liberty bonds in payment of his fine. They were refused on the ground that they were not worth $300; so his friends made up the difference in cash. "Consistency, thou art a jewel."

Middletown's Plant Pays All Bills

MIDDLETOWN, Pennsylvania, owns its own municipal lighting plant. The budget for 1934 is $56,700. The municipal lighting plant is estimated to earn that much and $5,000 more —the latter sufficient to pay for a building recently purchased for a borough hall.

The U. S. Beatitudes, Inc.

By Mrs. M. T. Hatton

(Reprinted from the Birmingham *Post*)

BEFORE John Wharton's missionary from Siam arrives, I hope you will forward him a copy of the enclosed beatitudes, U. S. interpreted and incorporated. It would never do to allow his entering the U.S. without this preparatory course:

Blessed are the proud and haughty of spirit: for to them belong the chief seats in the temples of worship.

Blessed are they that laugh: for they are popular.

Blessed are the selfish and the oppressor of the meek in spirit: for they have inherited the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after the sweat and blood of their neighbor: for they are full.

Blessed are the rich and unmerciful: for they have obtained mercy at the bar of injustice and the altar of the church.

Blessed are the impure in heart: for they are holding high revelry with their god.

Blessed are the hellish war makers: for they are called the children of Christianity.

Blessed are ye when men shall say all manner of flattering things to you in the name of Christ.

Let yourself be invisible before men, that they may not see your evil works; and glorify God with your lips while the heart is studying mischief.

Ye are the confusion of the world; a city hidden underground, where souls are separated and lost in dark, blind passages of man-made creeds and dogmas.

Whosoever shall break one of these commandments and teach men so, he shall be outlawed from the select circle and knifed in the back; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be great in the kingdom of Babylon.

Be ye therefore perfect in these things as your father the Devil is perfect; for verily I say unto thee, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from this law that is being fulfilled, if the power of Satan and money can prevent it.—Selah.

Mother's Day

WITH "Mother's Day" demanding the attention of the people, it is appropriate at this season to consider to what extent such an observance is either proper or desirable. Doubtless many mothers would prefer that the attentions showered upon them on one day in the year might be a little more evenly and consistently distributed over the rest of the year, and there have not been wanting voices that have decried as both sentimental and hypocritical the practice of setting aside one day in the year for the purpose of rendering special homage to mothers, with "Father's Day" coming in as a weak and half-hearted second. Particularly apt and moderate are Judge Rutherford's comments on this subject. We give herewith a brief extract from his book *Vindication* (I), pages 157-160:

Every good man loves his wife, his mother and his sisters, and is kind and considerate to all women; but that does not mean that he should put women in a place contrary to the expressed will of God. In the church of God the man represents Christ the Head, while the woman pictures the bride of Christ, that is submissive to the Head. The divine rule is this: "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." (1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:23-25) Satan would reverse this rule and put the women to the front. He begins his reform work by first deceiving and misleading the women, and then appeals to the so-called "gentlemanly" qualities of man to submit to his subtle scheme. The modern practice of putting women to the fore in the affairs of religion and in the councils of state has much to do with destroying the sacredness of the home and with turning men away from God. Thus Satan has deceived and led the men and women in the wrong way, in order to turn them away from Jehovah God.

Let it always be kept in mind that the policy of Satan is to turn the people away from the Creator, and to accomplish his purposes he uses divers and numerous schemes, many of which on the face of them seem to be entirely right and proper. God commands: "Honour thy father and thy mother." (Exodus 20:12) He did not command, however, that the father should be excluded. The father represents Jehovah, from whom comes every good thing, while the mother represents God's organization, used for His good purposes and to His glory. (Isaiah 54:5; 66:8; Psalm 50:20) Satan would turn the people away from this beautiful symbol, and therefore from God, and cause them to disregard the Word of the Lord. This he does in a very subtle way by organizing what in England and in America, the chief countries of "Christendom", is called "Mother's Day". This day began to be observed in England, in 1913. That same year the United States Congress, by resolution, made the second Sunday in May of each year a national holiday, "dedicated to the memory of the best mother in the world, your mother." That sounds nice, and on the face of it looks nice; but is it sincere? and what is the real purpose thereof? Do the men of England and America love their mothers better since 1914 than they did before? Certainly not. Is it true that every man's mother is the "best mother in the world"? Everyone knows that is not true.

The so-called "Mother's Day" was observed in America first in 1914, the very year that Satan's world ended and when he knew his time was short to get ready for the great battle of Armageddon. To induce the people to bestow special honor and worship upon mothers would be one step towards turn-

ing the people away from the worship of God; and this is one of his means of preparing for Armageddon. In all the churches today much is made over "Mother's Day", but in not a single one of them are the people ever told that God is the Father, and that the "mother" is His organization, and that all honor and worship is due to Jehovah God. On the contrary, the men of "Christendom" are taught to pay their honor to creatures, and not to the Creator; and this by the clergymen, whose duty and obligation is to teach the people the truth of God's Word.

On the face of it the arrangement of "Mother's Day" seems harmless and calculated to do good. But the people are in ignorance of Satan's subtle hand in the matter, and that he is back of the movement, to turn the people away from God. The slogan is: "The best mother who ever lived"; the purpose being to establish creature worship, or at least to divert the attention of man from the proper worship of God. There have been many good mothers of men, and many bad ones. Not every man has the best mother that ever lived; and therefore the slogan is false. The woman that dishonors Jehovah God and blasphemes His name is not a good woman, regardless of how many children she may bear; whereas some of her children may be faithful servants of God. The good mother is the one who serves and honors Jehovah and teaches her children to do likewise, and who renders her proper motherly duties in the home. Real men have great respect and great love for such mothers, but their worship is given to Jehovah God.

Neither the man nor the woman should be worshiped for doing right, because such doing of right is their duty. Creature worship of any kind is wrong and an abomination in the sight of God.—Luke 16:15.

R. C. Catechism vs. R. C. Bible

THE extracts below are from the *"Catechism of Christian Doctrine,* Prepared and enjoined by order of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore". The Scripture quotations are from the Roman Catholic (Douay) translation. Editorial comments are in brackets.

"The soul is like unto God because it is a spirit that will never die."

"The soul that sinneth, the same shall die." (Ezechiel 18:4) "The King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality." (1 Timothy 6:15, 16) "He spared not their souls from death." (Psalm 77:50) "God . . . will render to every man according to his works. To them indeed, who according to patience in good work, seek glory and honour and incorruption, eternal life."—Romans 2:5-7.

"We shall know the things which we are to believe from the Catholic Church, through which God speaks to us."

"Thou hast known the holy scriptures, which can instruct thee to salvation, by the faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture, inspired of God, is profitable to teach, to reprove, to correct, to instruct in justice." (2 Timothy 3:14, 16) "To the law rather, and to the testimony. And if they speak not according to this word, they shall not have the morning light." (Isaias 8:20) "Who received the word with all eagerness, daily searching the scriptures, whether these things were so." (Acts 17:11) "For what things soever were written, were written for our learning: that through patience and the comfort of the scriptures, we might have hope." (Romans 15:4) "Sanctify them in truth. Thy word is truth."—John 17:17.

"God is everywhere."

"Our Father who art in heaven." (Matthew 6:9) "For God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."—Ecclesiastes 5:1.

"In God there are three Divine persons, really distinct, and equal in all things—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

"Jesus answered him: The first commandment of all is, Hear, O Israel: the Lord thy God is one God. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with thy whole heart." (Mark 12:29) "Yet to us there is but one God, the Father . . . and one Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 8:6) "The Father is greater than I." (John 14:28) "Jesus . . . being exalted therefore by the right hand of God, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath poured forth *this* which you see and hear."—Acts 2:33.

"The chief blessings intended for Adam and Eve, had they remained faithful to God, were a constant state of happiness in this life and everlasting glory in the next."

"For in what day soever thou shalt eat of it, thou shalt die the death." (Genesis 2:17) "And to Adam he said: Because thou hast . . . eaten of the tree . . . into dust thou shalt return." (Genesis 3:17-19) [Note: They would not have died at all, had they remained obedient.]

"The Blessed Virgin Mary, through the merits of her Divine Son, was preserved free from the guilt of original sin, and this privilege is called her Immaculate Conception."

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin." (Galatians 3:22) "We have charged both Jews, and Greeks, that they are all under sin."—Romans 3:9.

"The Pope, the Bishop of Rome, is the visible Head of the Church because he is the successor of St. Peter, whom Christ made the chief of the Apostles."

"Call none your father upon earth; for one is your father, who is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters; for one is your master, Christ. He that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled: and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted." (Matthew 23:9-12) "Peter, *an* apostle of Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 1:1) "But when Cephas [Peter] was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed." [The keys committed to Peter were keys of knowledge. The Pharisees had taken away the key of knowledge, attempting to shut up the kingdom of heaven by keeping the people in ignorance. Peter used the keys at Pentecost and when preaching the gospel to Cornelius, thus opening the kingdom opportunities to Jews and Gentiles.—Luke 11:52; Matthew 23:13; 16:19; 18:18; Acts 2:14; 10:34.]

"The successors of the other Apostles are the Bishops of the Holy Catholic Church." [Jesus said nothing about successors to Peter or the other apostles. Since He made no provision for successors, no one is authorized to do so. The apostolic office continued only in the writings of the apostles.]

"Jesus Christ is whole and entire both under the form of bread and under the form of wine."

"And taking bread, he gave thanks, and brake; and gave to them, saying: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for a commemoration of me. In like manner the chalice also, after he had supped, saying: This is the chalice, the new testament in my blood, which shall be shed for you." (Luke 22:19, 20) "Jesus said to them: . . . Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you. It is the spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing. The words that I have spoken to you, are spirit and life." (John 6:54, 64) "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." —Romans 8:9.

"The Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ."

"Without shedding of blood there is no remission." (Hebrews 9:22) "But this man offering one sacrifice for sins, for ever sitteth on the right hand of God, for by one oblation he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Now where there is a remission of these, there is no more an oblation for sin." (Hebrews 10:12, 14, 18) "Knowing that Christ rising again from the dead, dieth now no more, death shall no more have dominion over him. For in that he died to sin, he died once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God." (Romans 6:9, 10) "For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest . . . who needeth not daily to offer sacrifices first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, in offering himself."—Hebrews 7:26, 27.

"Our bodies will share in the reward or punishment of our souls, because through the resurrection they will again be united to them."

"How do the dead rise again? or with what manner of body shall they come? Senseless man, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die first. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be; . . . but God giveth it a body as he will." —1 Corinthians 15:35-38.

"Besides the sign of the cross and holy water there are many other sacramentals, such as blessed candles, ashes, palms, crucifixes, images of the Blessed Virgin and of the saints, rosaries and scapulars."

"We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen, are temporal; but the things which are not seen, are eternal."—2 Corinthians 4:18.

"Holy water is water blessed by the priest with solemn prayer to beg God's blessing on those who use it, and protection from the powers of darkness."

"Beware lest any man cheat you by philosophy, and vain deceit; according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ."—Colossians 2:8.

Wrestling with the Catechism

By A.L.S. (Ohio)

CHRISTENED and raised a Catholic, I had gone to the Catholic school for eight years, and won several Catechism contests. When through school I never missed a mass on Sundays or holidays for practically five years. Then my friend received the truth and presented me with a Bible and book, which I studied. Naturally, my parents and I being Catholic, it was very hard for me to decide which had the most truth. I picked out some of the texts that I read in a booklet, such as were different from my belief and would talk to different priests on the subject in order to settle differences, only to find myself more confused. Several instances I will mention:

I said to the priest that as Catholics we were taught that at death the soul leaves the body, and if in the state of mortal sin it goes to hell and cannot get out; "Is that right?" I asked. He said "Yes". Then I asked him to explain the fact that "hell delivered up the dead which were in [it]" (Revelation 20:13), which proves that they are dead; also, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:4) In connection therewith, I asked about the resurrection of the body, if the soul was in hell and couldn't get out to join the body. The answer was very unsatis-

factory, that the body joins the soul. I certainly can't see the sense of having a resurrection of the body if the soul is already in a destined place.

Then I said, "God is without beginning or end, how could Mary be called the mother of God? Point that out from the Scriptures." I then received a bitter calling down, the priest saying, "How long have you gone to the Catholic school?" (he probably thinking, only a short time and I never understood the doctrines) When I told him "Eight years", he said he was surprised that I never accepted the traditions of the church.

In their traditions I never learned the beautiful name Jehovah appeared in the Bible.

I quit the church about two and a half years ago, and have learned more reading some of your publications than in the thirteen years of Catholic training.

I have attended quite a few talks given by representatives, who were sent to the Cincinnati company, and enjoyed them very much.

May the Lord bless you in your work.

At "Church" on Mother's Day *By a Human Mother*

I HAVE gone to church for the last time on Mother's Day! Shocked? Not so much, as I only echo the voice of hundreds of women who assume a quaker attitude of motherhood.

Having on my very best, with twin carnations, red and white, to represent one mother dead and a more than mother living (I double up without any falsity about it), I proceed into the church bedecked with flowers, hundreds of them. Directed to a place roped off, I march up the aisle to low music. Thoughts come to one in church which at any other time find no lodgment. How much like sheep we were, so docile-looking. Most of us mothers had on new things and were not over the feel of them, which only added to our discomfort. Some began to weep before we were well corralled and, poor hearts, never ceased until the end.

After a few well-chosen words "Mother McCrea" came on. Oh my—though perhaps Mother McCrea was a jolly little butterball—her name sounds it, and perhaps she made cookies. Sure, I cried, too. I really didn't know what Mother McCrea had done, but the voice was beautiful. (Poor Henry Boy, my non-shrinkable gloves were a present from him.)

The prayer was wonderful for words; but the length! Mothers are a busy bunch and can't sit idle too long. And what a lot of mothers in the Bible! I mean good ones. I had to go home to look up the ones not so good.

To begin with, Adam's wife wasn't so much. Lot's wife was rather fresh, and liked the swift crowd. Jacob's wife No. 1 had a jealous spirit. Also, we must not forget poor old Job's "better half". All these had to balance the blessed Hannah and others, but some way or other they had fairly good sons.

I bowed my head with embarrassment at the astonishing tribute paid to present mothers, tribute which should have been paid to God. In fact, God was off the map on Mother's Day; clear off. But then, of course, God can get on again sometime.

Did you know that the Lord had a fine chance to start Mother's Day away back there? He was teaching the people of God's kingdom, and some one whispered 'Here is your mother'. But did He stop preaching? No, He only said, "Who is my mother?"

And oh, the beautiful fairy stories of wonderful mothers! Whenever did they live? I recalled my darling mother's round laughing face, the very picture of my daughter. Nothing saintly about her; just alive with joy and goodness.

I blushed as the man went on. We mothers were a standard to follow, a rock of defense, a tower of strength, religious leaders, a pattern which all time would not alter. We represented purity, honesty, to be worshiped, loved, reverenced, etc., etc. (Why should my thoughts travel across eighteen states to the 'Goddess of Liberty', pure, white, beautiful, but lifeless?)

Was I glad my boys had a date and my girl a cold? I could not face just now the roguish faces of my tribe; for I am not in the comparison. They know who and what I am: mother by nature, sister by adoption, pal by choice. My ups and downs are just like theirs. My advice is good only because of experience, but even that, in this day of increased knowledge, is not so greatly needed. My children know I have a

temper like they have, and, with them, trying to conquer it. They know I am not an angel and never will be, dead or alive. I say "darn" and stop at the other "d" as they do. When they do things unwisely I tell them how their father did the same thing. Our dad rather frowns at that, though. I let the boys know how he pulled himself out of the slump, and the strength it gave him to "never again".

I don't grow a long face when things go wrong. I get a red face, as angry nearly as they do, and we have the first round, but never a second.

We reverence Jehovah and His Son, and no one else, not even mothers. My children are never going to find me out: they know me from the start. They know that Dad and Mother do many wrong things, and that we reap what we sow, and so will they.

Mothers are mothers from choice; and just as you chose your life job, so I chose mine. Maybe mine is more important, but, after all, the thing is to do it well, whatever it is.

I shall never forget the first time my dear mother No. 1 said "darn". She taught me many things in after years, but nothing so delighted me as the "darn". Why? Because I knew then that mother was one of us.

There is no use, dear "reverends", placing us upon your platforms by the side or in the place of God. It can't be and isn't done. You should extol Jehovah, and then, instead of roped-in, weeping Rachels, you would have rejoicing Marys and Elizabeths. Or else leave the mothers in the kitchens; they love it there, anyway.

I want no wall of wailing when I go hence; and there won't be, as the wall is already down, and my children see on the other side. Mothers, mothers on every side of the road, and instead of weeping for themselves they will bear messages of joy here and another joy to the mother there, to the motherless and to those who never knew the joy of motherhood—that will be a true mother's day, every day, anywhere, anyway.

The mothers of today are but the girls of yesterday. Why halo them? And in the words of my boys, "Goodnight!"

"Congress Shall Make No Law—"

WHEN the Constitution of the United States was framed the political leaders and representatives of the people took particular precautions to insure freedom of religion, freedom of speech and a free press. These were considered, and truly are, fundamental factors in assuring that the people shall have proper liberty.

The first amendment to the Constitution, adopted in 1791, provided that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances". Before this, in 1776, four states, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and North Carolina, all adopted what are considered the earliest legislative declarations in favor of liberty of the press, and as early as 1768 a legislative body in the state of Massachusetts declined to back up Governor Bernard in efforts to inflict punishment upon a publisher for what he was pleased to consider a libel of his honor. The legislature in question declared that "the liberty of the press is a great bulwark of the liberty of the people. It is therefore the incumbent duty of those who are constituted the guardians of the people's rights to defend and maintain it".

The assurances of liberty of speech and of the press, as well as of religion and the right of the people peaceably to assemble, have constituted bulwarks of liberty unequaled in other lands, and it has been pointed out that as a result of these foundation principles the United States has grown to be a great nation. It is unquestionably true that these fundamental provisions for personal liberty have played an important part in the progress of the nation.

At the time the foregoing legislative provisions were made there was no radio, nor was such a revolutionary and unheard-of invention even vaguely imagined. But radio is now an important factor in the life of the nation and its people. As an instrument of publicity, communication and broadcasting information it is nothing short of a divine provision, and rivals the influence and power of the public press. Its use for worthy ends is therefore a matter of greatest importance. To shackle this means of con-

veying to the people information concerning the general welfare would be a contravention of the fundamental laws of liberty which the early American patriots were careful to set forth. Obviously it is a matter of duty for the present representatives of the people at the nation's capital to make some specific provision for liberty of the radio as their forebears did for liberty of the press and freedom of speech. Legislation that definitely safeguards against the restriction of free radio should be the first concern of the lawmaking body in considering ways and means of properly regulating the use of this medium of publicity. Provision should be made to prevent vested interests from monopolizing the essentially and fundamentally public utility for private ends. Discrimination and interference with the free use of this instrument by responsible and reasonable persons should be carefully proscribed. It should be the privilege of anyone who is able to provide the monetary means to bring to the attention of the people whatever message is, in his opinion, of sufficient interest and importance to warrant his spending time, effort and means in order to give it publicity, regardless of who he is. The very same guarantees that are made for the liberty of speech and of the press inevitably extend to the free use of the radio. This use should be limited only to the extent that an impartial and fair distribution of time and facilities demands, but to arbitrarily exclude an individual or organization from giving adequate publicity to its work, its message and its objectives, is manifestly a violation not only of fundamental American law, but of the divine law of equity and justice.

The provision for freedom of religion in the United States has enabled the Roman hierarchy to grow to an extent not possible for it in any other land. It has laid hold of the accouterments of freedom for its own ends and has prospered in considerable degree. It is astounding now to see this organization turn against the very arrangements that have enabled it to increase in a land and under conditions which are fundamentally contrary to its inherent nature. The air of freedom and the environment of equality and liberty have caused it to thrive until now it begins to inoculate the very atmosphere in which it prospered with the stifling vapors of its inveterate hatred of true liberty.

The Roman hierarchy, successor to Pagan Rome and not to early Christianity, has come out into the open and revealed itself as the deadly foe of truth, sincerity, equality and liberty. It mistakenly deems itself sufficiently powerful now to show itself in its true colors and to begin to impose its will on the vast majority of the people. By no means all who call themselves Catholic are in harmony with the policies, activities and objectives of the Hierarchy, which arrogates to itself the power to rule them. The Roman hierarchy is therefore not representative even of the 20 millions who are counted as Catholics. Millions of these are only mildly interested in the Hierarchy. What holds them is the mistaken and unanalyzed notion that in some way the Hierarchy, in spite of all its contradictions to Christianity, is still the outstanding supporter of Christian truth. Nothing could be farther from the facts, and even a cursory examination of the gospels and epistles will reveal the fundamental difference between the teachings of Christ and the teachings and dogmas of the imposing autocratic organization which claims to be His sole representative. The Hierarchy, then, is representative of a foreign power rather than of an influential minority in the United States. At all events, it is certain that it represents (and misrepresents) only a minority of the people of the United States.

Now what does this essentially undemocratic organization endeavor to accomplish? Ostensibly it seeks to exclude from the air a person who is objectionable to the "religious sensibilities of Catholics". Judge Rutherford is made the victim in this case. But it is not merely an individual that is involved in this matter. No one knows better than the members of that consummately subtle political machine, the Roman hierarchy, that the individual is in this case merely the tangible factor in a struggle which involves the fundamental principles upon which the government of the United States was built, and also the definitely contrary principles underlying the activities of the Hierarchy.

This is a fight and a controversy which involves issues that go far beyond the visible factors. It is a controversy in which no intelligent human creature can be neutral. It is a case of being for or against truth, fairness, justice and righteousness.

The Hierarchy represents the ultimate in the contradictions of true liberty. It is the absolute rule of a small class of ecclesiastical lords over the minds, the hearts, the consciences, the goods, the bodies and even the souls of the masses, who are to all intents abject slaves. The effects of

its dominance over the masses are demonstrated in the Inquisition, the memory of which still makes the blood run cold and draws a pall of blackest darkness over the already gloomy history of the world.

It is this thing, this execrable power for evil and misery, that is seeking to lay hold of and suppress the free institutions of a free people, and to arrest the progress of truth and righteousness in a land where the opportunities and privileges of the masses have been most conducive to the general enlightenment and welfare of the people. It is seeking to establish itself in a land where its success would mean a complete reversal of the principles and policies that have for more than a century and a half governed the course of the people. In lands where it has held undisputed sway it is anathema with the more progressive and liberty-loving citizens, and even those whose abject subjection has until now been unquestioned are beginning to see a measure of light and to break away from the thraldom in which they have been held. It is a monstrous contradiction, an unprecedented example of the arrogance, temerity and ruthlessness of the hierarchy of Rome to now attempt the gradual subjection of the most liberty-loving people on the face of the globe.

To the Hierarchy, Judge Rutherford is only a pawn, though an important one, in the game which they are playing, and in which the stakes are power and influence of ever increasing proportions for the Hierarchy. Shall the radio be throttled? That is the question. Or shall the radio, like the press, be a medium for the free discussion of all subjects that directly or indirectly affect the public welfare? A provision to assure its free untrammeled use is unquestionably one of the most important pieces of legislation that have been considered by the American Congress in a long time.

Events in Canada *By Our Canadian Correspondent*

TIME marches on, and the world, in place of making progress upward and onward, finds "Things Are Upside Down", to use the caption of an editorial appearing in the Toronto *Star,* which reads:

In Canada, in all the western world, there is abundance and the efforts of governments is to check plenty and produce scarcity. The effort is to increase the cost of living so that nobody may be in want. The whole thing gives one the impression that everything is upside down and wrong end first. When Captain Philpott makes a speech and declares that a new era must begin some people in Toronto speak of him as a visionary and say that it is but necessary for everybody to sit tight and everything will come out all right as has always been the case before. But Captain Philpott and others who speak in Ontario and the west are not alone in holding the views they do. Thomas F. Woodlock, editor of the *Wall Street Journal,* is quoted as saying:

"I am no prophet, but I know this is no cycle, no mere interruption in the orderly processes of economics. It is a tremendous turning point, the end of an era which has lasted for centuries."

Speaking in the House of Commons in London a short time ago Lord Eustace Percy said:

"When we are hugging to our bosoms the hope of . . . restarting something like prosperity . . . waiting for the international engagements which we hope, against hope, may bring this about, we have to content ourselves with makeshift measures; but at the end of this year, and from that time onward, will come a period when we can no longer content ourselves with makeshift measures. We shall have to decide what kind of new world we are entering upon, and the nature of the permanent reconstruction which we shall have to undertake if we are to meet the conditions of that new world—for a new world it will be."

With one hundred thousand men, women and children on direct relief in Toronto, with taxes rising, with tariffs never changing except to go higher and vexatious new interferences with international trading being introduced almost every day as the opportunity to go from bad to worse presents itself—what can result but explosions which will change the face of things? Between Canada and the United States we have thousands of miles of unarmed frontier, and if this were marked by a chain of mountains we would work from both sides drilling tunnels so that we can trade back and forth with each other. But, having no mountains, we have erected artificial difficulties to trading more forbidding than mountains. The ingenuity of man could overcome the worst of material difficulties, but the same ingenuity of man enables the lawmaker to dissipate the benefits that should flow from the successes of the engineers. We build the Hudson Bay route at heavy cost to facilitate trade with the world, and then hoist tariffs to prevent trade with the world. We build a new Welland canal and deepen the St. Lawrence so that ocean vessels may enter the Great Lakes, and then practically ban what-

ever cargoes vessels could bring up to the lakes. How this generation can deem itself sane in view of all that is happening is hard to say.

Disposing of the Rights of the People

At a gathering of hundreds of citizens of Ontario to do honor to the chief justice of the province on the occasion of his 90th birthday he took advantage of the assembly to attack both the Dominion and provincial legislatures. We quote in part an editorial appearing in the Toronto *Star:*

The chief justice next attacked what he called the ever-increasing practice of the parliament of Canada and of the provincial legislatures of appointing commissions vested with autocratic powers which deprive the people of the protection of the law and of the courts. Laying the blame on no political party, he declaimed against "shutting the doors of the duly constituted courts of justice against any citizen, rich or poor, high or low, and in thus leaving his legal rights at the mercy of nonjudicial bodies, often ignorant of the law, bound by no law, free to disregard the evidence and the law, and practically at its own will to dispose finally of his rights". He spoke of "literally many hundreds of boards and officers in Canada today authorized to exercise arbitrary power in dealing with the liberty and property of the citizens". These boards he represented as conducting their proceedings behind closed doors, as giving no reasons for their decisions, and as leaving the wronged suitor without redress or right of appeal. Appealing to the spirit of John Hampden, he demanded the restoration of the people's rights. "Let this invasion of the people's rights continue, and the ultimate result must be despotism, a Frankenstein; we shall cease to be a free people, and our condition will be like that of unhappy Russia, not like that of England of old." His lordship specifies no particular commissions to which he takes exception.

In his closing sentences, Sir William appealed to the members of the bar to keep alive the torch of health and honor and true fellowship, the torch of joy in everything that enriches life, and to pass it on to their successors. The prize of that achievement he declared is within the grasp of every man.

Snuffling Up the Prairie Air

Many interested in the question of the western provinces' seceding from Canada will be interested in the following item from the Edmonton *Bulletin:*

Godly Toronto, where most of the professional agencies for interfering with personal liberty have their headquarters, now has something of its own to investigate. Officials of the city relief office questioned before a Parliamentary committee divulge that in scores of cases the department is paying out relief to augment the sweatshop wages paid to men with families to support. They range from $11 a week for 48 hours' work to $5 a week for one poor wretch who had to work 88 hours to earn his miserable five dollars. That's a case where three months in prison might be better justified.

The truth is, despite what one of the eastern premiers in his ignorance stated before the recent conference of premiers, that the east lives on the west, not the west upon the east. When people wake up to realize the enormous amounts they pay to bonus the east, the movement for the independence of the western provinces will get a great impetus.

Take motor cars alone. Each of the western provinces has roughly about 100,000 motor vehicles on the road. Each owner paid on an average not less than $400 more than the world market price for his car in order to help the eastern manufacturer. That comes to a bonus of $4,000,000 from each western province. The same thing applies in greater or less degree on everything we touch, taste or handle from the cradle to the grave.

If the eastern provinces were able to see things clearly, they'd realize that they have need to agitate for reflation of our currency. It isn't just a matter of the poor western farmer's being hard hit by "sound money". When the western farmer is hard hit, the east loses its best customer. The remedy for sweatshop evils in Toronto is a reflated currency, so that the western farmer can be a better buyer.

Artificial Weather Not the Best

According to a research conducted by Thomas G. How, science graduate of the University of British Columbia, air conditioning produced by modern ventilating and heating systems is not necessarily best for one's health. A Central Press report in this connection says:

How has constructed an apparatus for measuring the number of ions in the atmosphere and showing how weather changes affect the quantity. Results to date seem to prove that hot, sunny weather and heavy downpours of rain both bring an abundance of the groups of molecules which have a vital influence on health, while light rains cause a scarcity.

Since an increase in the number of ions in the air tends to aggravate rheumatism, How's findings supply a scientific foundation for grandmother's "feeling rain in her bones". She didn't know it, but her prophecies were due to an oversupply of ions, which affected both the rheumatism and the weather.

Radium and X-rays both cause air to break up artificially into ions. Cosmic rays, which shoot into the earth's atmosphere from interstellar spaces have the same effect and are responsible for approximately one-third of the ions present. The remaining two-thirds are due to radioactive minerals and gases. In

the open sea it has been observed that there are few ions. This is explained by the fact that air over the sea is not subject to influence by radioactive minerals, but only by cosmic rays.

These electrically charged particles are one of the most vitalizing elements of air. In his university experiments, How found that in mechanical ventilating systems about 30 percent of the ions are absorbed in the metal and wasted, while practically all of them are lost if the air is washed. It results in "deadened" air.

This University of B.C. student is engaged in counting the ions in a given volume of air and comparing the result, day by day, as the weather changes. The particles are invisible and infinitesimally small, so counting them presented a real problem. He solved it by constructing an ingenious homemade apparatus.

Air is drawn into a lengthy funnel by an electric fan and its exact quantity is measured by an automatic indicator. If he wants to measure the positive ions, he charges positively a rod inside the funnel in order to draw off the negative ions. The positive ions are conducted into a globe somewhat similar to a radio tube, which receives the electric current and amplifies it. The current is measured on a delicate instrument. Since it is known how many ions produce a certain current, the number in any sample of air can be calculated.

Canadians Still Permitted to Think

Concerning the rapidly disappearing right of freedom of speech the last-quoted paper says:

It is interesting to be told by Mr. Leo Gallagher that speech is freer in Canada than in Soviet Russia or in Nazi Germany. It is also freer here than in Fascist Italy. But is this a sufficient boast for a democratic country in the new world? No pretense is made by the Soviets or the Fascists or the Nazis that speech is free. "Liberty," cried Mussolini, "is dead and rotting in her grave." It was democracy that introduced freedom of speech into the world, and in the world democracy now alone defends it. The countries which adhere to democracy are today few in number, and, of them all, Britain is the outstanding example.

The province of Quebec is the latest portion of the earth to discard the wisdom of the nineteenth century and revert to the practices of the eighteenth. The government in Quebec proposes, in a bill about to be passed, to forbid the holding of any public meeting without the consent of the chief of police, or, where there is no such official, without the consent of the mayor or head of the municipality. And no person is to be allowed to print or circulate a call for a public meeting without first securing the approval and consent of the masters of the people, the authorities, the chief of police or the mayor. We would like to suggest to members of the Empire Club of Toronto and to editors of some newspapers in the province who have read the speech of Mr. R. L. Calder, K.C., on this Quebec bill that the *Star* has for three or four years been engaged in fighting against the introduction here in Toronto, without a shred of law to justify it, the same system which Quebec now proposes to put into effect by statute. The proposed action of Quebec is to be deplored as belonging more to fascism and dictatorship than to democracy, but we have been opposing in Toronto something worse—the same thing being done, not on the authority of a statute passed by the legislature, but by a police activity in daily defiance of all existing statutes and laws of the province and the dominion.

It must forever remain to us a mystery that so many people, with the long history of freedom as Britons have worked it out available to them, are indifferent as to what happens to it. In Ontario it is whittled away by inches; Quebec proposes to chop it off by the yard. No doubt Quebec is trying to keep up.

Men say: "Speech is perfectly free if people want to say what they ought to say, and the freedom of speech of nobody is interfered with except that of those who want to say what they should not say." No tyrant of any age said other than that. If a man must say what everybody else agrees with there is no need for him to speak unless he is running for alderman. All the progress mankind has made has been due to a minority saying, and repeating, that which the ruling forces did not want said.

In Paris, in Vienna and in London within a fortnight great multitudes assembled in protest against conditions—in Paris and Vienna the authorities in a panic of alarm swung armed forces into action to scatter the multitudes and smash into subjection the discontents of the public. Heavy casualties resulted. In London the police were present, as ever, not as enemies of the assembled citizens, but only to see that life and property were not attacked. The police had nothing to do with thought and opinion on any subject under the sun. London passed the thing along quietly. This is not the first nor the tenth time that London has looked on peaceably and seen that which on the continent has swollen into revolution. The London attitude toward a protesting multitude is, "Go on, if you have a complaint, tell England what it is."

The present discontent in Britain is great. Vast numbers are unemployed, there are many who would make trouble if they could, but John Bull does not go half way to meet them in making trouble. He seeks, as long as he can, to avert it.

Newfoundland's 'Welfare Island'

The terrible condition prevailing in asylums in Newfoundland is revealed in the following news item appearing in the Toronto *Star:*

Charging neglect of duty, intoxication and loose

administration of poisonous drugs against certain members of the staff of the poor asylum and Newfoundland infirmary here, Magistrate A. Vatcher recommends dismissal of "the present staff nurse, the day nurse, all male attendants and so-called 'probation' nurses".

The strongly worded findings, made after an extensive investigation into administration of the institution, condemns the conduct of members of the staff and charges the male superintendent spent much of his time in the matron's room, often behind locked doors.

The report said its author found the staff nurse "was fond of drink and a good time generally".

"She had men in her rooms at all hours of the day and night," the report continues, "and not infrequently all night. They have been known to leave showing signs of intoxication, and evidence from several sources points to the fact she drinks habitually and sometimes has been the worse for liquor."

Inmates, meanwhile, were left in care of the night watchman, according to the report, and men were left to die, attendants seeing them only when ready for burial. The report also suggests goods were removed from the institution, while one witness swore he had seen an attendant remove money from the purse of a dying inmate.

Brandy, morphine, heroin and strychnine were used a "great deal" in the institution, Magistrate Vatcher reported, and were handled in a careless manner without any interest being taken to ascertain whether they were "used or not".

The visiting physician was alleged to have neglected visiting certain parts of the asylum, and the male superintendent was said to have returned often at night to be entertained at parties by the matron, "remaining until late hours."

Emphasizing the "disgraceful" treatment in feeding patients, the commissioner said bread was cut thick to economize on butter and "the blind had to feel very carefully to find which side was buttered".

"But," the report said, "like poor dumb animals, the patients never had anyone to whom they could complain."

Laughing at the Pessimists

Under the caption "Downhearted? Read This!" the Vancouver *Sun* says:

Every once in a while we become so immersed in our present problems we forget there were other times.

When that happens, the thing to do is to have the following choice gem alongside you. The Vancouver *Sun* ran across this two years ago and published it. But in case you missed it, here it is again. Clip it out and paste it alongside your desk. It's as good as a tonic.

The excerpt is from London *Truth,* published 45 years ago:

"The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has begun to launch its bonds.

"This railway, if it be ever finished, will run through a country frost-bound for seven or eight months of the year, and will connect with the eastern part of the Dominion a province which embraces about as forbidding country as any on the face of the earth.

"British Columbia is a barren, cold, mountain country, that is not worth keeping. It would never have been inhabited at all unless by trappers of the Hudson Bay Company, had the 'gold fever' not taken a party of mining adventurers there.

"Fifty railroads would not galvanize it into prosperity.

"The much-touted Manitoba settlement will not hold out many years. The people who have gone there cannot stand the coldness of the winters.

"Men and cattle are frozen to death in numbers that would astonish the intending settler if he knew; and those who are not killed outright are often maimed for life by frostbites."

Next time you gather pussy willows in December, daffodils in January, and tulips in February, remember this about British Columbia. It will amaze you. It will startle you. It will exhilarate you.

For a province that produced 115 million dollars last year, and nearly three times that in its peak year, the tonic is not half bad.

Surplus Braid and Brass Hats

It might be surprising to many who think of Canada as a country of peace and good will to read the following editorial found in the Toronto *Daily Star:*

A story is told of a distinguished Frenchman who visited Toronto two or three months ago being asked at a small social gathering why it is that Europe, after her experiences, still goes in for militarism. The visitor professed to be astonished at the question. "Why," he said, "I have seen more evidences of militarism here in Toronto on my present visit than I have seen in any European city for years past. I have seen here military funerals, military church parades with military bands playing war marches, smart cadet corps in uniforms and boys parading with wooden guns. This seems to be quite a military city." The Toronto people present tried to explain to the visitor how things were.

In a recent issue of the *Canadian Magazine* was an article by Thomas Wayling entitled "The Brass Hat Parade, or What Price Disarmament?" The article complains that brass hats are on parade in Canada now from coast to coast. "There are now," it says, "permanently employed three major-generals, eleven brigadiers, twelve full colonels, thirty-two lieutenant-colonels, sixty-nine majors, ninety captains, and seventy-four lieutenants. These figures include forty-

eight officers who wear the red tab and gold lace of the staff officer."

These figures, like the statement made by the distinguished French visitor to the city, will surprise Toronto people. Here is another excerpt from the article in the *Canadian Magazine:*

"In the middle of the war, December 31, 1916, Canada had 4,452 officers and 104,251 other ranks in France; so said Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Currie in his report of 1918. In 1932, after fifteen years of peace, the Dominion had 5,226 officers and 34,300 other ranks in Canada.

"In the thick of the war, in the midst of the most desperate conflict ever waged, Canada had in the field one officer to every twenty-four men. Now in the days of peace she has one officer to every seven men."

Another statement is that Canada has disarmed the rank and file—she has only 3,300 men in her permanent force and 31,000 in the active militia, but senior officers abound. Today the chief of the general staff is a major-general and there are forty-eight staff officers.

The impression one gets from the article from which we have quoted is that Canada has far more brass hats than her condition and her peace-loving character call for.

Sweatshop Conditions in Toronto

Recently Parliament appointed a committee to investigate the matters of mass-buying, price-spreads and wage conditions in general, and startling indeed have been the findings. We quote from an Ottawa news dispatch appearing in the Edmonton *Bulletin:*

Sweatshop conditions in Toronto industries were pictured yesterday to the Stevens committee of the House of Commons, investigating labor and general business practices. A. W. Laver, welfare commissioner for Toronto, told of firms paying $5, $6 and up to $10 to heads of families for a full week's work, forcing them to appeal to the city for partial relief in order to pay their rent and buy food and clothing.

A few minutes after Richard Stapels, chairman of the Ontario minimum wage board, told how employers dodged the law by hiring girls only a few hours a day in the rush hours and refused to pay minimum wages, the Toronto welfare commissioner gave some concrete illustrations of law evasions.

Mr. Laver instanced the National Picture Frame and Art Company, which, he said, fired 17 girls who were receiving minimum wages of $12.50 a week and hired men and boys who were outside the minimum wage law provisions.

Men with families of four children were paid $9 a week, 15 cents an hour for nine hours, and single men and boys, 10 and 12 cents an hour.

Chain stores and the needle trade were the worst offenders in Toronto in paying low wages, Mr. Laver said. When firms paid less than minimum wages as defined by law, no reports were made to provincial authorities, for fear the employees would be discharged in retaliation.

Low wages were reflected three ways on Toronto civic taxation, said Mr. Laver. Relief costs were increased last year to $6,686,900; hospitalization costs jumped to $1,350,000 because people could not pay themselves and scores of families sought to have their children become wards of the city. Last year Toronto spent $236,000 maintaining its wards.

Special men were employed to fight cases in the courts where impoverished parents sought to hand over their children to city institutions rather than see them starve and go practically naked.

Selected at random from a list of 1,455 families who were paid partial relief in Toronto because of low wages—in each case the wage earner worked full time—Mr. Laver instanced 41 men and women receiving from $4 to $10 for a full week's work.

We have found instances of girls being discharged and men with families taken on at lower wages. These men are receiving such a low rate of pay the city has had to come to their assistance and give them relief.

According to the same committee report Quebec girls have been forced to work in the needle trade for as little as $2.00 per week.

If commerce is not controlled by the Devil, then by whom is it?

Well might the citizens of the sweatshop city of Toronto pray to Jehovah for relief from such conditions; but under the guidance of the "blind leaders of the blind" they pray to their god, "the god of this world," for relief, and, of course, can find none. Note the following news item appearing in the *Mail and Empire* of Toronto:

Pledging Allegiance to Toronto

The vast audience of citizens at the Centennial watch night service on Monday night, anticipated to exceed 11,000 persons, will recite with the presiding clergyman an impressive covenant pledging allegiance to the city, preservation of its great traditions, and defense of its achievements.

The text of the solemn litany, which was specially composed for the occasion and probably will be led by Canon H. J. Cody, president of the University of Toronto, is as follows:

Minister: To maintain our allegiance to this our city:

People: We pledge ourselves by the help of God.

Minister: To hold unbroken the fellowship of those who labor for its perfecting:

People: We pledge ourselves by the help of God.

Minister: To defend it from the disgrace of cowardice and of dishonesty:

People: We pledge ourselves by the help of God.

Minister: To guard it from the shame of unrighteous greed and self-seeking:

People: We pledge ourselves by the help of God.
Minister: To encourage within it the spirit of brotherly love and of kindness:
People: We pledge ourselves by the help of God.
Minister: To revere and observe the city's laws:
People: We pledge ourselves by the help of God.
Minister: To hand on undimmed its best traditions:
People: We pledge ourselves by the help of God.
Minister: To keep the annals of our city pure and high:
People: We pledge ourselves by the help of God.
Minister: To work and pray that Toronto may become in very truth a "city of God":
People: We pledge ourselves by the help of God.

Ingenious Fence-Line Telephones

Farmers in the west are now using their fence lines for telephone and radio purposes, according to the *Star-Phoenix* of Saskatoon, which says:

Lacordaire district people, located about 50 miles south of Assiniboia, along the international boundary line, have used their inventive genius to provide telephone, electric light and radio services.

Wet batteries from automobiles are used to operate a barbed-wire telephone service, providing 50 miles of "fence phone". The man at the end of the line is connected with the government telephones, so that, in case of emergency, "subscribers" can get into communication with practically any place in Canada. The batteries used on the telephone service are charged from an automobile generator attached to a windmill contraption. This also provides electricity for homes.

Radio entertainment is also provided by the telephone line. A "master set" is attached to the telephone line and loud-speakers are then hooked up in the various homes.

Add the "Bennett Buggy" to this and you have a pretty extensive range of "hard time" conveniences.

Titles to Homes, and Other Titles

It seemed strange to Canadians in general, when most people, because of heavy taxes, are greatly concerned with the question of retaining title to the homes they have built and paid for, that the prime minister should request the king of Great Britain to return to the custom, now by request of Parliament dropped for some fifteen years, of bestowing honorary titles upon Canadians. The question was recently brought up in the House, and by the slim margin of 19 votes his action was endorsed.

Dominie Department

Churches Commercialized

THE commercial and selfish basis upon which the church organizations are built is evidenced time and again in their varied activities. *The Christian Century,* which is called "An Undenominational Journal of Religion", writes that both Catholic and Protestant churches are falling for the so-called "Goodwin Plan", by which the churches cooperate with an admittedly selfish and commercial organization. The object of this organization is "to make money" for itself, first of all, and, secondly, to give the various church societies a rake-off. The Goodwin corporation determines what brands of goods shall be favored by church members, the determining factor, of course, being a substantial "commission". Each church woman who signs up as an agent of the corporation undertakes to get at least ten housewives to agree to purchase articles listed in the Goodwin catalog and to preserve the label or wrapper or other token of each purchase. This plan has possibilities. We are reminded of a Christian lady who was led to see the absurdity of spending time and effort to advance commercial schemes under the impression that she was doing "work for the Lord". She and other members of the congregation, and as many others as could be persuaded to "work for the Lord", took to the city dumps to collect labels and carton covers, thus increasing the commission the "church" got from the "evidences of purchase" presented to the corporation which hired them. A proper understanding of what the work of God really is brought about her deliverance.

"To Build More Churches—"

THOSE who are in the church business conceive that it is or should be the object of all mankind "to build more churches, to save more souls, to get more money, to build more churches, to save more souls, to get more money", etc., to the end of the age.

It takes a lot of "saved" people to keep up a church, and to maintain in comfort a nicely dressed man who works twenty to thirty minutes twice a week, discoursing on some subject selected from the daily press. The more people that are "saved", the more churches can be carried on the payroll. An ideal civilization, accord-

ing to some of these folks, would be one in which everybody is in the church business and nobody has to do any regular work.

The Christian Herald has put out a plan for the construction of more than 200 million dollars' worth of churches and parish houses. All that is necessary is that the people put their savings into the building of these churches. They can do this either direct or through their banks. After the churches are built it will, of course, be necessary to sustain them; so the mere building of them is only a part of the story.

The *Herald* thinks that there is "plenty of money available for financing church loans on a sound basis". Meantime it strikes us as a peculiar thing that Jesus never built a church, nor asked anybody else to do so, and He never made any money to be turned over to somebody else to do what He himself found it unnecessary or inadvisable to do.

Van Wert (Ohio) Evangelist Is Dead

WE DO not approve the framing-up of anybody, and we clearly gather the impression from newspaper reports that the Van Wert (Ohio) evangelist who was shot by detectives while attempting to escape from the scene of his attempted hold-up of a filling station at Fort Wayne, Indiana, was enticed into that particular job, probably by a confederate of one of the men who shot him.

However, there is no doubt of the evangelist's guilt, and he was positively identified by the proprietor of a store in his own county as a bandit who had robbed him twice, the last time being only nine days before the Fort Wayne affair which terminated his career. No one was allowed to see him after he was shot.

He was in a bad business. The work of an evangelist, as that work is conducted today, is dishonest, and it was a natural step from that to trying to get with a gun what could not be gotten without it. But it seems too bad that the man should be killed in a frame-up, or as a result of one. His nine-year-old boy is the principal sufferer.

What Is the Moral?

THE Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin* recently (February 8) contained a series of photographs showing among other things the bishop of Westminster blessing British troops at the time of the World War, a Russian priest blessing the troops of that country, and a German chaplain blessing troops of that nationality, and under each of these three photographs appears the first line of the song, "O God, our Help in ages past." It is difficult to get the viewpoint of these "pastors" of men, but their position is a trifle less inconsistent than that of the Catholic contingent of the worldly church, which permitted its membership to kill their brothers in other lands and gave them its blessing" in the atrocious business.

Revival in Hempstead M. E. Church

THE Hempstead (N. Y.) Methodist Episcopal church is going to have a revival. *The Parish Times,* the church organ, tells about it. It says: "The committee will, in the near future, carefully comb the church records and will recommend for removal from the active list all those who have persistently absented themselves from our Sunday services and have refused for a period of two years to make any subscription for the carrying on of the church's program." We would not do anything to sidetrack a revival of this kind, but we just cannot help wondering if those that have paid liberally and absented themselves will be removed as completely or as quickly as those that have paid nothing and have periodically come in and warmed the cushions.

Methodism Losing Out in Britain

A LITTLE over a year ago Britain hailed the coming together of three Methodist denominations into one as a great achievement. The new church has been losing members at the rate of 600 a week during the first year of its existence, and if deaths are counted the loss is over 850 a week. In a quarter of a century Methodism in Great Britain has made no progress at all.

Testing Transubstantiation Theory in Italy

FOR reasons best known to himself, somebody tested out the transubstantiation theory at Fabbri di Montefalco, Italy, December 19, 1933. He put arsenic or other poison in the cup of wine which the Roman Catholic priest, Stanislao Boni, was about to drink. Boni's theory was that after he had said certain magic words everything in the cup was changed into the actual blood of the Lord, but it didn't work out. The priest died in great agony. Similar incidents have occurred elsewhere.

Why Be Distressed?

A NUMBER of people are distressed, having been rudely awakened from their somnambulism by the fact that a bunch of so-called "ministers" have plainly shown that they do not believe in the Word of Jehovah God. They should rather rejoice that they are now in a position to break away from these blind leaders of the blind. Judge Rutherford has been telling the people for the past ten years or more that the ministers do not know what they are talking about. The stand they took during the World War should have been a sufficient eye-opener. The whole clergy-system, Catholic and Protestant, hangs and falls together. They are all tarred with the same stick. By the way, you never see anything unfavorable about Catholic priests in the paper. That is all nicely arranged. They keep their shortcomings to themselves, as well as their opinions. Besides, repeating Latin liturgies doesn't admit of much difference of opinion, except that the monotone of one priest is a little less lugubrious than that of another.

Bishop of Liverpool Hard Up

REVEREND A. A. DAVID, bishop of Liverpool, is so hard up that he recently appeared in the ring at a prize fight and begged for support for one of his churches. After talking for three minutes the regular show was put on. The bishop waited to see two bouts, one of which was a knockout. It is just possible that the bishop is thinking of taking up prize fighting as a more honest line of work, but he would probably find it more difficult than it looked. Heretofore the usual course of procedure for bishops has been to encourage others to do the fighting, while the bishops stayed at home and helped the women roll bandages and knit sweaters.

The Powers Ordained of God

IN THE Bergen (N. J.) *Evening Record,* Reverend Daniel M. Kleist, pastor of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church, is quoted as saying, "In obeying the government, we are obeying God." He was led to this position through a misunderstanding of the apostle's statement that "the powers that be are ordained of God". The apostle is there speaking of God and Christ. He does not have in mind the kingdoms which Satan claimed as under his administration, at the time of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.

Hope They Will Be on the Level

AT WEST PLAINS, Missouri, two clergymen, one of whom recently received training in the honest business of training bloodhounds and operating a secondhand store, have decided to go straight and will open a detective agency. Everybody who loves his fellow men will earnestly hope that these two men are now on the level and will stay there.

Knew Where to Get Murderers

REFERRING to the lynching which recently took place at San Jose, the London *News Chronicle* reports the pastor of a San Jose church as saying that scouts appeared at the doors of his church and beckoned to those inside, who crept quietly out and joined the lynching party; before the evening service was over, half the congregation had left, but the pastor did nothing to stop them. Some children, and women with babies in their arms, saw the two men kicked, beaten, stripped naked and, with blood streaming down their bodies, and screaming for mercy, strung up in St. James' Park. The clothing and shoes of the dead men were torn in pieces and divided among the crowd as souvenirs. Governor Rolph approved the lynching and has said he would pardon any found guilty of murder in that connection. Meantime, he keeps Mooney, an innocent man, in prison. California is publicly disgraced before all the world, both in the Mooney case and now in this lynching.

Coughlin's Business Is Good

COUGHLIN'S business, which we understand is that of begging money over the radio, seems to be good. *Illustrated Current News* sent in a picture showing him standing in the midst of $1,000,000 of new buildings, all built with money contributed by radio listeners.

Mocking God

THE so-called Christian Assembly church of Zion City, Ill., has had a marathon in which the Bible was subjected to the indignity of being read as rapidly as possible and apparently with no other object than to get the reading done. Such a course not only is useless, but is mockery in the full sense of the word: mockery of the God of the Bible, Jehovah. It is no better than the incantations of heathen and Catholic ceremonial, in which meaningless words are repeated in a monotone to no conceivable purpose.

Priests Opposed to Child Labor Amendment

JOHN CORBETT, Roman Catholic priest, reflecting the attitude of his church toward the public schools and the efforts to eliminate child labor, said, "There is danger to Catholic religious education in the attempts at centralization of education in the federal government. . . . such an extension of power would inevitably mean an attack on parochial and private schools. For the same reason many of us oppose the Child Labor Amendment." He continues by saying that though enemies charge the Catholic church with opposing public education, it is the friend of true education. We merely observe that illiteracy is remarkably high in countries under Catholic influence, and we cannot feel that Catholic opposition to legislation for the protection of children is on the level.

Clergy Disbelieve the Scriptures

OCCASIONALLY someone takes it hard when Judge Rutherford mentions that the clergy disbelieve the Scriptures; but the general truth of that statement cannot be questioned. The young candidates for the ministry are being taught in institutions where reverence for the Word of God is at a discount. Our attention was drawn to a column in the Sunday *Oklahoman* where Reverend E. Nicholas Comfort, director of the School of Religion, University of Oklahoma, undertakes to answer Biblical questions. In the issue of November 12, 1933, he said in so many words, "I do not believe in the virgin birth of Jesus"; and a week later, in answer to the question "Do you believe that the only remission for sin is through the shed blood of Jesus on Calvary's cross?" he said, "I do not so believe." We did not get to see a later issue, but presume that in that one, if somebody asked him, "Do you believe in anything except the front and back covers of the Bible?" he would have cheerfully broken the news that he "does not".

Ingersoll's Vision of the Future

"I SEE a world where thrones have crumbled, and where kings are dust: the aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth.

"I see a world without a slave; man at last is free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved; lightning and light, wind and wave, frost and flame, and all the secret, subtle powers of earth and air are the tireless toilers for the human race.

"I see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled, while lips are rich with words of love and truth; a world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns; a world on which the gibbet's shadow does not fall; a world where labor reaps its full reward, where work and worth go hand in hand.

"I see a world without the beggar's outstretched palm, the miser's heartless, stony stare, the piteous wail of want, the livid lips of lies, the cruel eyes of scorn.

"I see a race without disease of flesh or brain, shapely and fair. And, as I look, life lengthens, joy deepens; love canopies the earth, and over all in the great dome shines the eternal star of human hope."

[But there is something Robert Ingersoll did not see. He failed to see a world whose instinctive worship is directed to the one true God, Jehovah; nor did he see a world wherein there shall be no more death. The Bible tells about that world.—*Ed.*]

"Russia Makes Me Think"

UNDER the title "Russia Makes Me Think" Louis Golding, British author, says in part:

I am going to say this in all solemnity. If the present implications of the situation in Europe fulfil themselves, then all Europe will be Russian within a decade.

I do not mean that Soviet armies will go marching across their frontiers and incorporate ourselves, and Germany, and Italy, with their Union of Republics. I mean that the Russian idea, a far more subtle invasion, will overwhelm the European idea.

What do I mean when I talk of "the present implications of the situation"? I mean primarily two things. First, I mean unemployment; secondly, I mean the threat of war. Whatever your politics are, you cannot get away from the fact that unemployment is worse than it was a year ago, and much worse than it was five years ago. If the governments and the theoreticians of the Western system do not resolve this hideous puzzle of unemployment, can you imagine what the situation will be within five years from now?

The history of the next few years will resolve itself, has already resolved itself, into a race between their idea and ours. If we can set our house in order again before they have set up theirs, the two ideas will live side by side. It is even possible that the restoration to perfect health of the Western idea may mean the slow extinction of the Russian idea. If we are not restored to health, and very soon, Russia will extend to Land's End and Gibraltar.

Early this year I traveled through several Mediterranean countries. On my way to Russia two or three months ago, I traveled by way of the Scandi-

navian countries. On my way home I came by Poland and Germany and France. I have therefore had the opportunity to get the whole European landscape into some sort of perspective. What is more, I have spent at least half my year for a decade or so traveling from frontier to frontier. I am therefore in a position to adjudge how the present political and economic picture compares with the picture of three, five, ten years ago.

I can only say that it seems to me, and to many observers, that the horizon is darker than it was five years ago. Germany and France love each other less, not more. China and Japan love each other less, not more. The hopes for disarmament are smaller, not greater, than they were a year ago.

The Number Seven

EVERYBODY knows there are seven notes of music, do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, and seven colors, violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, red. It is claimed that this septiformity runs through life, that insects hatch in 7 days, birds in twice 7 days, larger birds in three times 7 days, and still larger birds in four times 7 days. In man the period of gestation is forty times 7 days.

Man is an infant till 7, a child till twice 7, a youth until 3 times 7, and a man at 4 times 7. At 5 times 7 he is in his prime; at 6 times 7 he begins to slip a little, at 7 times 7 he slips still more, at 8 times 7 he has to begin to slow up, at 9 times 7 he is on the home stretch, and at 10 times 7 he is all through. His body changes once in 7 years.

Most diseases run in periods of 7 days or multiples thereof. Crises occur at 7-day intervals, and if no favorable results occur, the fifth 7-day crisis often means the end. The moon's phases are of 7 days each.

Glancing at the Scriptures everybody who has ever even superficially glanced at The Revelation has noticed the 7 churches, 7 spirits, 7 candlesticks, 7 stars, 7 angels, 7 lamps, 7 seals, 7 horns, 7 eyes, 7 trumpets, 7 thunders, 7 heads, 7 crowns, 7 plagues, 7 vials, 7 mountains, and 7 kings. In other apostolic books there are also the 7 'other, more wicked' spirits, 7 loaves, 7 baskets, 7 husbands of one wife, 7 devils, 7 deacons, and 7 sons of Sceva.

In the Hebrew Scriptures there were two 7-day intervals, at least, respecting exit from the ark, which floated off after a 7-day notice that the flood was coming. Jacob served 7 years for each of his wives. Joseph explained the dream of the 7 good and 7 bad kine and the 7 good and 7 bad ears of corn to be 7 years of plenty and 7 years of famine.

There were 7 days of unleavened bread, 7 lamps on the candlestick, 7 days a sheep was to be with its dam, and 7 sprinklings of the blood before the Lord. Priests served for 7 consecutive days; a woman was unclean for 7 days. Lepers were shut up 7 days, and 7 days more, if necessary. When cleansed they were sprinkled 7 times, and, after living 7 days in the open, were officially pronounced clean.

In the case of a trespass offering, some of the oil which was offered was to be sprinkled 7 times before the Lord. If leprosy broke out in a house, the house was to be closed 7 days; it was cleansed by being sprinkled 7 times with blood and water and perfumes. An unclean man was to be unclean for 7 days. The altar in the court was to be sprinkled with blood 7 times.

The offering by fire unto the Lord was to be made for 7 days; the pentecost followed 7 sabbaths; the wave loaves were to be offered with 7 lambs; the feast of tabernacles was to be for 7 days; when the fruits had been gathered in there was to be a feast of 7 days.

A week of 7 days, 7-year cycles for the land, and 7 times 7 cycles for a jubilee cycle are matters familiar to all our readers, as are also the 7 symbolic "times" which ended in 1914. Miriam was ashamed 7 days and shut out of the camp 7 days. The blood of the red heifer was to be sprinkled 7 times before the tabernacle. Whoever touched a dead body was to be unclean 7 days; when a man died in his tent the tent was to be unclean 7 days; whoever touched a grave was to be unclean 7 days.

Balaam asked for 7 altars, 7 oxen and 7 rams, and this was done for him three different times. The nations that Israel dispossessed were 7; their enemies were to flee from them 7 ways. In the taking of Jericho, 7 priests with 7 trumpets compassed the city 7 days, 7 times on the 7th day. Samson's strength was in the 7 locks of hair; he could not be restrained with 7 withs.

Ruth was better to Naomi than 7 sons; the temple was 7 years in building; the servant was sent 7 times to look for rain when it rained not

in the days of Elijah and Ahab. When the child of the Shunammite woman awakened out of the sleep of death he sneezed 7 times; Naaman the leper was bidden to dip in Jordan 7 times. When the temple was dedicated the ceremonies took 7 days and were followed by a feast of 7 days.

Job's comforters sat beside him 7 days and 7 nights before speaking. The words of the Lord are as silver purified 7 times. A just man falleth 7 times and riseth up again. There are 7 abominations in the heart of the hypocrite. Now 7 women take hold of the skirts of one man; the light of the sun is now as the light of 7 days. Gog's weapons of war are to be burned for 7 years; for 7 months the bones are to be buried.

The furnace was heated 7 times as hot as usual for Daniel's three friends. Upon the one stone there are to be 7 eyes. There are 7 lamps and 7 pipes to the 7 lamps. These are merely a few uses of the number 7 in the Scriptures.

Jehovah's Glory

JEHOVAH is the King of Glory. (Psalm 24: 10) He now gives those who dwell in His sanctuary the privilege of seeing that glory. (Psalm 63: 2) The purpose of revealing His royal majesty is that His people may be inspired to tell others the vision of the great King and His kingdom. It is true that no man can see Jehovah and live, yet He now reflects His majesty in the Kingdom vision so that His anointed ones may appreciate the responsibility of being His witnesses.—Exodus 33: 20; Isaiah 43: 12.

The sun in its noonday brilliancy is hard to look upon, but when that light is reflected from the moon, in the nighttime, it is beautiful and pleasing to look upon. Even so today Jehovah's royal majesty is reflected in the Kingdom vision, and this glory is appreciated by those who love Him and zealously proclaim His message. As the sun rises in the east, even so the glory of the Lord as the herald of the new day is pictured as coming from the same direction. "Behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east, and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar: and I fell upon my face. And the glory of the Lord came into the house [temple], by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house."—Ezekiel 43: 1-5.

What is the glory of Jehovah? The glory of Jehovah is the reflection of His royal majesty. While it is true that the sovereignty of the Creator is reflected in His works, His glory is particularly displayed since the beginning of the Kingdom under Christ, in A.D. 1914. In support of this conclusion we read, in Psalm 93: 1, "The Lord [Jehovah] reigneth; he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself." In Psalm 145: 5, 10-13 are these words: "I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations." The kingdom is glorious because it is a work of Jehovah and as such it is an expression of His majesty. Likewise the Lord's witnesses on earth now reflect the glory of Jehovah to the degree that they speak of the great King and His kingdom.

The King's Glory

The scriptures are abundant in support of the thought that the glory of Jehovah has application particularly since the beginning of the Kingdom. Now look at Psalm 24: 7-10: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord [Jehovah] strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah." Again, in Psalm 45: 3-6, it is written of Jehovah's anointed and installed King: "Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. And

in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee. Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre." All who love and serve Jehovah declare His praises, and they ever pray, "Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth."—Psalm 57:11.

The apostle John was one who gave all that he had to the glory of God. Because of his faithfulness in serving God he was exiled to the lonely isle of Patmos, and there he was visited by Jehovah's officer and given a vision of the glory of the Almighty God. He was caught up in vision to "the third heaven" even as Paul, who tells how he was thus favored. Jehovah by His angel deputy, caused John to write that which he saw, for the special benefit of God's faithful people who should be on the earth just before Armageddon begins. Now, and especially since 1922, God's remnant on earth have begun to see the fulfilment of John's vision, and those still alive on the earth at Armageddon will discern it more clearly. What is now discerned thrills the heart of the child of God, and he says: "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies; that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger."—Psalm 8:1, 2.

Vision of Glory

John had a vision of the glory of Jehovah as revealed in the new kingdom, and as the remnant see and appreciate this vision fulfilled the glory of Jehovah rises upon them. It is manifestly the wrong thought that all the glory for the members of the remnant will be experienced after their resurrection change. While it is true that there will be glory indeed experienced by those who will have the privilege of sharing in the first resurrection and obtain the immortal life, yet Jehovah wishes them to realize a glory now while they are on earth for a definite purpose. The purpose of their realizing the vision of Jehovah's organization, and as a result coming under the glory of Jehovah's majesty now, is to quicken them for a witness work to be accomplished. As the remnant are faithful in making proclamation of the Kingdom message the Gentiles will recognize and be drawn to the light of truth and the kings of earth must take a definite stand. Jehovah commands His people: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."—Isaiah 60:1-3.

With the thought in mind that Jehovah reveals this vision and causes His glory to arise upon His people to quicken them to action, let us examine the picture presented in Revelation 21:1: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." The term "heaven" here used means "the kingdom of heaven". It is new in this, that it is the new government and displaces the old. "New earth" means the peoples of earth organized in righteousness. "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (2 Peter 3:13) This is in harmony with God's promise to make a new heaven and a new earth.

The "heaven" is the invisible ruling power; the "earth", the visible part of the organization which the Kingdom rules. "For behold, I create new heavens, and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." (Isaiah 65:17) 'The first heaven and earth that were passed away' means the organization of mankind under the invisible rulership of Satan that existed from the Flood until now. The text says: "And there was no more sea," meaning that ungodly human creatures from which Satan developed his "beast" (visible earthly organization) would no longer exist. (Revelation 13:1, 2) God will reconcile the people to himself. Those who refuse to be reconciled shall be destroyed, and there will be a clean heaven and earth, making a new heaven and a new earth.

Witnesses See Glory

In this picture John represents Jehovah's faithful witnesses now upon the earth who have the privilege of seeing the glorious vision and then telling it to others. "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her bushand." (Revelation 21:2) "The holy city" is the heavenly organization completely

separated from the wicked one and his organization, and every whit thereof dedicated to the Holy One, Jehovah; and therefore it is holy. In ancient times out of all the cities in the earth only one city was designated by Jehovah as "the holy city", and that was Jerusalem. It was typical. And so in the antitype there is but one "city" or organization which forms a part (the capital part) of Jehovah's greater organization and is the "holy city".—Nehemiah 11:1, 18; Isaiah 52:1.

The name "new Jerusalem" means "the possession [foundation] of peace, the secure habitation". It has no reference to the earthly city of Jerusalem, either ancient or modern. It is the new organization composed of new creatures in Christ and called the "new creation" of God. It does not include the "great multitude" or 'tribulation class' (Revelation 7:9-14); and this is indicated by the text. Only the overcomers have its name written on them.—Rev. 3:12.

This new Jerusalem is the workmanship of Jehovah, and, being the chief part of the Kingdom, it reflects the royal majesty of the Creator. This new city is resplendent with the glory of God. It has twelve foundations bearing the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, which fact excludes all who are not members of the body of Christ. It has twelve gates bearing the names of the twelve tribes of spiritual Israel, showing that only "the servant of God" is admitted to its membership. It is organized in heaven, the abode of Jehovah, and it is therefore the holy "city" or organization 'which hath foundations, whose builder is God'. (Hebrews 11:10, 16) It is "cut out of [his] mountain [meaning God's universal organization] without hands [of men]", and it comes down from heaven and rules the earth.—Daniel 2:45.

Concerning those who represent that "city" it is said: "They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom." (Psalm 145: 11, 12) "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord." (Psalm 105:1-3) Thus the burden of the message which the remnant now bear to the people magnifies the name and the kingdom of Jehovah. This message is not their own: they speak the good news of the Lord, and thus reveal His glory to the people. Those of this "city" do not claim any share in the man-made governments of the Devil's organization, but rather look to the new nation of heavenly origin. "For our conversation [citizenship, *Rotherham*] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20) This is further proof that none will be of that holy city as citizens or parts thereof except those who are the members of the body of Christ. It is a beautiful "city" and is adorned for her glorious husband Christ, the Head of that "city". (Isaiah 61:10) "As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." (Isaiah 62:5) "So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty; for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him." (Psalm 45:11) In it is "the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness; . . . the voice of the bride; the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good; for his mercy endureth for ever".—Jeremiah 33:11.

Tabernacle with Men

In Revelation 21:3 we read, "And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." This verse applies specifically to God's people now on the earth. John heard the voice; which denotes that the remnant first hears this message from the throne and then transmits it to the people. "And the remnant of Jacob [spiritual Israel] shall be in the midst of many people, as dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men."—Micah 5:7.

This is strong evidence that some of the remnant will be on the earth after Armageddon and will be the ones used by the Lord to first inform the people who have survived the time of trouble. The message from the throne is, "The tabernacle of God is with men," and suggests that the remnant of God, the sanctuary class at that time, is still on the earth in a lowly, transient condition, like that of a tent or tabernacle. This reference is to the "true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man", and which is not one built by human hands. (Hebrews 8:2; 9:11) In this tabernacle the song goes up: "The Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heav-

ens. Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth."—Psalm 96:4-9.

Since the Kingdom has begun, surely the Lord will have on earth some representative henceforth and forever. If so, then the faithful prophets and servants of God before Christ, who as princes shall represent the Lord on earth, must return before all the remnant class has passed from the earth. (Psalm 45:16) The earth must be a "holy place" from the time God's representatives take possession, even though the enemy continues to defile it up until he and his organization are destroyed. Then, as shown to the apostle John, God, ruling through His representatives, shall bring blessings to mankind and He will be the God of all who obey Him.

It is wonderful how Jehovah has manifested His glory in the vision of His kingdom and hope for the recovery of the obedient of the human family. It is in this, too, that the great King reflects His royal sovereignty; because the Kingdom is the only hope for suffering mankind. In Revelation 21:4 we read, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Christ will be the hand that God will use to wipe away all tears. (1 Corinthians 15:25, 26; Hosea 13:14) For many centuries the people have suffered oppression, pain, injury, sickness, loss of health and of life. Gradually these things shall be made to pass away and there will be no more slavery, drudgery, or cruel oppression, and at length there will be no sickness and no death. The final result of the reign of Christ will be the destruction of every enemy of man, including death. All this shall be to the glory of Jehovah God.

All Things New

Continuing this vision of Jehovah's glory the fifth verse of the same chapter states, "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write; for these words are true and faithful." Manifestly this represents Jehovah speaking to John then and to the John class now. (Revelation 4:2; 5:1) It is God who will reconcile the people to himself; and "all things are of God" and by Christ, His "right hand". (2 Corinthians 5:17, 18; Ephesians 4:2-6) There shall be an entirely new world. "For behold, I [Jehovah] create new heavens, and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy."—Isaiah 65:17, 18.

To the remnant Jehovah gives the "new wine" of good cheer and joy. (Matthew 26:29) He establishes the new Jerusalem. (Revelation 3:12) He inaugurates the new covenant with the true spiritual Israelites. (Hebrews 8:8-13) Then He gives a new heart to the people who love and obey Him, and everything is made to the good of creation and to the glory of God. (Ezekiel 36:26; 11:19) This is what John heard and what the remnant now discern.

John not only had this glorious vision of things that must shortly come to pass, but was commanded to write them. Now the remnant, whom John represented, seeing these things coming to pass, to them Jehovah now says: "New things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them." (Isaiah 42:9) It follows, therefore, that the remnant is not shown these things of Jehovah's glory merely for the pleasure of the remnant, but that as witnesses for Jehovah they might tell them out to others. That witness to the name of Jehovah must continue until the 'princes of the earth' return. The testimony or word of God is "true and faithful", is reliable and trustworthy and sure of accomplishment. Blessed is the class now having a part in telling that message of truth to the people and to the glory of God.

Again the voice of Jehovah is heard by John from the throne of heaven. The remnant discern that voice of Jehovah through His Word, and see the fulfilment thereof in these last days. That voice says: "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." (Revelation 21:6) This scripture has no reference to the people during the millennial reign of Christ. It is addressed specifically to John and to the class whom John represented. When the seventh angel (Revelation 16:17) poured out his bowl of wrath the same expression is used,

"It is done"; meaning there that now the issue is completely joined and you have been informed of God's purposes against Satan's organization and you are privileged to have a part therein. What could be the meaning of a like expression in the text, verse six, here under consideration?

Revelation from Jehovah

The Revelation is from Jehovah God to Christ Jesus, which He now shows His servant class. It is Jehovah that now says to the servant class on earth: 'I am the A and the Z [*Rotherham* translation], the Beginning and the End, the Author and the Finisher; I have given you this message; it is done; now you go forth and bear testimony thereof as my witnesses.' It is Jehovah who inspired His Word from the beginning, and now He brings it to a close. He discloses His purposes. Let it be understood, again, for emphasis, that the vision of Jehovah's new organization reflects the glory of Jehovah. The remnant see this and appreciate it, and thus Jehovah's glory rests upon them. They in turn reflect the glory of Jehovah as they tell the vision to the people.

What is beyond the Millennium need not be revealed in the Holy Scriptures. God has expressed His purpose in His Word and told it to the servant class and "thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it". (Deuteronomy 12:32) It is His spirit-begotten ones that thirst for the water or truth of life and are always eager to have more. Jehovah says to such: "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." It therefore becomes the privilege and the duty of God's witnesses on earth who are in the everlasting covenant according to the sure mercies of David to cry out to their brethren concerning the great truths of God's expressed purposes. They are commanded to say: 'Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; come and buy without money and without price.' (Isaiah 55:1) "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." —Matthew 5:6.

Those who thus hunger and thirst for the truth have been given a blessed privilege since the Lord came to His temple. If they have seen and appreciated the glory of Jehovah as manifested in His kingdom organization they have been proclaiming the good news to the people. These with joy receive the truth out of the wells of salvation and they are filled with praise: "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted."—Isaiah 12:3, 4.

As the remnant receive these blessed truths, each one thereof must cry out to others to come and take their stand on the side of Jehovah, become His witnesses, accept the leadership of Christ Jesus and go forward in His organization. This is the reason why brethren beseech one another to present themselves daily and actively in the Lord's service. It is the spirit-begotten ones to whom the question is now addressed: "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?" The Lord causes His prophet to write the answer: "He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob."—Psalm 24:3-6.

Thus it is seen that Jehovah's glory is closely associated with the revelation of His royal majesty, and that particularly since the Kingdom has begun. As the sincere members of the remnant see and appreciate the glory from the Kingdom vision, they are thrilled with wonder. They have a zeal peculiar only to those now dwelling in the temple of Jehovah. They must tell the message concerning the great name and kingdom of their God; and the people of good will to whom the message is told likewise have the privilege of telling it out to their fellow men. "Let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come: and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."—Revelation 22:17.

Soon Jehovah's highest glory
Shall be known in all the earth,
As His King and Vindicator
Shall reveal its matchless worth.
Every tongue His name confessing
Then shall bring Him willing praise;
Every knee before Him bowing,
Eager feet shall tread His ways.
When the proud and rude oppressor
Shall be humbled in the dust
Nations in His name confiding
In His Son shall put their trust.

Jehovah's witnesses in Action

MORE telegraphic appreciations of Judge Rutherford's March 25 broadcast, "World Control."

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Pioneers in North Carolina

(Contributed)

"QUITE a little excitement in Kinston, while the friends were there. Six of the friends were arrested and put in jail Sunday morning, two sisters and four brothers, all pioneers. The rest of the workers were in another section and not bothered at all. They had a trial Monday morning, and were dismissed without much trouble. It happened that the judge was very favorable to the truth, and had been hearing the radio lectures, so gave them a square deal.

"The Catholic priest called the police, and had several of his friends to make complaints. The trial was too funny to describe. The priest was the first witness called, and he just made a laughingstock of himself. He said that a sister had ridiculed his priestly robes, by calling to another sister on the other side of the street, saying: 'Come over here and see this man wearing women's skirts.'

"Well, the whole courtroom just roared. They had five witnesses, and we had none. When they had given in all their evidence against us, the judge told them that they had no case at all. They claimed we were peddling without a license, but we claimed to be preaching the gospel.

"The judge told them that the constitution and state laws granted us the privilege of preaching in whatever manner we liked, and whether or not we were doing it in the right way, he would leave with the higher judge to decide."

Concentration of Wealth

By U. S. Senator Huey P. Long

BACK in 1916 everybody, even including the capitalistic newspapers and magazines, said that an intolerable condition, bordering on calamity, existed because the "poor" class, 65 percent of the people, owned only 5 percent of the wealth; and the "middle" class, 33 percent of the people, owned only 35 percent of our wealth; thus leaving the "rich", 2 percent of the people, owning all the other 60 percent of our national wealth.

But today the whole 95 percent of our people own less than 15 percent of our wealth, which is less than half the middle class, alone, owned in 1916.

Even the rich class has shown greater concentration in its own ranks. Like cannibals, they are eating one another, and here and there a rich man falls a victim, while another becomes richer, not only out of the blood of the poor, but even from the fall of another rich one. In 1916 the rich class, 2 percent, owned 60 percent of our wealth; in 1930 the rich class had dropped to 1 percent, but still owned 60 percent of our wealth.

Now, if back in 1916 (when our wealth was not half so badly concentrated in the hands of the few as it now is), these rich men's newspapers and magazines said that the conditions of 1916 would wreck the country, unless corrected, how can they doubt what has wrecked us now and is going to wreck us worse, when the rich of 1930 have become twice as rich as they were in 1916, and the poor of 1916 have become five times as poor in 1933, with the people of the middle class of 1916 falling into the poor class of 1933?

How, I say, can these same people who wailed about what existed in 1916 fail to see what worse conditions of concentrated wealth exist today?

I propose that every man who owns a million dollars of property should contribute 1 percent to the government. I propose that if a man owns $2,000,000 he contribute 2 percent to the government. That would mean only ten thousand dollars for the man who owns a million dollars, and that would leave him $990,000. If he has $2,000,000, I would take $40,000, and that would leave him $1,960,000. I propose that if a man has $6,000,000, the government should take 6 percent. I propose to take 1 percent from a man owning a million, and gradually go up until I would impose a capital-levy tax stopping fortunes at $100,000,000.

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THE information contained in this speech is given for the benefit of all persons of good will, regardless of creed, denomination, race or color. The world is in a most critical state, and all information obtainable from the Scriptures, concerning the same, should be diligently sought by those who hope to see peace and righteousness prevail. The enemy, being unable to meet truth with truth, resorts to means of preventing the truth from being made known. There is no desire on the part of Jehovah's witnesses to do injury to any creature on earth, but there is every desire to be obedient to God's will and do good to mankind by telling them the truth.

Jehovah God is entirely unselfish, and for that reason it is written in the Scriptures: "God is love." He does not have any pleasure in the wicked. The wicked are an abomination unto Jehovah, and for the good of all creation He will in due time destroy all the wicked. His time to destroy the wicked is near. (Revelation 11: 15-18; Psalm 145: 20) He does not take advantage of the wicked, but gives such fair notice and warning before destroying them. God has permitted Satan to go on for centuries unhindered in his wickedness; but now the end is come, for 'this is the day of vengeance of Jehovah' against all wickedness. In these last days Jehovah has caused full notice and warning to be given to the workers of lawlessness, and such notice and warning the powers that control the world have spurned, and the day of their destruction draws nigh. Before the greatest tribulation of all time falls upon the world Jehovah causes notice and warning to be given also to the common people, to the end that all who will may flee to the only place of safety.

The greatest teacher given to man is Jesus Christ. Clothed with all power and authority in heaven and earth, and into whose hand is committed all righteous judgment and the execution thereof, Jesus Christ speaks with absolute authority. When the world receives information from an ordinary man upon a question of importance heed is given thereto. With stronger reasoning should all men give strict attention to the words of authority spoken by the great and righteous Ruler of the world. More than nineteen centuries ago, and just before He left earth, Jesus spoke a message of warning to the people of good will who should be on earth at the end of the world, and that message particularly applies to the peoples now on earth, because it is the time of its fulfilment. We are enabled to understand prophecy only after its fulfilment has begun; and, now having clearly before our eyes the physical facts showing a fulfilment of the prophecy of warning uttered by Jesus, it is high time that we give heed to such warning.

That great prophecy uttered by Christ, and recorded in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, fixes the specific time when the warning must be made known to the common people and the time when they must flee if they would find a place of refuge. Jehovah's witnesses are now given the command to 'preach this gospel of the Kingdom to the world for a witness; and then the final end is certain to come'. (Matthew 24: 14) For some time in obedience to this prophetic commandment there has been given in the world a wide proclamation of this good news, the people being told that the kingdom of heaven is here and that it is the only hope of the world. To those who have looked for the rule of righteousness on the earth Jesus further says: "When ye, therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) then let them which be in Judæa flee into the mountains."—Matthew 24: 15, 16.

This message is addressed to those who are "in Judæa", and they are the ones who are directed to flee. The message of warning must be delivered by those who are 'of Judæa' because such are the ones commissioned to speak as the witnesses of the Lord. A "Judean" is one who is devoted to the praise and service of Jehovah God and who is diligent in giving obedience to God's commandments. (Hebrews 13:15) These Judeans are designated as the witnesses of Jehovah, to whom is committed the testimony of Jesus Christ, and who in obedience to His commandments must deliver that testimony to those of the world who will hear. (Revelation 12:17; Isaiah 43:12) They are commissioned by the Lord to declare that this is the day of the vengeance of Jehovah. (Isaiah 61:1, 2) They are commanded as the witnesses of Jehovah to speak this message of warning in the hearing of and for the benefit of the "prisoners" and those people of good will now on earth called "Jonadabs". These two classes last named are the ones who are "in Judæa", that is to say, who are in heart sympathy with righteousness and who desire to see God's will done on earth. This message of warning is delivered to them in due time according to the Lord's commandment in order to afford them an opportunity to flee to the place of refuge and find protection during the time of great tribulation that is impending and about to fall. The clear distinction between those who are in Judea and those who are of Judea enables us to have a better understanding of the prophecy uttered by Jesus and which is now in course of fulfilment. To be sure, no good could result from the abuse of men, and there is no desire on the part of Jehovah's witnesses to hold up men to ridicule. The truth of God's Word, however, must be declared, and it is God's truth that gives hurt to those who are opposed to it. Let us determine from the Word of God, then, who are these "prisoners" and who are "Jonadabs", in order that we may appreciate the application of this great prophecy uttered by Jesus Christ.

PRISONERS

There is a great multitude of persons on earth who have made a consecration to do the will of God, and hence have agreed to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, but who because of fear of man or selfishness have not faithfully fulfilled their agreement with the Lord. Such are held in restraint or in prison by those who are against God and His kingdom. Satan is the great enemy of God, and he makes every possible effort to keep persons away from Jehovah. Satan the Devil is the great deceiver of man, and one of his chief means of deception is that of religion. He has used religion from the time of Nimrod till now to deceive the people. The present-day organized church systems are called "organized Christianity" or "Christendom". They pretend to serve God and Christ, but instead they serve the Devil, who has overreached them and caused them to become a part of the world organization. In the church organizations are many persons who have a desire to serve God. They see that the church leaders in particular are guilty of many wrongful deeds and that they are entirely out of harmony with God and His kingdom and that the church organization has become a selfish, political thing, and that in the organization the ultrarich and the professional politicians are the chief ones. Seeing the many unrighteous things practiced in these religious organizations, and that the clergy do not teach the truth of the Bible, those in the churches who love God sigh and cry because of the many abominations there practiced. Why do not those sincere persons leave the church systems? The answer is that the clergy have made those sincere persons believe that it is their duty to remain in the church organizations in order to uplift the world. The leaders have frightened the sincere ones into believing that if they leave the church organizations it will be disastrous for them. Therefore the timid ones stay in the churches because of fear induced by what the clergy tell them. They are virtually prisoners, and the Scriptures designate them as "prisoners".

Who causes these prisoners to fear to leave the church organizations? The Scriptures answer: "Their fear . . . is taught by the precept of men." (Isaiah 29:13) By His prophet Jehovah foretold this unhappy condition of the conscientious church members who are held as prisoners in the prison houses but who long to be free to serve God. The Scriptures tell of them as sighing and crying unto God because of these abominations, and praying this prayer: "Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake. Wherefore should the [nations] say, Where is their God? let him be known among the [nations] in our sight, by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which

is shed. Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die."—Ps. 79:9-11.

When the humble and timid ones in the church organizations obtain a book explaining the truth of the Bible and the clergyman learns this fact, he urges that the book be destroyed, and thus he takes away much comfort from the hungry soul in the church "prison house". When the clergymen learn that those in the prison house are hearing the message of truth by radio, they set about to prevent the use of the radio by those who proclaim the message of the truth. Such clergymen not only are prison keepers, but are persecutors of the members of their congregation who seek to learn the truth and who attempt to tell others about it. Jehovah by His prophet identifies these prisoners, and shows that the sincere prisoner prays this prayer, to wit: "Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me." (Psalm 142: 6, 7) When will the Lord hear these prayers and answer them? The prophecy in Psalm 102 answers: "When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. This shall be written for the generation to come; and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord. For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth; to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to loose those that are appointed to death."—Psalm 102:16-20.

Zion, which is God's organization, is now builded up. Christ Jesus the Head thereof is at God's temple and is sending forth faithful witnesses to give testimony to the prisoners, that they may hear and learn the way of escape; and God's anointed ones are commissioned by Him "to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house". (Isaiah 42:7) The kingdom of God and His Christ is here, and these prisoners must hear the message of the Kingdom, and those who do hear and obey God He sets free; as it is written: "The Lord looseth the prisoners: the Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous."—Psalm 146:7, 8.

For this reason Jehovah's witnesses, in obedience to God's commandment, now go throughout the land and to all those who love righteousness, and, regardless of creed or color, endeavor to help them to understand the truth; as it is written: "And the Lord said unto him [His witnesses], Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh, and that cry, for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." (Ezekiel 9:4) The message of warning from Christ Jesus to those prisoners now is: 'When ye see the abomination that maketh desolate stand in the holy place, then flee to the mountains.'

JONADABS

There is another class of people on earth who are called by the Scriptures "Jonadabs", for the reason that they love righteousness and have a desire to do what is right. They have never been connected with any of the church organizations, because they have seen practiced there so much hypocrisy that they have kept away from such organizations. This class of people were foreshadowed by a man living in the time of Israel but who was not an Israelite, and whose name was Jonadab. He and his descendants faithfully tried to do what they understood to be the right thing. God took notice of their desire for righteousness, and although they were not Israelites He showed them His favor. Jehu, a faithful Israelite and servant of God, was sent to execute God's judgment against the hypocritical Israelites who had turned to the worship of Baal, that is, to the practice of the Devil religion. The Baal worshipers of the Israelites, as the Scriptures show, foreshadowed "Christendom", which today indulges in hypocritical Devil worship. Jonadab and his descendants hated hypocrisy, just as many men and women outside of the church systems today hate hypocrisy. Jehu met Jonadab and said to him: 'Are you on my side or not?' and Jonadab immediately replied that he was with Jehu. (2 Kings 10:15, 16) Jehu then took Jonadab by the hand and invited him to ride with him in his chariot. By getting into the chariot with Jehu Jonadab there prophetically pictured the class of people of good will who today take their stand with God's organization, having a sincere desire to serve righteousness, and who refuse

to cooperate with any part of Satan's organization. These people of good will must now be informed as to Jehovah's purposes, and therefore Jehovah sends forth His witnesses to give them information and to tell them, in the language of the Scriptures, when to flee and to what place they must flee. It is therefore made clearly to appear from the Scriptures that the words of Jesus commanding certain ones to flee are addressed to the prisoner or "great multitude" class and to those people on earth of good will otherwise called "Jonadabs", and that it is Jehovah's witnesses who in obedience to the commandment of the Lord must impart this information. Otherwise stated, Jehovah's witnesses must be the instructors of these two classes of people who desire to know Jehovah and His righteous organization.

TIME

When must they flee? The words of Jesus show that this fleeing must take place just before the battle of the great day of God Almighty. The words of Jesus were spoken in part answer to the question propounded to Him concerning His coming, the end of the world, and His kingdom. That period of time began in 1914. Then followed, after 1918, a world-wide proclamation of the message of the vengeance of our God, and which notice of warning was given to the rulers. Manifestly it is near the end of that period of time, when 'this gospel of the Kingdom is preached as a witness', that the special message of warning must be given to the prisoners and to the Jonadab class. These are properly said to be "in Judæa" for the reason that their love is for God and His righteous kingdom and not for the Devil nor for any part of his organization. Their heart's desire is to praise and serve Jehovah God. Therefore Jesus says to them: 'When you see the abomination of desolation mentioned by Daniel the prophet stand in the holy place, then flee to the mountains.' This same divine record appearing in Mark 13:14 reads: "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judæa flee to the mountains." When the "great multitude" and the Jonadabs have received this information and see or discern what is the "holy place", and what is the abomination that maketh desolate, then if they would escape to the place of refuge they must flee immediately.

HOLY PLACE

The "holy place" is the sanctuary of Jehovah God. It is His capital organization, of which Christ Jesus is the Head. It is the place of His habitation. "For the Lord hath chosen Zion: he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it." (Psalm 132:13, 14) It is the kingdom of God with Christ Jesus as Head and King, and associated with Him are all the members of His royal house who also are made kings and priests unto God.—Revelation 1:6.

When Lucifer, because of his wicked rebellion against God, became Satan the Devil, God announced His purpose to raise up a "seed" from His organization symbolized by His woman, which seed would vindicate God's name and would destroy Satan and his organization. (Genesis 3:15) That promised "seed" is Christ Jesus, and throughout all the prophecies of the Scriptures that "seed" of promise, or Kingdom, is made prominently to appear. With the nation of Israel God set up His typical kingdom, by which He made pictures foreshadowing His real kingdom and showing that some time in the future He would establish His kingdom on earth, which kingdom would completely vindicate His holy name. The primary purpose of sending Jesus to earth was that He might be a faithful and true witness for Jehovah, prove His own integrity and qualify himself as the Vindicator of Jehovah's name. When Jesus had proved His faithfulness unto God even unto the most ignominious death, God raised Him out of death and exalted Him above every creature in the universe, and commanded that to Him every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that He is the Christ, to the glory of Jehovah. (Philippians 2:9-11) God made Jesus Christ the ruler of the world, and in due time His rule must begin. The secondary purpose of the coming of Jesus to earth and His sacrificial death was that He might redeem the human race and receive authority from Jehovah to give life to all men who obey Him.

When the nation of Israel proved unfaithful to God and was cast away God then declared that the typical kingdom should end, and He there announced His purpose to give the kingdom to Him "whose right it is", meaning Christ Jesus. (Ezekiel 21:27) When Christ Jesus became a man and reached the age of His majority He was anointed to be King of the world and immediately began to announce, "The king-

dom of heaven is at hand." In all His teachings He emphasized the Kingdom. Jesus declared that He must go away and receive the Kingdom, return and set up His kingdom and destroy the wicked, and vindicate Jehovah's name, and that such He would do at the end of Satan's world. For that reason the disciples propounded the question to Jesus, to wit: "What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?" Jesus had told His disciples that Jehovah had covenanted with Him for the Kingdom, and He invited His faithful followers to share with Him in that kingdom. (Luke 22:29) For that reason the true followers of Christ have hoped for the coming of the Kingdom.

The kingdom of Christ must be and is wholly devoted to righteousness, and it is therefore the "holy place" or place of divine authority for the rule of the world. Only those begotten of God's spirit and completely devoted to God and to His cause of righteousness can ever stand properly in that holy place; as it is written: "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."—Psalm 24:3, 4.

The royal family or kingdom of God is composed of Christ Jesus and those who are His faithful followers even unto death. The Scriptures describe this holy organization as the mystery of God's kingdom. The prophets and the holy angels tried to learn the meaning thereof, but were not permitted to do so, because it was not then God's due time. (1 Peter 1:10-12) From Pentecost forward God began to make known His mystery; hence Jesus said to His faithful disciples: "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God." (Mark 4:11) The mystery of God's kingdom is therefore Christ and the 144,000 members of His royal house, concerning which it is written: "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the [nations]; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:26, 27) The holy place is therefore Jehovah's royal house, the Christ, set up and clothed with authority to rule the world. In 1914 Jehovah God installed Christ Jesus as King; as it is written: "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." (Psalm 2:6) This marks the time of the 'birth of the man child' who shall rule the world. (Revelation 12:5) Immediately there followed a war in heaven, which resulted in the casting of Satan and his wicked angels out of heaven and down to the earth.—Revelation 12:8, 9.

"ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION"

Since the Scriptures make it clearly to appear that the kingdom of God under Christ is the highest part of Jehovah's organization and is wholly fertile, and the means of giving life to man, then it is certain that the "abomination that maketh desolate", spoken of by God's prophet, is the very opposite of God's royal house and hence is an abomination, and that it must emanate from Satan the Devil. It brings reproach upon the name of Jehovah God, and turns mankind away from God. The Devil is the chief one of wickedness, and all his organization is wicked. (Ephesians 6:10-12; 1 John 5:19) It is written in God's Word: "The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord." (Proverbs 15:9) It therefore follows for a certainty that the "abomination of desolation" is the product of the Devil, the purpose of which is to oppose Jehovah and to pollute His sanctuary, which is Jehovah's capital organization or kingdom class.—Psalm 114:2; Ezekiel 25:3; Psalm 96:6.

Shortly after the mystery of God's kingdom was revealed and announced by the Lord's apostles Satan the Devil began to develop a fraudulent and hypocritical thing in opposition thereto, and which fraudulent thing is designated in the Scriptures as the "mystery of iniquity [or lawlessness]", which not only opposes God but 'exalteth itself above that which is called God'. (2 Thessalonians 2:4-8) Satan the Devil is the chief of the lawless ones, and the "mystery of iniquity" is the Devil's fraudulent and hypocritical substitute for the kingdom of God under whatever name it appears. From the day of the apostles of Jesus until the coming of the Lord and His kingdom God has been taking out from the world a people for His name, who are His witnesses and are to be associated with Christ Jesus. During that same period of time Satan has been developing his fraudulent substitute. In 1918 Christ Jesus came to the temple of Jehovah and gathered the temple class unto himself, and shortly thereafter Satan set up his substitute for the Kingdom, which substitute is the combination or "League of Nations" of

"Christendom", and which is "the abomination of desolation".

Mark how subtly the Devil has carried out his purpose. Sometime after the death of the apostles the Roman Catholic organization came into existence. Doubtless that organization then contained many conscientious men; but soon the Devil overreached the Catholic church and made of it a political-religious-commercial organization, and it has so operated since. Today it is one of the most powerful and subtle organizations on earth. That Roman Catholic hierarchy claims the sole right and authority to interpret the Scriptures, and that its head, the pope, rules as the vicegerent of Christ. There are millions of good Catholic people who are "prisoners", within the meaning of the Scriptures. Later the Protestant system was organized, and it also soon became a religious, political and commercial organization; and the claim is made by that organization that the kings of earth rule by divine right. Money, or the love of gain, has been the binding tie that has held the religious, political and commercial elements together. In these organizations there are doubtless some clergymen and many others who, being ignorant of Jehovah's purposes, are by reason thereot held in these worldly organizations as prisoners but who may yet escape if they act promptly upon discerning the truth. The Jews have always been opposed to Christ Jesus the King. About the end of the World War, in 1918, Satan overreached and caused men to make an effort to join together all religions of the earth in one compact body. It was understood by all such that they would avoid public mention or discussion of any question that might provoke a controversy or that might offend. Today the Catholics, Protestants and Jewish leaders, and other religions, are by mutual consent bound together and all are against God's kingdom; all of them spurn the Holy Scriptures, which declare that God has made Christ Jesus the King of the world and the only hope of the world. All of them oppose any proclamation that calls in question the truthfulness of the doctrines held by any of the church organizations. In the place and stead of God's kingdom under Christ, Satan has caused these religious organizations to join together and to cause to stand up the League of Nations, which is the abomination that maketh desolate. The people must determine now who these organizations serve, in order that they may themselves take the right course. It is written in the Scriptures: "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16) All persons, therefore, are either for Satan's organization or for God's kingdom under Christ. There is now no middle ground.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Jesus specifically referred to the abomination that maketh desolate as mentioned by the prophet Daniel in these words: "And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the [continual] sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate." (Daniel 11:31) Mark the indisputable facts supporting the conclusion that the League of Nations is "the abomination of desolation". The British Empire is the seventh world power and hence the dominating power of all "Christendom", and Satan is the "god of this world". (2 Corinthians 4:4) The sacrifice mentioned by the prophet Daniel is the continual sacrifice of praise and service to Jehovah performed by His faithful witnesses, who are true followers of Christ Jesus. (Hebrews 13:15) During the World War the Anglo-American empire system, that is, the seventh world power, or "Christendom", took away the continual sacrifice or service of Jehovah's witnesses by stopping their work, and many of those witnesses were thrown into prison and some of them were killed. At that time the Devil had been cast out of heaven, and, knowing that the time was short until Armageddon, when he must fight, he began to gather all the nations of "Christendom" together for action at that great battle, as stated in Revelation 12:12; 16:13-16.

The Devil has always used religion to give an outwardly attractive appearance to his nefarious schemes. And in doing so he has deceived millions of sincere people. In the year 1918 and before the war ended the "National Committee of the Churches" issued a booklet entitled "League of Nations Outlined for Discussion". From that booklet the following words are quoted:

"The cooperation of the Allies has been the world's most successful experiment in brotherhood." "In England the powerful British Labor Party, the Anglican and free churches, business and other organizations, have declared in favor

of the program." "In England Premier Lloyd George, former Premier Asquith, Viscount Bryce, Viscount Grey, Arthur J. Balfour, the archbishop of Canterbury, and hundreds of other prominent men and women in all walks of life, are ardent advocates of a league of nations."

The "League of Nations" compact was written by the British General Smuts. President Wilson was its chief spokesman, and the big religionists draped the thing with man-made "holy garments". The London *Daily Express* of April 30, 1931, said: 'Britain is the League of Nations. We are its great strength.' The international bankers are backing the League of Nations with their money. Many of the strong men in that financial power are called Jews, but they are not Jews in fact. It is true that they are descendants of Hebrew stock, but the word "Jew" or "Judean" properly means one who serves and praises Jehovah God; which the international bankers do not. They have made gold their god. The New York *American* of March 8, 1934, published the following, to wit: "The most comprehensive propaganda machine ever set up in America is now engaged in an effort to force the United States into the League of Nations and its World Court, a survey discloses. Backed by funds of approximately $15,000,000, it is reaching out in an effort to control public opinion through schools, libraries, colleges, churches and civic and professional organizations on the subject of American participation in international affairs."

RELIGIONISTS

The clergy claim to serve God and Christ, and probably there are some among them who sincerely desire to do so, but, as the Scriptures declare, they are servants of the one whom they in fact serve, either God or the Devil. (Romans 6:16) The facts show that the clergy, Catholic and Protestant, and Jews are supporting and serving the League of Nations, which is the Devil's scheme, and that they are opposed to God's kingdom under Christ and have entered into a conspiracy against it. (Psalms 2:2, 3; 83:2-5) The League of Nations has been placed by these organizations "in the holy place", that is, "where it ought not" to be, and there it stands as the substitute for God's kingdom; and it is an abomination unto Jehovah. Note some further proof in support of this statement. In January 1919 the Federation of Churches issued the following statement, to wit: "The time has come to organize the world for truth, right, justice and humanity. To this end as Christians we urge the establishment of a League of free nations at the coming Peace Conference. Such a League is not merely a peace expedient: it is rather the political expression of the kingdom of God on earth."

The following quotations are from the published reports of the "Federal Council of Churches of Christ", to wit: "The supreme hope for the future is in the League of Nations. This is the one worth-while definite thing that has come out of the war. The peace of the world and the hope for humanity rest upon the proper strengthening and functioning of the League." Catholics, Protestants and Jewish clergymen join together in this effort, as is proved by the following, quoted from said reports: "Before the Paris Covenant was published this committee had edited and published a series of six lessons on the League of Nations, which were distributed to the churches, and about one hundred thousand copies were used. The entire work cost about one hundred thousand dollars, and through the commission on international justice and good will *all* the leading Protestant denominations were enlisted, and through the Church Peace Union and the World Alliance the *Roman Catholics* and *Jews* were brought in so that the National Committee of the Churches on the Moral Aims of the War may be said to be probably the most representative committee that has ever attempted to speak in America for the total religious life of our people. When the war came to a victorious end, we were at once faced with the necessity of setting to work to help build a new world order in which the repetition of such a disaster to civilization would be made forever impossible." (Report for 1920, page 160) These organizations are estopped from now denying their own words which show that they adopt the League as a substitute for God's kingdom.

The report further says: "Immediately following the conference on limitation of armaments came the question of informing the public with regard to its achievements and their significance and of securing public sentiment to bring about the ratification of the treaties. This was carried on by our usual procedure, a special letter sent to all local churches in the constituency of the Federal Council. This letter was sent out by the Church Peace Union to-

gether with similar communications from the *National Catholic Welfare Council* and the two national organizations of *Jewish rabbis.*"—Report for 1922.

The Federation of Churches or religionists have recently formed a new corporation to carry forward the League of Nations propaganda, and they call it the League of Nations, Incorporated. Its president is one Raymond B. Fosdick. In February, 1934, it issued a letter, signed by its president, calling upon the American people to enter the League of Nations, and, among other things, that letter uses these significant words: "*The cause of the League of Nations today is more vital than at any time since its founding. . . . In a world as dark as this, why blow out the only light there is?*"

The Scriptures declare that Christ Jesus and His kingdom is the light of the world and is the only hope of the world. (John 8:12; Matthew 12:18-21) Thus the proof is conclusive that the proponents of the League of Nations have caused it to stand in the holy place, where it ought not to stand, claiming for it the great virtue of the light and the hope of the world. The Divine Record declares that it is an abomination in God's sight, and it is the abomination "that maketh desolate" because it is made the substitute for God's kingdom. These facts are now published, by the grace of God, that the "prisoners" and the people of good will, the Jonadabs, may receive warning as declared by the Word of God, and that they may immediately seek the only place of refuge.

OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE

The League of Nations is claimed to be the light of the world, and the ostensible purpose thereof is to guarantee the world peace and good will amongst men; hence Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Christian Scientists, and other religionists join together and solemnly agree to say nothing about each other that might cause discord or offense, and therefore they oppose and they attack anyone who dares to tell the truth about the matter. In other words, they are willing to sacrifice the truth in an effort to have peace at any price. Clearly this is a scheme of Satan, whether these men know it or not. For the purpose of carrying out this scheme the great broadcasting corporations attempt to say what the people shall or shall not hear about the Scriptures, and they announce their purpose to permit nothing to be broadcast to the people that might cause offense to some church organization. Such is a political movement hiding behind a religious cloak and by reason of which many are deceived. This is further proof that this scheme does not originate with man, but that the Devil is the father of it and that he is attempting to lull the people to sleep and keep them in ignorance of the truth while he carries forward his nefarious scheme.

As a sample of the methods employed to prevent the people's hearing the truth, there is now pending before the legislative body of the state of New Jersey a bill which, if enacted into law, would make it impossible for one to tell the people the plain truth of God's Word concerning the present time of great peril. It is claimed that this proposed libel law is for the protection of religious organizations and to guarantee the freedom of speech. The very opposite appears to be the purpose thereof. A similar bill was introduced in the New York assembly, and a like proposed law is now pending before the legislative bodies of the provinces of Canada. This is proof in itself that the proposed new law of libel concerning religions did not originate in New Jersey, but that it emanates from a far more powerful source. The real purpose of that proposed law is to compel silence by all proponents of the truth concerning God's kingdom, while a mighty organization, under the cloak of religion, moves forward to grab all the power now in the hands of the people. Satan's scheme is to prevent the people from hearing the truth of God's Word, and to do this by putting a gag in the mouth of everyone who would testify as a witness to the name of Jehovah God and to the blessings that the Kingdom will bring to mankind. Again I warn the people that the great battle of Armageddon is but a short distance in the future and that now Satan is using every means within his power to prevent the people from learning the cause of that battle, what will be the result thereof, and what is the only means of safety for the people. There could not exist any reason to safeguard by law true religion from slander or libel, because that which is true is open to the most searching criticism, and is certain to emerge from such criticism entirely unscathed. Only error seeks a place of hiding from the searchlight of truth. We confidently trust in Jehovah and His King that the truth shall now be exalted and that everyone who takes his stand wholly for right-

eousness and truth will be guided into the safe way.

WARNING

Let the prisoner class now in the church denominations, and all the people of good will on earth, take heed to the warning words of Jesus, who said: "Whoso readeth, let him understand." The kingdom of God under Christ is here, and the Devil and his instruments have caused the League of Nations, a subterfuge and fraudulent substitute for God's kingdom, to stand up where it ought not to stand; and this is the "abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet". The fact that religious organizations support the League of Nations is proof conclusive that such religious organizations are against Jehovah God and His kingdom.

If you have agreed to serve God and Christ, and if you desire to have the favor of the kingdom of God and serve it, then you are "in Judæa", that is, you are in that heart condition that is on God's side. Do you see the truth? and do you discern the "abomination" standing where it ought not to stand? Then, says Jesus the King, "flee into the mountains." Do not delay, but flee now, because within a very short time the great tribulation of Armageddon will be upon the world and it will then be too late to flee. How can you flee? By taking your stand boldly and unequivocally on the side of God and His kingdom under Christ, and by refusing to compromise with Satan's organization. If you are in any of the political church denominations, get out and refuse to have anything in common with those unrighteous organizations. If you are in the world and of good will toward God, let it be known that you are on the side of Jehovah God and His kingdom and be diligent to tell others about it.—Revelation 22:17.

There are doubtless some honest and conscientious preachers in these church denominations who have not yet seen that Satan's substitute for the kingdom of God is the wicked combine above mentioned. Also, there must be those sincere persons in these organizations that hold high positions therein, which organizations are symbolized by a house. Those being in high places are figuratively mentioned as being on the 'housetops' and to them Jesus says: "Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house." (Matthew 24:17) In other words, completely separate yourself from the unholy organizations and do not take anything of it with you. When you see the truth, do not come down to take something you may desire out of the organization, but flee at once to God's kingdom and call the attention of others to join you in that flight.

You may be a welfare field-worker conscientiously doing service under the supervision of some church organization, and by your clothing you are identified as such. To you Jesus says: 'When you see the abomination that maketh desolate stand in the holy place where it ought not to stand, then flee; and let him that is in the field not turn back to take his cloak.' Do not try to take your identification as a church welfare worker with you, because that organization is a part of the world and the Lord says to you: 'Keep yourselves unspotted from the world, for the world is God's enemy.' (James 1:27; 4:4) There can be nothing in common between the organization of which Satan is the god and the kingdom under Christ; hence it is written in the Scriptures: "And what concord hath Christ with Belial, or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."—2 Corinthians 6:15, 17.

In the church organizations there must be some whom you have taught and who look to you for aid, and therefore you speak of them as your "children"; and it may be said to you that 'you must remain in the church organization and thus give comfort and aid to those who are your children'. In answer thereto, Jesus says to you: "And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!" —Matthew 24:19.

The "winter time" is the hard time, and the time when the great fight is on. It symbolizes the time of Armageddon. The "sabbath day" is the time when all work of telling others of the truth concerning the Kingdom is done. Hence these times are too late to flee; therefore says Jesus: "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." (Matthew 24:20, 21) When you see these truths, do not wait. Flee now!

MOUNTAINS

What is the meaning of the words of Jesus as addressed to the prisoners in the church and to the people of good will, to wit, "Flee into the

mountains"? The word "mountains" is in the plural. In the Scriptures "mountain" is a symbolic word representing God's organization. By His prophet Daniel, in chapter two, God gives the solution of this matter. Jehovah's universal organization is likened unto a great "mountain", and Christ Jesus His anointed King is likened unto a stone. Jehovah declared His purpose to bring forth a "seed" to perform His will and to set up a kingdom to rule the world, which promised seed is Christ the King. Among the symbols used in the Scriptures and describing the kingdom under Christ, this statement is made: "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes." (Psalm 118:22, 23) Christ the King is the 'foundation stone', the "precious corner stone" of Jehovah's capital organization. (Isaiah 28:16) In Daniel's prophecy it is written: 'The Stone was cut out of the mountain without hands'; meaning that Jehovah brings forth out of His universal organization this Stone, His anointed King, and that He does without the use of human hands. It is done by the power of God. The prophecy then says: "The stone . . . became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." (Daniel 2:34, 35) This Stone is the King of the capital organization of Jehovah, the Head of which Kingdom is Christ Jesus; and it is called "mount Zion" the habitation of Jehovah. Thus are identified the great "mountain", or Jehovah's universal organization, and His kingdom under Christ also called a "great mountain".

In that prophecy by Daniel Satan's organization is pictured by a terrible metallic image, which "The Stone" just described destroys. The kings or rulers of the earth join together in opposition to God and His kingdom under Christ, as stated in Psalm 2:2, 3: "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." That is the time the destruction takes place; and the prophecy of Daniel, which identifies the Stone and the opposing rulers, shows that Christ's kingdom becomes a "great mountain" and destroys the world rulers; as it is written: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." (Daniel 2:44) The destruction here mentioned takes place at Armageddon.

The "great multitude" class called "prisoners" in the church organizations must get life, if at all, as spirit creatures and will serve before the throne of Christ in heaven and thereby be attached to God's invisible organization or "mountain". (Revelation 7:13-15) The people of good will known as "Jonadabs" must get life on earth as human creatures and must look to Jehovah's organization for life, which comes to them through Christ Jesus; and therefore these classes must look to and find refuge in both mountains. (Romans 6:23) Those who now see "the abomination of desolation", the Devil's substitute for the Kingdom, stand where it ought not are commanded by Jesus to flee to the mountains, that is, to Jehovah and to Christ, because in the organization of Jehovah under Christ is the only place of refuge. They must haste to put themselves entirely on God's side. And why? Jesus answers: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." (Matthew 24:21) That is the final trouble, and never again will affliction rise up.—Nahum 1:9.

GREAT TRIBULATION

The great tribulation is the battle of Armageddon. The Scriptures indicate that the following will be the way in which the battle will proceed: The organization of Satan surrounds Jerusalem, which symbolically means God's organization, that is, those who are on the side of Jehovah. Then Jehovah goes forth to fight in behalf of His people, and it is Christ Jesus who leads the army of Jehovah in that fight. The first part of the battle will result in the destruction of the beastly rule of the earth; then will follow the destruction of the "land of Magog", which means the wicked spirits associated with the Devil; and then after the Devil has beheld his organization crushed, he meets his own fate; as it is written: 'Jesus Christ lays hold on the dragon, that is, that old Serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and binds him with a chain and casts him into the pit.' This matter is explained in detail in the book *Preparation,* which everyone now who loves God should carefully study, together with the Bible.

The words of Christ Jesus, to wit, "Let them which be in Judæa flee into the mountains," are not addressed to Jehovah's witnesses, the anoint-

ed remnant, for the reason, these are already entirely separate from Satan's organization. The obligation is laid upon the remnant to diligently go forth and preach the good news concerning the Kingdom and to give the warning to those who have an ear to hear. Satan and his representatives on the earth now bitterly oppose Jehovah's witnesses for the very reason that they are telling the truth, and for no other reason. Regardless of all opposition, and even at the cost of their own lives, Jehovah's witnesses must continue to tell the truth. Everyone who has a true desire to be on the side of Jehovah must now signify his intention by taking a position on the side of God's organization. This knowledge or information the Lord provides for all those who desire aid in deciding what course to take, because this is the time for the dividing of the people. (Matthew 25:31-46) If, therefore, you see or discern that the Devil has caused his subterfuge, the League of Nations, to stand up in the place of God's kingdom under Christ, then the warning to you is that you flee to Jehovah's organization, and that you do it immediately.

In brief you have the picture: Christ Jesus, the world's rightful Ruler, sends the message of warning; He commands His faithful witnesses on earth to declare that message that it may be made known to the prisoners that are in the church organizations, and to the Jonadabs, who are the people of good will on earth outside of all church organizations; the abomination which makes desolate is the League of Nations, because it is that which is brought forth by Satan and made to stand up in the place and stead of God's kingdom under Christ; this marks the time when those who desire to see the kingdom of God and live under it must hear the message of warning and must flee to that kingdom as the only place of refuge. Jesus therefore says: "Flee now"; and in doing so you are fleeing for your life. If now you prove your faithfulness to God and His kingdom you shall live and have a part in the vindication of Jehovah's holy name.

Short-Wave Radio Reception in Trinidad

THE nation-wide broadcast by Judge Rutherford on "World Control", from Los Angeles, California, March 25, also went out by short wave to every part of the earth. Responses from Australia, South Africa, Switzerland, England, Mexico and Canada, already published in these columns, are here supplemented by three interesting letters from Trinidad, British West Indies, of those who heard the message there:

79 ——— Street,
Port of Spain,
26th March 1934.

Mr. G. L. Talma,
Watch Tower & Tract Society,
Trinidad.

DEAR MR. TALMA,

I had the pleasure of listening to two excellent sermons delivered yesterday by Judge Rutherford. It was a surprise to me, when I tuned in on 31 meters on my radio. I never expected to hear such an exposition of the Holy Scripture.

Soon after I tuned in the message a crowd of people congregated outside my home, and I was forced to invite some of them into my home. All the people, both inside and outside my home, heard the message quite plainly.

It was a sermon which created in me a thirst for the truth. Perhaps it was through your efforts that I was afforded such a treat. May I offer you my congratulation.

Sincerely yours,
N. K——.

20 ——— Street,
New Town,
Trinidad, B.W.I.

On Sunday 25th March, at 7:30 p.m., I tuned my receiving set on a frequency of 9530 kilocycles, 31.48 meters, Schenectady, to hear a speech from Los Angeles, California, by Judge Rutherford, on the subject of "World Control". I may mention the reception that evening was very good, his voice and words came through very distinct, which I appreciated, and I hope to hear him again.

Yours truly,
F. L——.

62 ——— St.,
Port of Spain,
Trinidad, B. W. I.,
6th April 1934.

Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society,
Port of Spain.

DEAR SIRS,

Since I have had the pleasure of listening to the speech delivered by Judge Rutherford on "World

Control" on Sunday 25th March 1934 at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., I think it would be unfair if I did not write to you commending Mr. Rutherford on his speech. I also beg to express my appreciation, together with a few people who were listening; the lecture came in forceful, clear and distinct; in fact, it could not be received better.

For quite a number of years I have been trying to get in contact with one of your stations, only to find that my efforts have been vain.

My success this time is due to the fact that your network program was fortunately relayed through short-wave station W2XAL on a wave length of 31.48 meters.

It would probably interest you to know that if your programs were to be broadcast or relayed through short-wave stations, say from 19 to 49 meters, nearly every owner of receiving sets here in Trinidad and probably in the West Indies would be tuning in when your program is on the air, as doubtless every soul is eager to hear and learn the truth.

Thanking you for the reception, and hoping to have the good fortune of listening to all your programs in future,

Yours truly,

J. N. S——.

McFadden's Speech on the Gold Bill

IN HIS speech in the House of Representatives, January 24, 1934, on the gold bill, Mr. Louis T. McFadden, Pennsylvania's courageous champion of old-fashioned, honest Americanism said, in part:

"When the individual citizens of the United States were required to surrender their gold they were required to surrender their gold certificates as well as their gold coin and bullion. The Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks are private corporations, but they did not obey the gold orders. They did not surrender any gold coin, gold certificates or gold bullion."

"Again, Mr. Chairman, as you very well know, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks had paper currency outstanding to the extent of about $5,000,000,000 when the present administration came into power. That currency was redeemable in gold. It constituted the people's title to all the gold held by the Federal Reserve outfit. It constituted a first and paramount lien on all the assets of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks."

"Instead of taking over the gold and the assets of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks, including the great hoard of United States wealth which they have hidden away in foreign countries, and honestly administering those assets for the benefit of the people who had been defrauded by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks, the president of the United States unlawfully relieved the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks from their legal liability to redeem their Federal Reserve currency in gold or in lawful money convertible into gold, and from the surrender of all their assets."

"Every dollar that was unlawfully taken from the people of the United States by Roosevelt's gold order was given to the Federal Reserve Board and Federal Reserve banks in preparation for this great steal, this wholesale robbery of the masses for the benefit of the privileged few."

"One of the chief objects of the gold policy of the present administration is the sending of gold taken by force from its lawful American owners to the Bank of International Settlements, in Europe, where it will be kept with the property of the central banks of the world. According to the Hague convention, under which the Bank for International Settlements was formed, gold deposited in the vaults of the Bank for International Settlements is safe from seizure. Our gold, when it goes there, will certainly be safe from seizure by the United States."

"The Bank for International Settlements is dominated by the Bank of England. It is not on American soil. It is in Europe. American gold, therefore, will be kept in Europe. It will be placed where none of the wage slaves of the United States will ever be able to acquire any of it. It will be the capital and means of oppression of that international superstate, that financial superstate, which has been after Uncle Sam's gold money ever since the wealth of this country attracted the attention of greedy European bankers and brought them flocking over here to set up the suction pumps of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks."

"The Bank of International Settlements is an international bankers' bank. It is a central bank of central banks. The international bankers, who brought about the depression, have been drawing gold to themselves from the common people of every land. It is their intention to use that gold for their own purposes. They propose two kinds of money. Gold—the real money—is what they intend to have for themselves, and paper money, which has no intrinsic value in itself, and which is made out of nothing and is worth nothing unless it can be redeemed by the holder in gold—that is for the common people, or, as they call us, the 'peasants'."

The Change from Liberty to Regimentation

HON. JAMES W. WADSWORTH, of New York, in an address over the radio April 2, 1934, said, in part:

"For a little more than 140 years the American nation has maintained without substantial change a certain form of government. Its form and functions are outlined in the Constitution of the United States. And what is more important, some of the very vital relations of the citizen to his government are expressed in the Constitution, notably in the Bill of Rights. Jealous of our privileges as free men, we have delegated to the national government certain carefully specified powers, and, at the same time, we have reserved to the states, and to ourselves, the people, all those powers which are not specifically delegated to the federal government. It is this reservation in favor of the people that spells liberty of the traditional American kind."

"I wonder how many of you realize that the government of the United States is today the oldest government upon the face of the earth. By that I mean that it has existed longer, without substantial change in form, than the present-day government of any other nation. . . . Even in Great Britain, from whom we have inherited so many of our concepts of liberty, we find as late as 1911 the House of Lords deprived of its equal legislative power with the House of Commons and relegated to a secondary position—a distinct and substantial change in the British parliamentary structure."

"Let me say to you that a government that has weathered storms as severe as those of the Civil War must have been founded upon human truths, and, that being so, it should not be discarded in haste. And yet it is now proposed to do that very thing. When it is done the whole picture of American life will be transformed into something never dreamed of by any respectable number of people prior to 1933. Instead of a federal union of states we shall have, in effect, an imperial government centered here at Washington, with its tentacles reaching out into the smallest community and creeping into the very homes of the people. To all intents and purposes the states will be reduced to provinces, for the powers which they now enjoy in regulating their home affairs and, within reason, the daily conduct of their citizens, will have been taken over by the new national government. This transformation is to be achieved in order that the people may be regimented and made obedient to whatever economic plan is deemed to be good for them by the Washington bureaucracy."

"It is proposed that this philosophy of governmental control and regimentation shall become a part of the permanent policy of the United States. The president himself has said we will not go back. He has indicated that he intends to build a new system upon the ruins of the old, and we know from his utterances and those of his advisers publicly made, and with the greatest frankness, that they expect and intend to do this very thing."

"If this program is to become permanent, if this new philosophy is to prevail, then, indeed, our children will exist as subjects in a land where their forefathers have lived as masters. I cannot believe that the American people, having tasted liberty for a century and a half, will lightly surrender it."

Cost of the World War to America

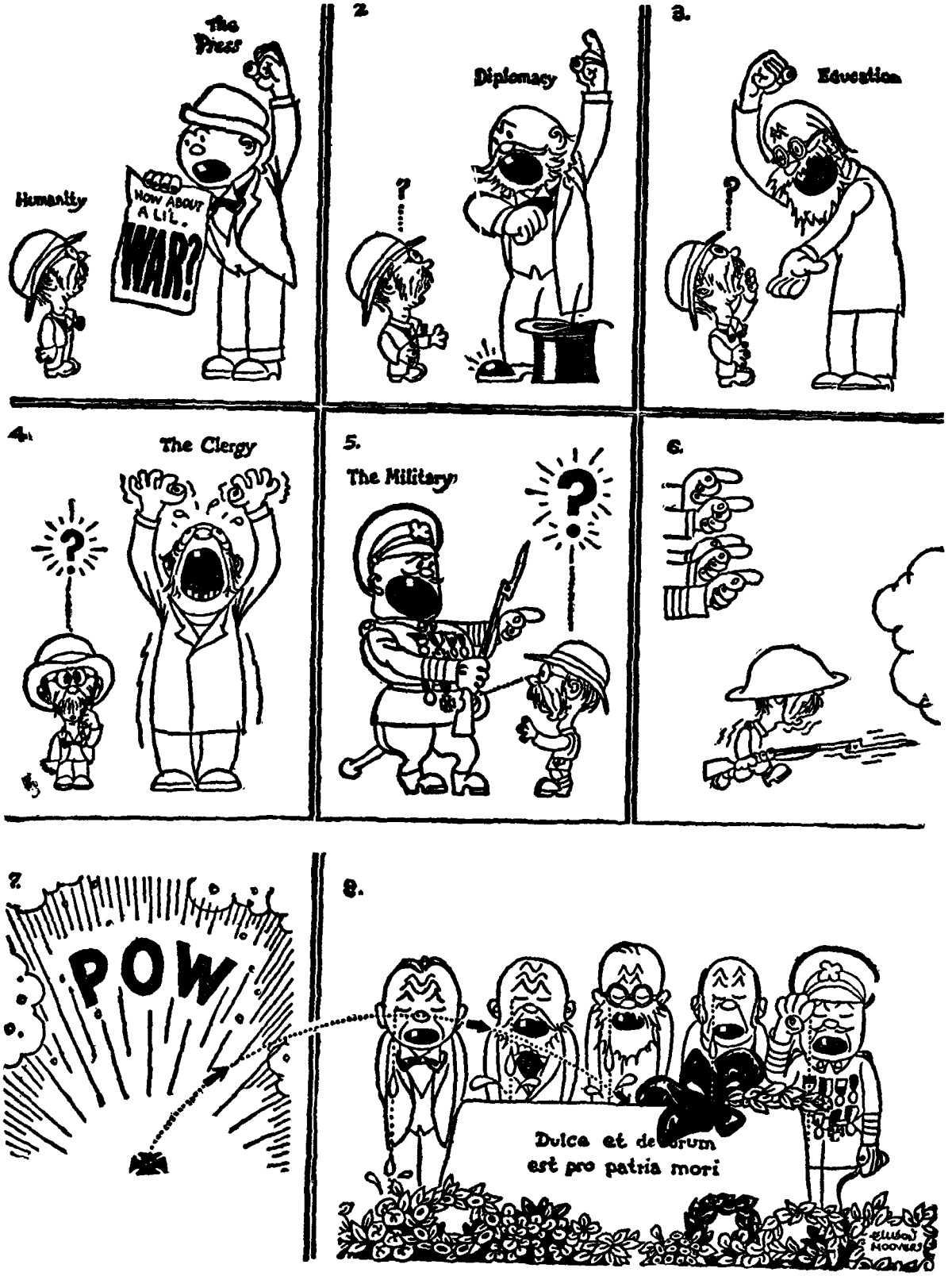
AMERICA'S expenditures in the World War were at the rate of one million dollars per hour. Her total expenditures in the war were sufficient to have carried on the Revolutionary War continuously for more than 1,000 years. The moneys loaned to France and other foreign nations during the World War, and properly designated as war debts, have all been lost, and the debts canceled. That is bad enough, but there is the ungracious fact in addition that *since* the war other hundreds of millions of dollars were loaned to these countries, and these additional obligations are also commonly and generally referred to in the newspapers of those countries as "war debts", and their repudiation is accepted as proper, as a matter of course. A condition has thus arisen where further loans by the United States to any European country whatever, under any pretext, are simply impossible. No sooner is the money safely in hand than fresh abuse of the United States is begun and fresh refusal to honor any obligations whatever follows.

Do It Now!

YOU will want a copy of the hearings on the McFadden Bill, 226 pages. It contains statements by Judge Rutherford and others in defense of liberty. Order the report by its title, "Hearings Before the Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio and Fisheries, House of Representatives, Seventy-third Congress, Second Session, on H.R. 7986." Address Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., enclosing money order (not stamps) for 15c.

The Decline of Invention

FOURTEEN THOUSAND fewer inventions were patented in 1933—the lowest figure in 25 years.



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"Why Burn Your House to Rid It of Rats?"

UNDER this title the Camden *Courier-Post* carries an editorial which aptly describes the lack of balance manifested in New Jersey's ostensible attempt to suppress Nazi propaganda. It is interesting that New Jersey has made heroic (?) attempts to prevent the preaching of the kingdom of God, even manifesting the unusual courage of locking up scores of inoffensive men and women for engaging in the work of carrying the good news to the people at their homes. The beautiful and reasonable Bible truths, of course, show up the inconsistency of Dark Age doctrines. It is further remarkable that every means of publicity that Jehovah's witnesses have employed in their entirely lawful and Scriptural work is proscribed in the New Jersey "Anti-Nazi" bill. It is said that this bill was suggested by influential Jewish citizens. This reminds us that in a number of instances in Colorado prominent Jewish business men, at the instance of Catholic priests, demanded of radio stations that Judge Rutherford be taken off the air. Jehovah's witnesses were not and are not ignorant of satanic devices. They know that the Catholic priesthood is somewhere in the background wherever such efforts to suppress free speech are made. With this introduction we give the *Courier-Post* editorial just as it appeared in the issue of April 20, 1934.

If you found a few beetles and caterpillars in your garden, would you plough it up and sow it with salt?

Would you burn down your house to get rid of the rats?

Of course not. Measures so witless and destructive are unthinkable—

—except in the field of legislation.

Over the minds of lawmakers they exercise a fatal fascination.

The Assembly of New Jersey yields to it. Aiming to stop the spread of Hitlerism in this State, it passes a bill to exterminate the menace—

—by destroying freedom of the press, speech and assemblage.

The bill would prohibit and punish the writing, printing, utterance, publication or dissemination in any manner of

"propaganda or statements creating or tending to create prejudice, hostility, hatred, ridicule, disgrace or contempt of citizens or residents of this State by reason of their race, color, creed or manner of worship."

It is intended to apply, of course, to organized vilification and persecution of groups on racial and religious grounds by sympathizers with the Nazi dictatorship and its infamous doctrines.

But the terms are so sweeping that they would impair the most fundamental and essential rights of American citizens.

The measure is a typical example of legislation which is sincere but slipshod—which undertakes to accomplish a desirable end by means that are ineffectual, dangerous and completely intolerable.

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It is quite true that there have been sporadic manifestations of Hitlerism in New Jersey.

In many communities its sympathizers are trying to sow its perverted creed in American soil.

By devices of whispering and incitement they seek to create racial and religious enmities, with the infatuated hope of organizing here just such a campaign of terrorism as that carried on by the Nazis of the Reich.

The aim and the methods are utterly vile.

Both are the negation of the foundation principles of Americanism and justice, of everything sound in this nation and in enlightened civilization.

But the foul growth can never take root in soil that is free, among a people who detest injustice and whose most precious ideals are civil equality and freedom of conscience.

The way to sterilize it is to expose its manifestations to public vision and scorn.

The very worst way is to attack it blindly, recklessly, with edicts of outlawry and suppression.

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Such measures are not only futile, but pernicious and dangerous, because in striking at harmful license they smite the very foundations of all liberty.

This law, designed to suppress the hideous propaganda of Hitlerism, would make illegal any controversial discussion of any religious dogma.

It would brand as unlawful writings which might offend adherents of Modernism or Fundamentalism, Christian Science or Christian Socialism, Dowieites or Holy Rollers.

A healthy body throws off disease germs. Hitlerism can make no headway among a people possessing a sense of justice, decency and humor.

Censorship and the gag are the weapons of despotism, of tyranny.

For an American State to use them against Nazi propagandists would be to adopt the very methods which have brought upon their cult the detestation of the world.

The Lazarus Joseph bill (that sounds Jewish), introduced and passed in the New York state senate "almost unnoticed", according to the New York *Times*, was halted on its way to triumph over the people's liberties, being at this writing detained in the Assembly for further consideration there. However admirably such a bill suits the purposes of the Roman Catholic

priesthood, there are still enough lovers of true liberty to kick up a fuss whenever tools of the Hierarchy, be they Jew or Gentile, try to put something across on the sly. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," will be true as long as the Devil is still rampant in the world. When he is bound and put out of business the people will no longer need to fear that their most elemental liberties will be taken from them. 'Whom the Son [of God] makes free shall be free indeed.'

"Anti-Nazi" Bill a Ridiculous Anomaly and an Anachronism

THE Joseph bill, also referred to as the "Anti-Nazi" bill, recently passed by the New York state senate "almost unnoticed", that is, with eyes shut, belongs to the Dark Ages and not to the present, even though in some respects we still seem to have the Dark Ages with us. It has its counterpart in a remarkably similar bill under consideration in New Jersey.

The "Anti-Nazi" bill out-Nazies the Nazis. It is perhaps the most significant piece of legislation (together with its New Jersey sister-bill) that has been considered in recent years. If passed, it will have all the potentialities of the Roman pope's cherished inquisition measure. It bids fair to turn back the progress of liberty a thousand years. It has every indication of being the result of Roman influence, though it is credited to Jewish ingenuity! It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that the Jewish and Roman clerics collaborated in the production of this piece of absurdity. In times past the Catholics termed the Jews "Christ-killers" and persecuted them to death. The obsequious fraternity now in evidence between the "Christ-killers" and the killers of the "Christ-killers" is not a hopeful sign of progress, but an evidence of the depths of hypocrisy of which religious interests are capable. It is to further their own selfish objectives that they now attempt to silence every expression of criticism. They are making a thorough job of it, too. No half-way measures are considered. The proposed law provides punishment for "any person or association of persons who shall write or publish any statements *tending* to subject any group to prejudice, shame, hatred, ridicule, disgrace or contempt by reason of race, color or religion, creed or manner of worship".

If anything can exceed this for stupidity, shortsightedness and intolerance (under the guise of tolerance) it is the additional provision made in the New Jersey statute, aimed at the same thing, which makes it an offense to *possess* pamphlets, books or papers which may tend to subject persons or groups to shame, hatred, ridicule, etc.

On the face of it this is a very benign law, but its evident object is to silence those who are staunch and faithful enough to tell the truths that must be told. It is the kind of law that the Israelites of old could have used effectively in silencing the prophets; the scribes and Pharisees would have found it useful in suppressing Jesus and the disciples, and the Roman priesthood would have (and has) employed it in the effort to silence those who preached the gospel of Christ. But no law will suppress the truths that must be told, though the "rulers take counsel together" and attempt by law or without law to suppress the truth-spreaders.

On the other hand, it is apropos to observe that if this kind of legislation can get by "almost unnoticed", as the New York *Times* stated it, then the United States is in an even worse condition than the most pessimistic political prognosticator ever imagined it to be. It is the priestly and clerical group that are trying to maintain their position of dominance by this sort of tactics. The people are breaking away from the ecclesiastical organizations, and something must be done, anything must be done, to prevent the exodus. The people are not all losing their faith in God, but they have small respect for the professional religionists. It is not any longer a question of whether one is a Protestant, a Jew or a Catholic; but the question is whether men shall be honest and sincere and stand for Jehovah God and His just and wise laws or shall pursue an opposite course. Let those whose understanding has not been wholly darkened by clerical sophistry and deceit take their stand upon the simple truths of God's Word. Let them refuse to lend support in any manner to the pious supporters of big business who have thus been instrumental in taking away the prosperity of the people and who now seek to rob them of their most fundamental liberties.

Taxes and the High Cost of Living

SAYS H. B. Porter, of Connecticut: "The high cost of living is world-wide, and is a direct menace to every man, woman and child. This ever growing menace is largely caused by high taxes. It is written: 'And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. [And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.] And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.'—Luke 2:1-3.

"The largest part of the money raised by taxation is used to pay for wars, past, present and future. The price of wars goes up; hence the cost of living goes up and up and up. The Revolutionary War lasted eight years, and cost only $170,000,000. When the World War drew to its conclusion it was costing in direct expenses $240,000,000 every day, $10,000,000 an hour. Do you wonder why taxes jumped up and stayed up? There is no question about the truth of General Sherman's most famous saying, 'War is hell.' It is written, 'Thou shalt not kill.' War is wholesale murder.

"General Grant, probably the 'greatest warrior' of all time, will be remembered for his words 'Let us have peace'.

"There is another factor to blame for the high cost of living: bonds that are tax exempt; and a far greater menace: the exemption of church property. Many years ago General Grant made a speech at Galena. He pointed out the injustice of gigantic amounts of church property being tax-exempt while the person owning a little home must pay burdensome taxes or else lose the little home. He predicted that if these conditions continued until 1900 taxes would be too grievous to be borne. In this he was a true prophet; but just notice how taxes have jumped since the World War.

"We have a million and more of laws; but no justice up to the present time."

Senator Huey Long's Program

UNITED STATES SENATOR HUEY LONG is circularizing the country with a program for dividing the national wealth among all the people. In it he says in part: "There is nothing wrong with the United States. We have more food than we can eat. We have more clothes and things out of which to make clothes than we can wear. We have more houses and lands than the whole 120,000,000 can use if they all had good homes. So what is the trouble? Nothing except that a handful of men have everything and the balance of the people have nothing if their debts were paid. . . . Things cannot continue as they now are. America must take one of three choices, viz.: (1) A monarchy ruled by financial masters—a modern feudalism; (2) Communism; (3) Sharing of the wealth and income of the land among all the people, by limiting the hours of toil and limiting the size of fortunes. The Lord prescribed the last form. It would preserve all our gains, share them among our population, guarantee a greater country and a happy people." Senator Long claims that at least twenty of the United States senators are in favor of his plan, and that he expects nothing but condemnation and ridicule from the Wall Street controlled press.

More Sorrows for Brown

FORMER Postmaster General Brown's place in history is secure. The first item in the history is the trade that he made of eight government cars, plus $1,700, for a Lincoln car made with a special top so that he could get into it without removing his silk hat. The second item was when he made 4,500 miles of extensions of air mail lines without getting bids on any of them. The third item was on March 2, 1933, when he ordered 24 drawers full of government letters and papers taken down to the furnace and burned, so that there would not be too much information available to his successor as to what had become of the $48,000,000 a year devoted to the subsidizing of air mails.

Air Pilots and Air Profits

EVERYBODY knew that a big steal was on foot some years ago when the government elected to turn over its air mail business to private concerns, but it is only recently that they knew how big the stealings were. It comes as a shock to find that a capable air pilot who risked his life for his government in France could earn but $6,000 a year at his dangerous occupation, but the brother of a banker, and neither one of them with any knowledge of aviation whatever, could put $253 into stock in 1926 and inside of four years be worth $35,575,848, and all because he participated in the huge profits due to government subsidies of air mail carriers.

The Comforts of Welfare Island

WHAT think you of a prison where 500 men stole all the best food and cooked it with the leaves stripped from 1,000 books in the prison library, while 1,200 common prisoners were deprived of both food and books? What think you of a prison where a gang of 70 men divided the prison into sections, each under a captain, who collected daily toll on all gambling games? What think you of a prison where the head gangster had risen to such heights that he had his own private greenhouse on the prison grounds? What think you of a prison where carrier pigeons were used to bring illicit drugs, and sodomy was organized with a staff of 150 youths rouged and bedecked with finery? What think you of a prison where officials and inmates share joint bank accounts? Where persons committed as inmates were placed on the payroll? Where thousands of dollars of inmates' money has disappeared? Where wholesale drunkenness among official employees is common? Where important financial records have disappeared? It all happened in the heart of New York city, under Tammany rule. If the Hierarchy ever succeeds in its purpose to seize the whole country, then the whole country will be like that.

Carterville's Unofficial Chief of Police

CARTERVILLE, Illinois, has had the same chief of police for fourteen years; he did not know there was any gambling in the town. A lad came home to his mother and informed her that an older brother, married, was in a gambling joint across from the post office, where he had lost most of his wages. Mother Gower appointed herself unofficial chief of police, went in and lined sixteen men up against the wall, tore up the cards, gathered up all the loose change in sight, took her son under her wing, and departed. Sounds as if she ought to trade places with the chief himself, and put him to work washing dishes, making beds, sewing on buttons, sweeping, dusting, baking, washing, mending, ironing, and rearing children. Not sure how this would work out, but it might be worth trying.

No Intention of Disarming

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW recently said, "Not one of the powers has, or ever had, the slightest intention either of disarming or of refraining from pursuing its researches into the newest and most frightful methods of slaughter. Only, they would all like to do it as cheaply as possible; for the war taxation is very heavy. So they spent months discussing whether, if England promises never to kill a German with a 16-inch shell, but always to do it with a 10-inch one, Germany will make the same promise as to killing Englishmen." G. B. S. thinks that the bombing aeroplanes are angels of peace, because they will not be used: the governments will be afraid to use them or to resist them. Something similar was said before 1914, but it did not work out that way.

Russia Is Suspicious

GENERAL VASSILLY BLUCHER, commander of the Soviet Far Eastern Army, accuses Japan of making plans to invade Russia. He states that this intention is manifested by three things:

(1) The construction of 625 miles of railways in North Manchuria, only a third of which are economically justified.

(2) The construction of 1,440 miles of highways parallel to the borders of the Soviet Union or connecting strategic positions along the border with inner Manchuria.

(3) The building of 50 airdromes between Harbin, Mukden and Tsitsihar.

Whether or not the general is right, all indications seem to show that the nations do not have much confidence in one another.

Panama Canal Traffic Indicates War

THE traffic through the Panama Canal indicates the proximity of war. Vessels laden with scrap iron, lead and cotton have gone in large numbers from the eastern coast of the United States, bound for Japan; while, in three weeks in February, twelve steamers laden with Chilean nitrates passed in the other direction, for Europe. The nitrates will be used in the manufacture of high explosives.

"America Will Never Fail"

"AMERICA will never fail" is the pronouncement of Reed Smoot, 72 years of age, now resting after 30 years' work in the United States Senate. Mr. Smoot says that "the needy must be taken care of, and the loafers and the disloyal eliminated". The "loafers", that is, the out-of-work; the "disloyal"—disloyalty to whom or to what? Eliminated, how? It all sounds interesting.

Morgan the Corsair

THE following are extracts from the address of Senator Neely, of West Virginia, in the United States Senate, when it became known that J. P. Morgan had paid no income taxes to the United States Government for three years:

"Within the three years that Mr. Morgan escaped the payment of an income tax, more than 140,000 American farmers had the last acre of their ground sold from under their feet in satisfaction of their taxes which they were too poor to pay. During the same period thousands of faultless, jobless workingmen had the roofs sold from over their heads to satisfy their taxes. But Mr. Morgan, the mightiest of millionaires, with his palatial English manor house, his mansions in New York city and Glen Cove, Long Island, his shooting lodge in Scotland, his luxurious sea-going yacht Corsair that cost millions, his innumerable priceless treasures of art collected from the four corners of the earth, with all of his superfluities of luxury, power and pelf, he was not moved by the heart-breaking tragedies in the lives of the nation's distressed to contribute a farthing of his income to the support of the Federal government and thereby relieve the unfortunate of a part of their burdens."

"The Morgan preferred list reads like a page from a political, financial, and industrial 'Who's Who' in the United States. The names on it include an ex-president, and another ex-president's intimate associates, cabinet officers, past and present; ambassadors, past, present, general and particular; judges of courts, a college professor, representatives of almost every great financial and industrial enterprise, famous officials, ex-officials, and members of both great political parties."

"Because of his schemes, no matter what political party loses, the House of Morgan wins. As a result of his stratagems, it is practically impossible for a president of the United States, however great and wise and good, to choose a cabinet of which every member will be independent of obligations to the House of Morgan or free from the blighting influences of the Morgan power."

"With due respect for the absolute innocence of some of those whose names appear on Mr. Morgan's preferred list, the naked, unblushing truth of the whole sordid matter is that, so far as Mr. Morgan and his fellow exploiters are concerned, the operation of the Morgan preferred list and the donations of millions of dollars in purchase rights to those on it constitute a brazen attempt to commit bribery on a wholesale, national scale, in the hope of tightening the Morgan strangle hold on the industrial and financial life of the nation."

"No amount of simulated righteous indignation on the part of Mr. Morgan's apologists or defenders can disguise the fact that men of his intelligence and greed do not give away the equivalent of hundreds of millions of dollars to influential politicians, or to past, present or prospective officeholders, or representatives of great enterprises, without ultimate expectations of value received for their benefactions. Manifestly, Mr. Morgan's object in giving away untold millions of dollars' worth of purchase rights to the powerful persons named on his preferred list was to subsidize the country's political, financial, and industrial leaders so that they would either assist him or not resist him in his ambitious, ruthless efforts to increase his wealth and power through legislative privileges and governmental favors. A more sinister, stupendous and seductive scheme to rob the masses of the people of their last vestige of protection against the usurpation of the Money Trust has never been devised."

The Other $54,000,000,000

IN THE year 1929 the workers and farmers produced goods valued at $76,000,000,000; one-third of that amount, $22,000,000,000, went to those who produced the wealth; the other $54,000,000,000 went to the 'great minds' that financed and managed things in such a way that neither the workers nor farmers could obtain the homes, radios, automobiles and other things that they needed and desired. The world in general is stirring uneasily in its sleep as it now realizes more clearly than before that things would now be in better condition if the other $54,000,000,000 had been more equitably distributed. A man who is paid but one-third of what he is worth can obtain but one-third of what he needs. Big Business has been overpaid.

President of the A.T.&T.

THE president of the A.T.&T. receives a salary of $206,250 per year. It is easy to understand that he works 50 weeks in the year at $4,000 per week; that accounts for $200,000. It does not explain about the additional $6,250, nor why he gets more than twice the salary paid to the president of the United States. Perhaps it is because he is so successful in keeping the telephone rates sky-high.

Profits of Milk Trust

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WALLACE has interested himself in the fact that milk distributors in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis have been paying themselves 14 percent to 30 percent per year for the past five years, while millions of men were idle and the farmers were receiving such little sums for their milk that they could not meet expenses.

Astor Offers Tenements to the City

VINCENT ASTOR has offered to give to New York city the old tenements of the Astor estate on Avenue A and East 3d, East 4th and East 6th streets. He offered to take bonds in payment for the land upon which the buildings stand, and to accept the city assessments as the value of the land. This is a generous and noble offer, and should be accepted. Mr. Astor, in making this offer to give away the slums which New York city desires to remove, said: "They are not comfortable things to own. I have thought of them constantly on cold winter nights. I have checked on them as often as is humanly possible, but there is not much that can be done. They are a reproach to the city, and the city should take this opportunity to get rid of the slums and erect dwellings that would be available to the poorest classes at a reasonable price. I am not posing as a public benefactor. I regard it as a proper, practical and highly desirable method of getting rid of slum areas."

Doing Away with Slums

DEFINING slums as 'dwellings which are unfit for human habitation, on account of sanitary defects which cannot be rectified at reasonable cost', the British government is planning to raze 266,851 slum homes and rehouse 1,240,182 persons in five years. Of these slum homes, 31,000 are rural houses. The capital cost will be $575,000,000. The new houses will rent at from $1.50 to $3.00 per week. The work will require the continuous employment of 115,000 men for five years. But even this undertaking will not do away with overcrowded sections which, though not technically classed as slums, are far from desirable dwelling places. Arrangements to include these in a plan of even greater proportions are being considered. While the Devil is still in control of the world, there are plenty of honest people who work for the improvement of their fellow men.

Just like Money from Home

AT NEW LONDON, Connecticut, a junkman bought an old safe. Robbers thought it might contain some valuables; they broke off the combination. Then a man offered to buy it for $15, but, when he saw the combination was missing, refused to go on with the deal. At length the junkman concluded to break it up for old iron. His workers wrenched off the door, and out fell $2,800 in bills, legal coin of the realm. Better look in the old vest pocket before sending the vest to the cleaners, and explore the safe before turning it over to the junkman.

Floating Town of Ten Thousand

AN AGGREGATION of barges which in summer carry freight along the inland waterways and canals comes to rest off South Ferry (New York) when winter halts the activities of the owners. The barges come down the Hudson in the fall and collect near the ferry. The children go to school and the family spends its earnings for the necessities of life in the metropolis until spring again opens the rivers and waterways and permits them to return to their work. The inhabitants of this temporary floating city number about 10,000. Each barge has a cubby hole which serves as the combination living-, bed- and dining-room of the family.

Some of the Old-Timers

ROCKEFELLER plays golf at 95; Lord Strathcona, builder of Canadian Pacific, died at 94; Gladstone, at 89; Isaac Pitman, founder of shorthand, at 84; Edison, at 84; Newton, at 85; Franklin, at 84; Carnegie, at 84; Bessemer, at 85; Ericsson, at 86; Lister, at 85. Others who worked till they were past 80 were Tennyson, Wordsworth, Meredith, Tolstoi, Hugo, Voltaire, Ruskin, and Carlyle. And how about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, and Joshua? Their average age at death was 123 years. From Adam to Noah the average age at death of the ten patriarchs named was over 857 years.

A Demand for Freedom of the Air

THE Cumberland (Md.) *Daily News* says editorially: "We wonder what the revered framers of the Constitution would say if they could read the story calmly told by Merlin H. Aylesworth, president of the National Broadcasting Company, to the members of the House Radio Committee to the effect that Father Coughlin, nationally known radio speaker, had been denied the facilities of this vast company. Or that Judge Joseph F. Rutherford, widely respected speaker on religious topics, had been barred from all NBC lines. We talk about the freedom of the press; we guard it jealously. Yet, what about the freedom of the air? Isn't it about time radio was lifted out of the depths and set up high, where it belongs?"

"Ramie"

(By Stuart Chase, in the Melbourne *New Economics*)

RAMIE is a fibrous nettle, painful to the cross-country hiker; more painful to the money system. It can be grown with a 22-inch fiber, 1500 pounds to the acre (against cotton's 150 pounds), two or three crops a year possible in the South, harvested like wheat by completely mechanized methods. From the stacks a full automatic factory process—no human hand assisting—can prepare it for spinning. Spun, it makes a cloth seven times as strong as wool, several hundred times as strong as cotton. It has luster like silk or linen, and takes dyes beautifully. It is stronger wet than dry. It can be made into light, fine paper, too strong to be torn by the human hand. In mass production the cost of both textile and paper is far below any competing commodity. Here, in the real world, is a discovery capable of immeasurably raising the standard of living. Science lays it on our doorstep; science is ready to develop it. Splendid—and terrible.

It will ruin cotton-growing.
It will ruin wool-growing.
It will ruin flax-growing.
It will ruin pulpwood-producing.
It will ruin cotton-manufacturing.
It will ruin wool-manufacturing.
It will ruin the silk industry.
It will ruin the rayon industry.
It will ruin the linen industry.
It will ruin the paper industry.
It will cost one million jobs.
It will break thousands of banks.
It will capsize land values over vast areas.
It will undermine insurance companies, savings banks, trusts, estates, foundations, endowments.
It will destroy the basis of taxation in untold communities.
It will render worthless billions in bonds, stocks, mortgages, notes.
It will disrupt the transportation system.
It will obliterate perhaps five billion of purchasing power.

You see? The money system is simply not capable of absorbing such a shock. Bankers and money men will fight ramie as they fought rayon for twenty years, but ultimately it will break through. Physics is stronger than metaphysics in the long run. It will break through incompletely and badly organized. Its promoters will grow very rich while the industries listed above grow poorer, if indeed not completely bankrupt. This will surely happen, unless the money system is remodeled in the meantime.

Eggs in Connecticut

A BULLETIN of the Connecticut Farmers' Cooperative Auction Association shows that among the dealers in that state brown eggs average to bring almost a half cent per dozen better price than white eggs of the same size. Five sizes are recognized in each color, designated as Connecticut Specially Large, Connecticut Extra Large, Connecticut Special Medium, Connecticut Extra Medium, and Connecticut Pullets, respectively, and each separated from its neighbor by a price margin of about 1c. The bulletin which came to our hands said ruefully: "The past month has been one of the worst months that poultrymen have ever had. Never before has the price of eggs dropped so early and so much as it has this year. No one can tell what may happen during the next few weeks."

Wolves in Pennsylvania

THE wolves have not entirely disappeared from Pennsylvania; a pack of seven was recently seen in the neighborhood of Coraopolis. Two were killed, and the curator of the Carnegie Museum declared that they were unquestionably the coyotes that once ranged in large numbers through the Pennsylvania woods. Deer are still very plentiful in that state; the annual kill is about 20,000, but has run as high as 95,000.

Studies in Soil Erosion

STUDIES in soil erosion are under way at ten experiment stations. Special attention is now being paid to the planting of trees and thick-growing grasses, clovers, lespedeza and other plants whose roots bind the soil and also retard the run-off. It is estimated that soil erosion at present levies a toll of about $400,000,000 a year in impoverishment of farm lands and damage to roads, reservoirs, ditches and valley lands.

The Brazilian Coffee Crop

THE Brazilian coffee crop for 1933-1934 is estimated at 29,880,000 bags, of which 11,952,000 bags are designated as sacrifice quota. In other words, 40 percent of all the labor is wasted, and the crop produced by that labor is to be thrown into the flames.

Health Food Fit for a King

By Maude Hopkins (Illinois)

THOSE of you who have eaten whole wheat cooked as a cereal know just how good it is. Now, here is a very easy way to prepare it and have it always on hand:

Buy recleaned wheat; pour from one basin to another in a good wind, then look over carefully and remove all foreign particles that the wind has not blown out. Rinse through two waters.

Pack one pint of this wheat in a glass quart fruit jar; add well-rounded teaspoon of salt; fill jar with cold water; put on rubber, and tighten lid as tight as possible; place jars in lighted oven.

I use a gas oven, with thermometer at 300 degrees, and cook wheat for about twelve hours, pints ten hours. Heat should be kept very low, so there will be some movement of water and wheat but not boiling. Some have baked quarts in eight hours, but slower cooking rather improves the wheat and there is less danger of jars' being burst by steam pressure.

At temperature of 300 degrees it is about three hours after jars are placed in the oven before any movement can be noticed in water; so do not think heat is too low, as it takes a long while for the cold water and wheat to get hot enough to cause any movement that can be noticed.

When cooked long enough, jars will be packed so tight it has to be dug out. No water will be showing in the jars, having been absorbed by the wheat. The wheat will be burst open, so there will be quite a bit of the inside white part showing.

Even after this long, slow cooking, the wheat needs to be chewed thoroughly. All the mineral salts are retained by cooking the wheat in this way.

Wheat contains all the elements needed for nourishment by the human body, and the roughage is very good as a preventive as well as a corrective measure against constipation.

Some prefer to reheat the wheat when serving; but I prefer it cold, and when served with top milk or cream and brown sugar or strained honey it is truly a dish fit for a king. It does not seem to be fattening; for which I am glad, as I (as well as many others) must watch my weight continually. It is so very satisfying that about two or three tablespoonfuls are a sufficient portion for a meal.

An ordinary-size gas oven will hold about twenty quart jars; and, at the price of wheat, a winter's supply may be cooked for about 25c. The cost of the gas is very little, as the low flame consumes very little even in twelve hours.

Do not try to tighten lids after wheat is cooked. Some steam and water may ooze from jars, but this does not seem to matter, as the wheat keeps even when this happens; but do tighten the lids just as tight as possible before cooking, as they should be sealed.

Health food stores sell a small can of whole wheat ready to eat for 15c, and the cans are the size of small soup cans.

This is one way to beat the high cost of living and improve health and disposition also.

The Largest Insane Asylum

THE world's largest insane asylum is under construction at Pine Aire, Long Island, N. Y. It will have accommodations for 8,000 patients, and an operating staff of 1,500 physicians, nurses, attendants and other employees. It is expected to be completed a year hence, and its total cost will be $23,640,000. A central dining room and kitchen is provided for each 1,500 inmates. Tunnels connect the various units in a group.

Liverpool Slums to Be Cleared

LIVERPOOL will clear away 12,742 of its slum buildings, no longer fit for human habitation. In their place will be constructed 10,692 homes in the city and 5,000 in the outskirts, involving an estimated cost of $30,000,000. The program will take ten years to complete.

Whole-Wheat Nut Bread

ONE quart lukewarm water, in which dissolve ½ ounce compressed yeast and 1 teaspoon salt; ¾ pint grated or ground nutmeats (measure after grinding); 3 quarts flour.

Knead; mold into loaves at once. Let rise 1¾ hours in warm place. Steam 1 to 1½ hours, according to size of loaves.—Mrs. L. W. Beach.

Depression Injures the Lungs

ECONOMIC depression injures the lungs. There is 33 percent more respiratory illness among the depression poor or unemployed than among the gainfully employed. When people work they breathe more deeply than when idle.

The Floods in the Argentine

THE floods in the Argentine, the worst in its history, caused $8,500,000 property damage and the loss of over fifty persons by drowning. At one place, Cacheuta, where the Mendoza river narrows, a solid wall of water fifty feet high approached the town, carrying the hydro-electric plant, bridges and all else before it. Miles of the Transandine Railway were washed away and it is thought it may take ten months to reopen railway travel between Argentina and Chile.

"Truth Will Out"

IN ITS issue of January 31, 1934, *The Listener*, London, England, said:

> We regret that there should have been a slip in the printing of Sir Herbert Richmond's first talk on the Navy, reproduced in our issue of January 17. Speaking of the Navy in the Napoleonic Wars, he actually said— 'It seems to me that possession of this great instrument during the period of conflicting interests *never* served as a temptation to British statesmen to encroach upon the rights, the interests or the possessions of their neighbors'; unfortunately in the report the *never* was omitted.

The Sultan of Sulu

THE sultan of Sulu, the only hereditary monarch under the stars and stripes, receives $6,000 a year pension from Uncle Sam, $3,000 from the British as rent for his hereditary domain in North Borneo, and $3,000 as a member of the Philippine legislature. He claims to have at least a thousand wives; but they don't spend any of his money: he attends to all that.

Canada's Huge Interest Burden

MORE than 30 percent of Canada's net production last year went to pay the annual interest of 4.77 percent on the bonded debt of 9 billions of dollars and the additional 5 percent amortization charges on the same. The total annual interest and amortization charges amount to about 850 millions of dollars.

Motor Road Across Canada

WHEN 40 miles of motor road now building in Ontario are finished Canada will have a concrete highway from coast to coast. The only exception is a strip at the head of the Great Lakes, where the car is carried on a ferry for a distance, so it is said, of 300 miles.

Hunger-Marchers Entertained in Parliament

THE Houses of Parliament in London had the honor recently to entertain a group of hunger-marchers. Members of the House of Commons from industrial areas conducted the visitors through the building, who later had tea in the terrace rooms. Some of the marchers were excluded because, it is said, they caused a disturbance in the previous march, about sixteen months ago. This stirred up some feeling, but on the whole the hunger-marchers were orderly.

League Watchmen Do Not Stay

THE odd discovery has been made that watchmen employed to guard the League of Nations secretariat quarters in the old Hotel National, Geneva, do not long remain. One and all complain that at night they are followed by "invisible beings" that cause the boards to creak and that gradually wear out their nerves; then they quit, and the League gets another watchman.

Terrible Dynamite Explosion in Salvador

IN SALVADOR, in March, seven tons of dynamite which had just been removed from a steamer and loaded aboard a train exploded, completely destroying the train and taking the lives of 170 persons. The explosion set fire to 40,000 barrels of gasoline in a near-by warehouse, and 15,000 sacks of coffee near by were blown into the air and lost. All together, the losses were estimated at $1,000,000.

The Rodney and the Nelson

THE Rodney and the Nelson, the world's largest battleships, are each 702 feet long and 106 feet beam, drawing 30 feet of water. Each carries nine 16-inch guns with a range of 35,000 yards, 20 miles, and each cost about $35,000,000 to build and costs $2,000,000 a year for upkeep. Each ship has 1,350 officers and men. Besides the big guns each carries twelve of 6-inch caliber.

Playing Accompaniment to Earthquakes

CHILE has produced something new. When serious earthquakes set Valdivia and other cities tottering the city band was brought out and played in the streets, and with excellent effect upon the people. Temporary interruption of the water supply was the most serious result of the disturbing quakes.

Pleasantries Pontifical

Coughlin's Bellyache

IN THEIR zeal to smear molasses over everything that has a Roman Catholic label on it, the newspapers occasionally overdo it and give the Americans a chance for a merry ha-ha. It is well known that the National Broadcasting Company refused its facilities to both Judge Rutherford and Reverend Charles E. Coughlin. Judge Rutherford's friends protested this injustice in an appeal to Congress signed by two and a half million people, and sought and obtained the privilege of appearing before the Congressional Radio Committee on behalf of legislation intended to correct the injustice. Coughlin should have been there and appeared in defense of his rights and against the stand taken by the spokesman for his church, Caravati. But, instead, the Sunday just preceding the Tuesday when Caravati took the stand, Coughlin had such a bellyache he could not broadcast; and immediately thereafter it was announced that he would not do any more broadcasting, but would be given a position at Washington close to the president. The newspapers were confused as to what to do. They did not want to say anything about Judge Rutherford, for the word has gone out to double-cross him by stony silence. They tried to play up Coughlin for the benefit of the Roman church, and here is what the Washington *Herald* made out of it on two successive days:

On March 21:

"The Reverend Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit's radio priest, is refused facilities of the National Broadcasting Company upon recommendations of a committee of members of his own church, the House Merchant Marine and Radio Committee was told yesterday. M. H. Aylesworth, president of the N.B.C., told the committee that choice of religious radio speakers was left to three committees drawn from the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths. The Catholic group vetoed the application of Father Coughlin, a priest of that church, Aylesworth said."

The next day:

"In justice to Father Coughlin, Detroit's radio priest, and to Catholic church authorities, the Washington *Herald* wishes to correct any erroneous inferences that might have been caused by its report of the testimony of M. H. Aylesworth, before a Congressional committee Tuesday. Aylesworth, president of the National Broadcasting Company, the record shows, did not testify that Father Coughlin was 'refused facilities of N.B.C. upon recommendation of a committee of members of his own church'. Transcript of the official record also shows there was no basis for the statement that 'the Catholic group vetoed the application of Father Coughlin'."

Well, the official stenographer was a good Roman Catholic and a mighty poor stenographer. Whatever his *transcript* shows, the *facts* were as originally published. The way of the windbag is hard.

Here Is a Sad Story

R. D. MORIN, of Ontario, says: "I noticed the following in *The Catholic Register* of Toronto, their issue of October 30:

KILLED BY FALL DURING MASS

Florence, Oct. 24.—A priest celebrating mass at the high altar of the famous Duomo Santa Maria del Fiore had a narrow escape from death recently, when an employee of the municipality of Florence, who was climbing the narrow iron stairway to the cupola, slipped and fell headlong to the pavement of the choir, 230 feet below. The priest, whom he just missed in his fall, gave him absolution "in articulo mortis," and he died almost as he struck the pavement. The cathedral is now closed pending reconsecration.

"1. The priest had a narrow escape from death.

"2. The great act of charity: The priest gave him an O.K. for heaven after he was dead. [Had he remained alive, for even a little time, he would have been expected to dig up something to keep the fires of purgatory burning. Probably the only luck the poor man ever had was when he fell so far that thereafter the collection box meant nothing to him, and even as it was, if he had any money on him when he fell—what is the use of bringing that up?]

"3. As no layman is allowed in the choir of the church, that poor fellow spoiled the church and the bishop will have to reconsecrate the whole church with 'holy water'. This in itself will be a big ceremony and the collection plate will be at hand.

"4. Of course, the news of the poor workman falling 230 feet and killing himself is of no importance; his name is not even mentioned."

Guns for the Pope

THE English government has decided that the Roman pope is entitled to a royal salute of twenty-one guns if he, in his travels, should come within gunshot of a fort or battery in the British Empire. This is a "very wonderful" thing, and no doubt the Roman pope's representatives in Britain are greatly elated over this recognition of their "spiritual father" by the big shots of this world. Jesus' attitude was different. He said, "I am not of the world," and told His followers that they likewise should remain separate from the world. It does seem that guns and Christianity make a poor combination.

How Do They Know She Will?

IN THE nicely gotten-up printed matter which we have received inviting us to loan The Discalced (Barefooted) Carmelite Fathers of Oklahoma City several thousand dollars for five years at 6 percent per annum, they tell us that this lady, St. Theresa, who died in 1582, "will powerfully intercede" for those who lend them this money. Sounds good, but how do they know it?

If we come across with the money, we are to get a nice chromo which is called a Gold Debenture Bond. On the bond it says, thoughtfully, "No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or interest on this Debenture Bond, against any member, incorporator, officer, director or trustee of The Carmelites, by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or otherwise, all such liability being released by the registered holder hereof through the acceptance of this Debenture Bond and as part of the consideration for the issue hereof."

The way that clause reads, it seems that, after we have parted with our hard-earned cash, we are going to need "St. Theresa" or somebody else with influence to "powerfully intercede" somewhere or we shall never get back anything but a merry ha-ha! And after you have made a few safe investments and had them turn out that way, they somewhat lose their merriment.

The Carmelite Fathers say that "even after the money is repaid" "the benefit to your immortal soul will likewise continue and increase". Seems good, if true, but, if it should turn out that the soul is not immortal, the whole thing might turn out to be a fake. Under the circumstances, seems that the best thing we can do is to hang on to our money until we know for sure what St. Theresa is going to do about this intercession business, and until we have the Scripture proof that the soul is immortal.

Mercy—for a Consideration

HERE is a letter from The Servite Fathers, Fr. P. M. Brosnahan, Provincial, Mother of Sorrows, 3131 Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill. It is dated November, 1933, and says in part:

"Dear Friend: The ear of God is filled day by day and night by night with an everlasting cry: O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us. And as summer's warmth gives way to autumn's chill, when nature itself pays tribute to death, this same cry comes unto us: have mercy upon us: pray for us. It is the cry of the poor souls—the cry of loved ones, of mothers, fathers, friends and relatives, calling for help to shorten their stay in the burning fire of purgatory. Is there a human living with heart so cold and soul so hardened that he could turn a deaf ear to these pitiful cries?"

Now, there you have it. There is not a human so cold or hardened that he would be pitiless, but the assumption is that the one who is running purgatory would be right there stoking the fires day and night, and the only thing that would make him let up a little would be The Servite Fathers, or some other like gang, who stand in with them on their racket, but if you are willing to slip the Servite crowd a little something they can get the heat down or cut down on the time, in some way. Seems too bad, doesn't it? Things are bad enough in this world, but are still worse in the next (according to this Servite letter) because even mercy itself is to be had only for a consideration. But the money, if any, is paid here and now, where The Servite Fathers can make some use of it. We do not know how it gets to the souls in purgatory; that is a great secret.

The Liverpool Cathedral

THE Roman Catholic church is building at Liverpool one of the greatest cathedrals ever constructed, but A. le Lievre thinks that the real trouble with Liverpool is that it already has too many Catholic churches. He says:

"In one year 21,324 prisoners passed through Liverpool Gaol. Of these, 13,676 had been trained in the faith and morals of Rome, while Protestants of all denominations numbered only 7,648. Referring to these statistics, the pope-blessed *Universe,* under the heading of 'Catholic Morality in Liverpool', printed a sub-leader in which it said: 'The vice and immorality existing among the Catholic body in Liverpool are fearful. The sooner we admit that fact, the better, and deny it we cannot, in the face of statistics compiled by the Rev. Father Nugent [for over twenty years chaplain of Walton Gaol]. This plain statement of figures, set down in black and white, reveals a horrible, a hideous blot on the Catholic character of the great northern seaport. Their substance is this—that in Liverpool the strongest phalanx in the Devil's army is recruited from the ranks of Catholicism. Of the three great divisions in that gloomy host—thieving, harlotry, and intemperance—the majority are members of our community . . . And worse still, the heavy proportion of this wickedness is assignable to our own countrymen, the *Irish* Catholics.' (Quoted in the Dublin *Catholic,* March, 1895, p. 30)."

The Devil's Friend at Tasco

SAYS Heliodoro Hernandez, of Colombia: "Satan's agent, the priest of Tasco (a small town in Colombia where three of Jehovah's witnesses live), has gone so far as to slander me from his pulpit, and, not content with this, he decided to denounce me before the authorities and to use false witnesses against me; but God is stronger than the Devil: when the first witness testified, the priest saw that it was not in his favor, and therefore decided not to carry the matter any further, and everything was dropped.

"All thinking people in this town disapprove this ungodly fellow's base actions. The only ones that favor him are the ignorant blind fanatics.

"This blind priest had the nerve to ask the postmaster to deliver all my packages to him, that he might burn them in public. The postmaster refused his request because I have registered my right to send and receive mail. The result is that all the darts hurled by Satan against Christ's work have been frustrated."

Holy Records at $3.50 Each

THE Holy Record Corporation, 2 West 46th St., New York city, explains at some length that it has for sale at $3.50 each the record of the voice of the pope, Pius, made at the time of the first broadcast from Vatican City, February 12, 1931.

To make sure that we would not misunderstand their motives, the Holy Record Corporation hastens to say:

"Commercialism! Lest ever such a thing happen, this great record in its beautiful album shall be sold to you personally. It cannot be purchased at any store. There need never be the fear of *others* making gain out of the sale of this treasured record."

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Material and Immaterial Fire

RIGHT REVEREND P. J. MCKEON, D.P., pastor of St. Martin's Catholic church, South London, Ontario, recently said in a sermon: "There are two kinds of fire, material and immaterial. The Catholic church believes today, and has always believed, that hell-fire is material fire." We explain further that the immaterial fire is supposed to be much more painful than the material fire; in either event, this fire, whether material or immaterial, is supposed to represent the most savage kind of punishment conceivable; it is supposed to be the joint product of infinite justice (doing to others exactly as one would wish to be done by) and of infinite love and wisdom.

Argentinians Are Bad Shooters

IT SEEMS that the Argentinians are awfully bad shooters. At San Luis a priest had ordered a girl out of the church because he did not like her low-necked dress (or else liked it too much), and when he came out the girl's father and his gang attacked the priest and his gang with gunfire. The two sides exchanged about 200 shots, with some damage to surrounding buildings, but only one person was accidentally hit. The police stopped the fight after it was all over.

Editor of "Western Watchman" Dies

A YEAR ago Daniel J. Casey, the editor of the *Western Watchman,* Roman Catholic paper of St. Louis, Mo., was extremely active in forcing the radio station KMOX to deny its facilities to Judge Rutherford. The paper of which he was editor openly urged the boycotting of KMOX advertisers or of anybody who made Judge Rutherford's lectures possible. In December the paper suspended publication; March 27 the editor died of pneumonia. *All* the enemies of Jehovah God shall *perish.*

Among the Nonconformists

Sunday Tennis—Church's Blessing

[Reprinted from Brisbane (Queensland) *Daily Mail*]

CASINO, Tuesday.—The Coraki Anglican parishioners have given approval to tennis being played on Sunday on courts located in the church grounds.

At the blessing of the courts, Rev. A. Frost said that if they condemned Sunday tennis they must condemn motor trips, and even the man who sat on the veranda and read books.

The idea of blessing the courts, he said, might be new, but in the old country they blessed coal mines, fairs, stalls, and many other things. God was not only a God of Sunday, but of every day in the week, and he was sure that God would look down with pleasure on their action on this occasion.

The tennis players are pledged to attend the church service on Sundays.

ATTITUDE IN BRISBANE

He could not recall any instance where tennis courts had been blessed by the Anglican clergy in the archdiocese of Brisbane. The minister at Coraki had probably done so because the courts were in the church grounds, and the idea certainly was an excellent one, said the coadjutor bishop of Brisbane (Bishop H. H. Dixon) last night.

During his 28 years as principal of the Southport school, Bishop Dixon added, he had allowed the boys to play tennis and go rowing on Sunday, provided that these activities did not interfere with the church services. The boys were most attentive to their religious duties, and they were much happier playing games than doing nothing.

Strength of Reverend Kitchen

IT IS now known that the "Reverend" William A. Kitchen, of Oklahoma City, is one of the country's strong men. He may not be strong in the faith; we cannot say as to that. He may not be strong mentally; we have no information on that point. He may not even be strong in his arms or back; statistics on this are missing.

All we do know is that a little dog strayed into the tabernacle where he was engaged in trying to separate the people from their money for what he has for sale (which latter is nothing, and less than nothing) and he became offended and kicked it out. Reverend Kitchen is strong in his legs.

The dog could have stood a medium kick, though even that is not pleasant, but he could not stand such a kick as was administered by the Reverend Kitchen. The reason we know that Reverend Kitchen is a strong man is that he kicked the dog so hard that he broke the dog's leg. The dog also suffered internal injuries and was sent to a hospital.

It is a good thing that neither Adam nor Noah had the disposition that Reverend Kitchen seems to have, else it is doubtful if we should have any dogs around at all. There is no record that Jesus or any of the prophets or apostles ever kicked any dogs; but, then, they never took up any collections, either.

The Devil Lost Out

A. C. BISHOP, of England, says: "The personal experience of the writer of this article is given. For 45 years, in the Church of England, I had been constantly fed with the Devil's food, when of a sudden two workers from the London Watch Tower Society visited me and began to feed me with food convenient. I was in a state of utter starvation for Bible understanding. I almost choked myself taking in the food which was 'life indeed', and was afraid I would not be able to fill to my desire. But no fear! I had plenty in God's storehouse, and, like the 'cruse of oil', it diminished not. At once the Church of England doctrine was turned to vomit and I spued her system of Babylon right out. My employer issued a threat of dismissal from service if I did not stop preaching 'the Kingdom of God'. I did not; *could not stop!* And I duly had notice to leave, with a wife and five children. My employer, a large landowner gentleman (hic) gave me an excellent character for his work and was sorry I was leaving. But the Devil lost: Jehovah God found me a home in thirty-six hours. Praise His name!"

Bob Lyle's Embarrassing Question

BOB LYLE sends in a clipping wherein a Clarksdale (Miss.) pastor is represented as saying that "Christ is ever present with His churches and is a constant supporter of all pastors of the churches in all the land", and then Bob asks: "How about the 20,000 ordained pastors who are now out of a job? How about the Baptist preacher in Texas, and the one in Arkansas, each of whom killed his man? Is Christ their supporter? If so, why tote a gun?" Now, why should any man ask questions like that?

What Morrison Hopes

C. A. MORRISON writes in and says that he hopes nobody will think he is picking on the clergy when he refers to them as dumb dogs, greedy dogs, vomit-eating dogs, wolves in sheep's clothing, generation of vipers, den of serpents, vineyards of sour grapes, fruitless fig trees, trees twice dead, houses built on the sand, dirty cups and platters, garnished sepulchers, graves that appear not, broken cisterns, seed of the Devil's sowing, boasters, complainers, murderers, devourers of widows' houses, dens of thieves and robbers, men full of ravening and wickedness, extortioners, fools, misjudgers of God, unauthorized ambassadors of God, children of the Devil, scoffers willingly ignorant, liars, framers of deceit, wearers of garments with enlarged borders, lovers of chief seats in the synagogues, daubers of untempered mortar, justifiers of themselves, compassers of sea and land to make proselytes, merchandisers of the gospel, false proclaimers of peace, blind guides, hypocrites, gnat-strainers, camel-swallowers, overthrowers of kings, haters of instruction, scribes and pharisees. We are glad to know that he did not have in mind to say anything about them—except what he finds in the Scriptures. He gave 52 Scripture texts; but you have seen them many a time, so we do not give them.

A Spirit Medium's Suicide Note

A SPIRIT medium who committed suicide at Wellington, New Zealand, left the following sad note behind him, addressed to the coroner:

Dear Sir—There will soon be a postmortem and inquest on my remains, and I desire to inform you that I am driven to this desperate act through influences entirely beyond my control, so that suicide whilst temporarily insane would not be the true and accurate verdict. I am ruined from the control of spirits, and cannot (try what I will) escape from their clutches. I cannot rest or sleep, and consequently cannot work, from resistless hypnotic influences and trances I am thrown into by invisible source, being the worst thing in the world, and most destructive to physical health. I am not the first luckless medium to end in this sad tragic manner, and know of nothing else to do to relieve myself, as it is liable to grow worse and might develop into a stroke of paralysis from constant strain and loss of sleep I undergo. Trance mediumship is an exceedingly dangerous business, and an impossible role to fill unless proper safeguards are placed around the medium by responsible spirits who do the selecting. It ought to be stopped, for I would have absolutely nothing to do with it from choice, being a matter of selection and arbitrary compulsion on the part of the spirits, whose power is absolute, constituting a tyranny, with the medium left completely at the mercy of hostile intriguing and evil ones, which simply means martyrdom, ruin, and death.

"Ye Worship Ye Know Not What"

THE Brisbane *Daily Telegraph,* March 2, 1934, contains the following:

When answering the query on the Commonwealth census papers filled in last June as to their religion, thousands of citizens revealed that they were adherents to such little-known faiths as "Boshtralians", "Yarrabankers," or "Zwinglian Calvins". Some were unwilling to give away their innermost secrets and recorded "optional", "private," "not yet fixed," or "indefinite". There were several free lances, though one man said he was "a dubious". Then there were Abrogenctists, Zoroastrians, Transcendental Hedonists, Sunworshipers, and one who said he was a "Sunday Saint".

There were Mormons, Neitzscheans, and Pesphynes. One openly said he was an idolater, another a worshiper of L.S.D., and a third claimed to be a Dollar Worshiper. A "Holy Joe", an avowed "Wowser", and a "Wonderer" found their way into the records.

Worthy of Ripley's "Believe it or not" series, however, were those who claimed in all seriousness to be "Dumples", "Doppers" or "Dippers". One fervent fellow set himself on record as a "Rockbound Lily".

The Maryland Act of Intolerance

THE Maryland Act of Intolerance, passed in 1649, provided the death penalty for any persons in the colony not accepting the doctrine of the Trinity. Jews and others not believing that doctrine entered the colony at their peril. At the time the law was passed, one-fourth of the colony were Roman Catholics and three-fourths were Protestants. Joint acceptance of one fundamental error enabled these two bodies to get along together.

A Division On Among the Clergy

THERE is a division on among the clergy. A Brooklyn pastor, Reverend Mr. Greenway, in a sermon criticizing some of his fellow clergymen, made the statement that "guns and the brotherhood of man do not go together". Taken to task by his brother ministers he manfully refused to modify his remarks or to offer an apology, and on a 7 to 5 vote was expelled from the Alpha Kappa ministerial club to which he belonged.

Lost in the 'Church'

THE Gospel Missionary Union of Kansas City, Mo., puts out a leaflet entitled "Lost in the 'Church' ", informing us of something we already knew, that is, that there are a lot of dead souls in the 'church'. Another leaflet put out by the same Union seems to account at least in part for the fact that things are so dead in the 'church'. It is entitled "The Drift of the Times", and sets forth a lot of things that are supposed to be Bible doctrine, but for which no proof whatever is submitted, and for which there is not a particle of proof in the Bible, though much may be found in heathen mythology and unscriptural philosophy. The ignorance of Scripture, and disregard of simple logic, manifested in this leaflet is a sample of what the 'churches' have been setting before their memberships for many years. It is no wonder people are 'dead' in the churches, dead mentally and spiritually; because there is a 'famine of the hearing of the words of the Lord'.

Why anyone should want to dogmatically insist upon misrepresenting the Scriptures under the guise of setting forth its truths is something that can be explained only by bearing in mind that the clergy and many of their hangers-on have "rejected the word of the Lord".

Why should anyone deny that Jesus Christ is a creature, when the Scriptures explicitly state that He was "the firstborn of every creature" (Colossians 1:15) and "the beginning of the creation of God"?—Revelation 3:14.

Why should one persist in referring to a trinity and triune God, when the Scriptures never once use such an expression, nor even suggest the idea it is intended to convey? The Scriptures speak of the Father, Son and holy spirit, assuredly, but never say that these are one and the same, and one God, or that "neither is God without the others". The latter statement, sometimes made, immediately shows that they are not "one" as that idea is usually expressed. In Judge Rutherford's writings the difficulties raised by ecclesiastical and sanctimonious unreason are brushed aside and the Scriptures made to appear in their own simplicity and harmony. Hence the opposition on the part of those who delight in obscurity and mystery, and who refuse to accept the truth because it is simple.

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Thirty-five Centuries of Free Speech

NO OTHER liberty is so fundamental or so essential to human happiness, progress and prosperity as the liberty to express freely one's honest convictions and to convey to others such information as may be of benefit to them. There is only one class that could object to the freedom of expression and the free use of the means of communication by those who have a message for the people. It is the class whose works are unrighteous and who therefore find it necessary to lay their plans and find their security in darkness. Anything that would tend to throw light upon their activities or call in question the justice or fairness of their course would be most unwelcome. They will not bring their deeds to the light, because their deeds are evil. More than that, they will not tolerate others to enlighten the people and to give them the truth, because their own works would in contrast be seen in their true light and they would therefore be condemned, and properly so. Hence the workers of iniquity have been and are willing to resort to violence and crime to evade detection.

Honest men have at all times brought their works to the light. They have had nothing to hide from others. They could afford to be open and aboveboard. Not only so, but they have let their light shine, and this has reproved, directly or indirectly, those whose works were evil. In heathen countries whose peoples knew not God there have been sincere and honest souls who have fearlessly sponsored the right and opposed the wickedness of selfish men who enriched themselves at the expense of the public good. In the record of the Bible we find men who not merely were impelled by a sense of duty, but were guided by divine instruction, in their denunciation of transgressors. They delivered a divine message, and no amount of opposition or attempted interference prevented them from carrying out their God-given mission.

The prophets of Israel were notable for their fearless declaration of the laws of God and their defense of the rights of the people. No doubt attempts were made to silence them, and a number of cases are on record where the prophet suffered much for his faithfulness in doing as commanded. Whether the privilege of free speech was granted them or not, they delivered their messages. Moses stands out as a notable example of one who braved the ire of a powerful ruler in delivering a message from God which was undoubtedly most unwelcome. Moses was, first of all, the servant and representative of God. He was, further, the champion of the liberties of the people of Israel. "Let my people go," was the message which Moses conveyed to the king. Subsequent messages impressed upon Pharaoh the importance of giving heed to Moses. Pharaoh had not yet conceived the idea of censorship; for Moses seems to have enjoyed the privilege of free speech, even though his message was an unwelcome one. Free use was made of whatever opportunities presented themselves to get the ear of the proud oppressor. The time may have been inconvenient to Pharaoh, but it was convenient to Moses. When Pharaoh came out to have a dip in the river, Moses told him that the Lord Jehovah had something to say to him, and then proceeded to drive home his message by turning the water into blood. Moses got his message across, and only after the ninth plague did Pharaoh become reckless and put the gag on Moses. He told him not to see him again, on pain of death; but Moses had accomplished God's purpose and delivered his message. Pharaoh had to send for him finally and acknowledge defeat.

Another occasion on which the right to free speech was exercised to accomplish God's purpose was when King David had transgressed the law which God had given to Israel. Though he was king he had been carried away by the

beauty of Bathsheba, and in order to get out of the resulting predicament he had contrived to so arrange matters that her husband was slain in battle. Nathan the prophet boldly called the king's attention to the fact that his sin was not hid from Jehovah. David was sincerely repentant, but, though he did escape the extreme penalty of the law, he could not go unpunished, and he accepted the death of Bathsheba's child as just recompense for his sin. The king, so far from resenting the boldness of Nathan, humbly confessed his sin, and was reinstated in divine favor. He did not despise or resent the chastening and correction of the Lord.

Another example of the use of free speech is that of Elijah. He opposed the idol-worship prevalent in Israel in the days of Ahab and Jezebel. He kept after King Ahab and, at the command of the Lord, took him to task for his wickedness. When the king had conveniently disposed of Naboth and taken possession of his vineyard, Elijah was on the job and gave the king a message that put a definite end to his unholy joy at having obtained the vineyard. When after the three years of drought Elijah presented himself to Ahab, the king said to him, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" Elijah boldly replied, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord." And then he challenged the king to have it out, saying, 'Get the prophets of Baal together, and let them offer a sacrifice, and I will do the same, and we will see who is worshiping the true God.' The result of the contest demonstrated clearly that Elijah was serving Jehovah, the true God, while his opponents, though hypocritically claiming to serve the Lord, were really serving the Devil.

But the greatest example of boldness and freedom of utterance was that of our Lord Jesus Christ. The scribes (clergy) and Pharisees and the whole priestly tribe, then as now, were opposed to the truth of God, and did not stop at any means to discredit and besmirch the Son of God and misrepresent His message. Jesus did not revile again, but the time came when in defense of the truth He exposed the whole impious crowd, and He did it so thoroughly that they determined to "get him" at all costs. So they gathered their henchmen, bribed Judas, enlisted the aid of the government, suborned false witnesses and obtained the cooperation of a dissolute and unscrupulous mob to accomplish their purpose. Jesus was "arrested" and brought to trial, accused of "sedition", a favorite charge with those who are of Satan's world and not of God. Jesus might have saved himself had He not openly and freely confessed the truth before Pilate. He had come to bear witness to the truth, and He made no effort to evade the inevitable consequences of His faithful acknowledgment of the fact that He was what He was, a king.

Jesus told His followers that they would receive the same treatment He had received; and so it is. He was the faithful and true witness, and His followers must likewise be truly and faithfully Jehovah's witnesses. They have His example and that of the prophets, and willingly endure the opposition they have to contend with. The clergy and the principal ones of their flocks, corresponding to the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day, have put every possible obstacle in the way of a proclamation of the message of Jehovah's witnesses. Time and again they are denied halls in which to hold meetings; newspapers refuse to carry their advertisements; officers of the law arrest them for "putting out handbills" or for calling on the people at their homes; radio stations are coerced into denying them time on the air, though they are willing to pay the proper rates. It will be seen that in this way every avenue of publicity would be closed to the proclamation of the truth and that if Jehovah's witnesses did not resist these unjust and unlawful discriminations by every means in their power they would be effectually restrained from carrying out their commission.

By Jehovah's overruling providence, however, there are still manly men who will not accede to the demands of the clergy, and the message therefore continues to go forth by radio and in various other ways, while Jehovah's witnesses submit to persecution, arrest and imprisonment when necessary to maintain their right to call on the people at their homes and bring them the message of God's kingdom by word of mouth and by means of the printed page. Though officers of the law harass them and arrest them on the pretext that they are "peddling or soliciting without a license", they go on. They know that they are bearing the truth to the people and that they have the right to do so. The fundamental law of the land provides that they shall have the liberty to serve God according to their understanding of His will, and though judges are frequently pleased to ignore this most important factor in their

work and to stigmatize it by calling it "peddling" and "bookselling" or "putting out advertisements", they know, and the judges should know, that it is none of these things, and that no license can properly be issued to grant them permission to do what God's Word commands them to do.

The foregoing examples show that the testimony and warning must be made known by all available means of publicity. They show that the ones entrusted with this work must be faithful in performing it, and that those who heed the warning will have mercy extended to them while those who refuse to give heed will be deserving of divine disapproval and judgment. Those who resist the truth line themselves up on the Devil's side. They clearly identify themselves as those who come not to the light lest their works, which are evil, should be exposed.

Let the truth be freely spoken by word of mouth, by printed page and by radio, and let no self-appointed censors attempt to set a limit upon the proclamation of the message which Jehovah's Word has for this day.

The Inconsistencies of Science

By James S. Watson (Honolulu)

SINCE science is so boldly accusing the Bible of all the inconsistencies of reason, what can you say of science to show its own inconsistencies?

Science claims to be so pure that its every utterance is truth even from the time it was a one-cylinder protoplasm.

Enclosed is a "scientific" article which glorifies science and craves for more glory. [We reproduce four paragraphs from the article.—*Ed.*]

Early scholars, looking for the solution of mysteries, turned nowhere but to the old Hebrew legends. Dr. Lightfoot, the vice chancellor of Cambridge University a few hundred years ago, could blandly announce that man was created at 9 a.m., October 23, 4004 B.C.

As late as 1850 a great Egyptologist changed the dates he found in his researches so that they would not conflict with the dates of Noah's Flood.

Today poor Doctor Lightfoot is remembered only as a joke and an evidence of pitiful bigotry, for today there is hardly a respectable scientist who believes that man was created at all in the sense that Doctor Lightfoot implied. Today there is hardly a scientist who takes the bigots into consideration when he works with telescope, microscope, test-tube or the geologist's hammer.

And yet we still go on ignoring the splendor of the scientific achievements; we still delay to give them lofty recognition as the chief friends of humanity.

In reality the article established the Bible truth that all men are liars, especially the scientific kind, that 'worked itself from the ocean depths millions of years ago' and now crowns itself as monarch of all it surveys. The casual reader of the gospel knows that it contains a message more noble than science has to offer.

Scientists accuse Christians of hindering science in its search for knowledge. But since science is busy patting itself on its protoplasmic head for its discoveries, let it tell how its discoveries and inventions of most cruel instruments blotted out ten million souls in the last war and crippled thirty millions.

Let it tell how it has perfected these instruments so that in the next war it will be able to blot out its tens of millions instead of mere millions. Let it tell how harmonious science is by explaining how the German science used all its science to destroy allied science, all to glorify science.

Let science tell who, during the Dark Ages, invented the scientific instruments that were used to destroy fifty million souls, while the doctors were busy prolonging the agony of the tortured.

Science has discovered some things and used its discoveries to awe mankind. They claim to help mankind; but mankind foots every bill; so the poor remain poor, and the rich, rich. All this shows that science is guilty of all the deviltries of which it accuses others. Science could have helped mankind, but it has faithfully served the god of this world. But we joyfully and hopefully trust that it will more faithfully serve earth's new King.

It is to be hoped that the editor will enlarge upon this, not by way of hating science, but to show that the kettle is just as black as the pot, and that the gander should not kick at receiving goose sauce.

Suppression of Free Speech in Canada

A BILL passed unanimously by the Manitoba legislature provides that the repeated publication of anything calculated to expose persons belonging to any creed to ridicule shall entitle such person to sue for damages and injunction to restrain further publication. The manifest purpose of this bill is to prevent honest criticism of the doctrines of hell-fire, purgatory, and other indefensible relics of the Dark Ages. Widely lauded as an "anti-hate" bill, it is, in reality, a *bitter hate* bill of the worst sort. Similar bills are projected in all the Canadian provinces, and have been launched in New Jersey and other centers of intolerance in the United States.

Freedom of Speech in Britain

THE London *Daily Express* has a cartoon of a national personage giving a talk on free speech under the auspices of the British Broadcasting Company. As he talks he stands on a trap door, under the control of an operator who can speedily drop him into the cellar if he says anything off-color. Over his head is a ton weight which can be dropped by another operator, to make sure of his exit. He is surrounded by smiling officials, one of whom has a gas tank wherewith to asphyxiate him, another has the fire hose ready to turn on him, a third has a sand bag with which to sock him, a fourth has a death hood to pull over his head, while a fifth is at the controls to shut him off the air the moment he says anything offensive to the censors of the British Broadcasting Company.

Estonia and Bulgaria Go Fascist

ESTONIA and Bulgaria having gone Fascist, there is a solid belt of Fascist countries all the way from the Upper Baltic to the Mediterranean sea, including Poland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and Italy. But for the Lord, the outlook for liberty-lovers in the world would be dark indeed. The Fascist victory in Austria was accomplished by the government troops' "bravely" shooting women and children, shelling apartment houses in which the Socialist workmen made their homes. A hospital also was shelled by the government artillery. One artillery officer obeyed the command of his superiors to fire on the apartment house in which his own wife and children lived.

"The Great Illusion"

UNDER the title "The Great Illusion" the *Saturday Evening Post* says editorially:

> The question before the American people—a question that is inextricably interwoven with the policies and experiments of the moment—is this: Do we want a democratic or a collectivist system? Do we want freedom as individuals to live our lives under the Constitution and free courts; do we want individual opportunity and scope to work out our private and business lives within sane and law-abiding limits or do we want to be regimented—told what we can do, how much we can do and when we can do it; do we want a free press, a free radio and free speech, or some one to tell us what we can think and what we can say? . . . The Democratic party has cut loose from its traditions and stands for a strongly centralized, bureaucratic government that is getting a grip on every kind of private business and putting into effect many extremely radical measures that look toward ultimate collectivism. . . . It is impossible to escape the conclusion that today we are having government by amateurs—college boys, irrespective of their age—who, having drunk deep, perhaps, of the Pierian spring, have recently taken some hearty swigs of Russian vodka. We cannot solve our problems with a discredited European ideology and a Marxian philosophy. The great illusion of the moment is that we can gain any worthwhile happiness or prosperity by the sacrifice of our hardly won liberties.

Carnegie Millions and the League

THE New York *American* is quite disturbed because the Carnegie millions, piled up in the days of rebates, are now bequeathed in perpetuity to the League of Nations and World Court propaganda, and although those issues, in America, are publicly discredited, and have been repudiated again and again, yet the Carnegie bequest keeps them ever to the fore. The money itself continues to talk loudly even though Carnegie has long been dead.

Diplomatic Relations with the Vatican

A DISPATCH from Rome, printed in the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin,* claims that before Mr. Roosevelt was elected discussions took place between him and representatives of the pope respecting the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican, and that the recent trip of Postmaster General Farley to Rome was partly devoted to the same end.

Baldwin's Warning Against Dictatorships

STANLEY BALDWIN, one-time prime minister of England, in a radio address to the children of Great Britain, recently said:

"Democracy is far the most difficult form of government because it requires for perfect functioning the participation of everybody. Democracy wants constant guarding, and for us to turn to a dictatorship would be an act of consummate cowardice, of surrender, a confession that our strength and courage alike had gone. It is quite true the wheels of our State coach may be creaking in heavy ground, but are you sure the wheels of the coach are not creaking in Moscow, Berlin and Vienna and even in the United States? The whole tendency of a dictatorship is to squeeze out the competent and independent man and create a hierarchy accustomed to obeying. Chaos often results when the original dictator goes."

Control of Belgian Press

CONTROL of the Belgian press by the munition-makers, Schneider and Creuzot, has resulted in a wave of militarism in Belgium, with the demand that the French line of concrete fortifications be extended all along the German border. Statements appear in the controlled press that in the event of war conscientious objectors will be repressed without mercy.

Mr. McFadden Wants to Know

CONGRESSMAN LOUIS T. MCFADDEN, who always wants to know the ins and outs of everything, wants to know just why it is that the American people were forced to sell their gold to the United States Treasury at $20.67 per ounce while the United States Treasury pays Great Britain $35 per ounce, and the difference has speeded up the gold mines in every part of the British Empire.

The Triumph in Austria

THE triumph in Austria was the triumph of the pope over socialism. That is putting it bluntly. The socialists fought bravely for the preservation of their rights, but they stood no chance. The municipal tenements, housing 200,000 persons in ideal conditions, were recognized as a model all over the world. To their lasting shame the Roman Catholic troops shelled these apartments. One of these, the Karl Marx Hof, consisted of 1,200 apartments, each having separate stairs, a balcony and at least one room exposed to the sun; there were separate kindergartens, assembly rooms, laundries and bathhouses. It was built around spacious landscaped courtyards, with ornamental statuary and pools. In defending their homes the socialists descended to the sewers, but all in vain. The forces of the pope are in full control. Even the jobs held by socialists in the government were declared forfeited. To all intents and purposes the republic of Austria has ceased to exist.

What the Huge Naval Appropriations Mean

IN AN address in the House of Representatives Hon. George Foulkes, of Michigan, called attention to the fact that in the past three years the United States expended $60,000,000 more on its navy than the combined navies of France, Italy and Japan, and twice the sum that Great Britain spent on its navy; that during the past three years Japan expended $381,000,000 and the United States $4,000,000,000, while the sum desired for this year is a billion and a quarter. Coming directly to the point he said:

"Do you know that ignorance is rampant in our land; that young men and women are unable to secure the educational advantages that would fit them for good citizenship? This one appropriation alone would endow 2,078 colleges with $500,000 each to carry on this most-desired and benevolent work. Did you know that the more than $4,000,000,000 appropriated for destruction of human life within the past few years would redeem every farm mortgage within the United States, thereby leaving the sorely distressed agriculturist the master of his own home and securing the destiny of his children? Did you know that this one appropriation alone now being demanded would build an 18-foot concrete road at the cost of $20,000 a mile for a distance of 52,000 miles, equal to 16 paid highways across the American continent from New York city to San Francisco, and that literally hundreds of hospitals, now so badly needed, could be endowed for a mere fraction of this amount?"

Over-Generosity of Uncle Sam

TO DATE Uncle Sam has expended $226,000,000 more for the Panama canal than he has got out of it, and, since foreign ships make up 51 percent of the traffic, he has been a large-scale benefactor of all maritime nations. The Inland Waterways Corporation on the Mississippi river, owned by Uncle Sam, gets 40 percent of its charges from shippers and the other 60 percent as a present from the taxpayers. It costs the taxpayers of New York state $5 a ton for every ton of freight that traverses the barge canal. The postage on air mail letters defrays less than half the actual cost.

The Priority of Labor

By Abraham Lincoln

(From a message to Congress in 1861)

I SEE in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me, and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all the wealth is aggregated in a few hands, and the republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of our country than ever before, even in the midst of war. God grant that my forebodings may be groundless.

Monarchy itself is sometimes hinted at as a refuge from the power of the people. In my present position I could scarcely be justified were I to omit to raise a warning voice against the approach of returning despotism. It is not needed nor fitting here that a general argument should be made in favor of popular institutions; but there is one point with its connections, not so hackneyed as most others, to which I ask brief attention. It is assumed that labor is available only in connection with capital; that nobody labors unless somebody else owning capital, somehow by the use of it, induces him to labor. Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could not have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration. I bid the laboring people beware of surrendering the power which they possess, and which if surrendered will surely be used to shut the door of advancement for such as they, and fix new disabilities and burdens upon them until all of liberty shall be lost.

In the early days of our race the Almighty said to the first of mankind, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," and since then, if we except the light and air of heaven, no good thing has been or can be enjoyed by us without first having cost labor. And inasmuch as most good things have been produced by labor, it follows that all such things belong of right to those whose labor has produced them. But it has so happened, in all ages of the world, that some have labored and others have without labor enjoyed a large portion of the fruits. This is wrong and should not continue. To secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor, as nearly as possible, is a worthy object of any government.

It seems strange that any man should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing bread from the sweat of other men's faces. This country with its institutions belongs to the people who inhabit it.

Argentina's Model Hobo Camp

BUENOS AIRES, having 5,000 foreign unemployed, seems not to have thought of a southern Battle of Anacostia to get rid of them, but laid out a section of barren unclaimed land, turned over a big stone pile to the men, laid out a camp plan, and persuaded the men to build houses and live in them according to the plan. They did so. Each house is whitewashed, and each morning it is inspected. If the men are sick they are taken to the hospital.

Boom in South Africa

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S dollar policy has caused a boom in the gold mines of South Africa. Mines which had been abandoned are being reopened and the profits of those which operate continuously have been so much increased that the government has taken out $30,000,000 in excess profits taxes. As a rule, about one-half of the amount received for the gold is paid out in labor, machinery, explosives and other expenses.

Poor Condition of World Credit

A DISPATCH from London says that money was never so plentiful nor so cheap, but the international bankers are afraid to lend because they do not know who will repay. On the London Stock Exchange are listed the bonds of 104 nations, states and municipalities; 58 of these are now in default. Of 248 different government bonds 154 are worth less than half their par value.

1,000 Men After One Job

A BUSINESS man of Swallow street, Piccadilly, London, advertised for a porter, and over 1,000 men responded. Eventually, after the police had marshaled them into a queue, a printed slip was passed around stating that the position had been filled, and the men were dispersed.

Proposed Addenda to NRA Codes

WITH the dry humor that has made him famous, William Floyd, editor of *The Arbitrator,* proposes the following common-sense addenda to the NRA codes, but neither he nor anybody else supposes that they have a chance in the world of being adopted: they are too sensible.

All corporations shall be conducted on a profit-sharing basis, the charge upon each being minimum and maximum compensation for all employees—manual laborers, clerks and officials—in no instance to be less than $14 a week or greater than $500 a week until the corporation is earning 6 percent on its capital stock.

When any corporation shall earn over 6 percent, after setting aside reasonable reserves, paying fixed charges and minimum wages, the excess earnings shall be distributed among all employees in such proportion as shall be determined by vote of all stockholders and employees present in person at the annual meeting. The business policy of the corporation shall be determined by a similar vote, and the officers and employees selected in the same manner.

Competition to maintain fair prices for consumers shall be kept free by enforcing the anti-trust laws. All directors of any corporation infringing those laws shall be liable to imprisonment for a misdemeanor.

No corporation shall pay dividends higher than 6 percent a year; no stock dividends shall be permitted; no stock shall be issued in excess of the fair value of the property as determined by federal experts; there shall be no splitting of stocks, no issuing of no-par stocks or stock under par, and no distribution of bonus stock; holding companies shall be forbidden.

All stock exchanges shall be conducted under federal regulation. Selling short, buying on margin or manipulation of stock shall be prohibited.

The federal government shall open banks in all communities similar to the postal savings banks except that they shall provide the same accommodation now afforded by commercial banks. No banks or bankers shall be permitted to have affiliated corporations for speculation in stocks.

All the currency of the country shall be issued by the United States Government, which shall endeavor to stabilize currencies throughout the world.

Individuals and partnerships where full personal responsibility is assumed shall not be limited as to their net profits, but shall be bound by this code as to wages and hours.

This compromise code between the NRA and a revolution will provide a fair return for capital, better than a living wage for labor, and reasonable prices for the public. Increased earnings of a corporation will mean increased incomes for all workers.

Butler's Tribute to Roosevelt

R. B. BUTLER, of Oklahoma, business man of Tulsa, pays the following tribute to Roosevelt:

In the year of our depression, 5.

DEAR SUFFERING COMRADE:

That fellow Roosevelt is some man. He has given us NRA, RFC, CWA, and booze. He has taken away our long hours of toil, our gold, our bond values, and most of our cherished American liberties. He has recognized Russia, Al Smith, Warm Springs, and the brewers. He has raised our rents, our grocery bills, our hair, and our wage scales. He has reduced our crops, our incomes, our bread lines, and the necessity for our Congress. He has changed our method of government, our diet of drink, and our ideas about running our own business.

NRA Act Full of Holes

JUDGE ALEXANDER AKERMAN, federal judge at Miami, Florida, who has made a practice of reading the United States constitution once a week, says that the NRA Act, when tested by the constitution, is so full of holes that you could drive eight yoke of oxen through it. He further expressed the opinion that the department of agriculture, which may or may not be a good thing, is without constitutional authority to order any citizen to do anything or not to do anything.

Pullman Porters Poorly Paid

IN 1926 the monthly wages of Pullman porters averaged $73.11; since then there has been a cut of $5. The porter has to pay for his own polishing materials and equipment, meals en route and uniforms. In 1926 these items averaged $33.82; the porter's average rent back home was $37.47. That left $1.82 per month for the maintenance of his family, clothing, etc. Now you know why a porter has to have tips to live, and why his wife has to go out by the day to help keep the little home together.

Factors Which Reduce the Demand

MEN and women work less vigorously than they did, and they work in warmer rooms; hence they use less food. Gasoline has taken the place of horse and mule feed. Improvements in cattle have brought an increased milk supply with fewer cattle. Increased efficiency of electric plants and steam locomotives has made necessary less mining of coal.

"Good Times" Again in Chicago

HAROLD B. WHEELER of Chicago writes: "Good times are had again in Chicago; the gangland city is acting as it always has. Our governor is trying to pass a liquor bill; the mayor believes that prohibition repeal means that the people want to be able to buy a drink. No one wanted to see the return of the old-fashioned saloon, so they have changed the name to "tavern". Some people believe that drinking is O.K. if a fellow doesn't stand up while he pours it down. That hoists the question, How should a fellow be allowed to consume the spirits, sitting, standing, leaning, or kneeling? If we can't have saloons we are bound to have speak-easies. The difference between a saloon and a speak-easy is the way you get into the place. To convert a saloon into a speak-easy all one does is to lock the front door and open the rear, and pay for protection instead of tax. Women barflies are the new feature at the taverns, and all Chicago says they are an offensive nuisance, and there are more of them than can be reckoned. Well, anyway, it gives the preachers something to squawk about. I see Billy Sunday has started out to take in another fortune by running the Devil around and saving souls by the glass and stein; there is a fortune in those tabernacles. Preacher, priest, or rabbi, they all have their say-so: they have all got their hands out for something to stop their thundering. They call it alms; the politicians call it political expense; but we call it just plain graft."

Stocks in Use in Georgia

A SUBSCRIBER in Georgia reports having seen the stocks used in prison camps in Georgia, in Hancock county. Prisoners are knocked unconscious with shovels and clubs, and as many as five prisoners are in the stocks at one time. The prisoners in stocks have their arms and legs each through separate, roughly chiseled or sawn holes, as far apart as possible, in such a manner as to cause exquisite torture. When removed they commonly have to be carried and are often nearly paralyzed. The people of Georgia are very proud of their churches. The men who make the stocks for their fellow men are all strong for the doctrine of eternal torture and are trying to be as much like their father the Devil as they know how.

The Welfare Racket in Philadelphia

MARK MASON, in the Philadelphia *Sunday Transcript,* describes in some detail a business that is now pretty well spread over all the earth:

"The Community Council of Philadelphia, formed on October 1, 1930, is the most widely inclusive body of welfare organizations ever gathered together in this city for a common project. Every form of social work, municipal and private, sectarian and secular, is represented among its 315 member agencies. Kingsley, the star of the salary list, was paid $18,500 a year for his clerical work until there had to be a slash due to the exposures made by this newspaper. Billikopf made extraordinary sums on the outside, serving as an arbitrator and in other capacities growing out of the welfare racket. This go-getter probably makes $75,000 to $100,000 a year by and through being a hotcha welfare worker. His social activities, meaning his family life, cost a fortune each year. DeSchweinitz quit one job that paid him $12,000 to take another that pays sums less easy to isolate. He was a leg-man on the old *North American* at $20 a week when he busted right out as a sociological authority, whatever that is, at $8,000 a year. This desk-man probably cleans up from $25,000 to $35,000 a year as welfare 'executive', which means go get the money and build up payrolls and 'overhead' to consume it."

The Thakenham Home for the Aged

THAKENHAM, England, has a home for the aged poor. The walls are eight feet thick; there are no modern toilets; all the water not purchased is pumped by the inmates, but the wells are so constantly drained that the water thus secured is unfit to drink; there is no illumination of the home except candles and oil lanterns; the halls are so dark at noonday as to be unsafe to the able-bodied; the floors are of bare stone; the dormitories are unheated; England is one of the most highly civilized countries in the Devil's world.

"The Best Magazine Published"

MISS ELEANOR REYNOLDS, eleven years old, writes in from a village up in New York state and says: "In our school we had a contest to determine which is the best magazine published. Each scholar was to submit his choice of which is best. Our teacher was to be the judge. I submitted as my choice *The Golden Age.* After a fair review of them all, our teacher decided in favor of *The Golden Age.*

Spasms over Cherry Blossoms

SOME years ago the Japanese people presented the United States with a quantity of cherry trees, now planted around The Mall, Washington, D. C. The trees were accompanied by an invasion of the Japanese beetle, which has cost many hundreds of millions of dollars; but that was unintentional. The trees do not bear any fruit, ever, but once a year they are as nice to look at as any other cherry trees, no more and no less. Once a year, however, Washington goes out of its head over these cherry blossoms. The *Evening Star* in a single issue had parts of six columns about the festival, including three large pictures, one of Miss Eleanor Roosevelt being crowned queen of the cherry blossom festival by the Reverend George F. Dudley, Episcopalian; another of a group of politicians gazing interestedly at a group of dancers who ushered in the festival; the third picture showed six female dancers with dresses so thin that from top to toe nothing was left to imagination. It is supposed that 200,000 visitors came to Washington to see the cherry blossoms. The *Evening Star* could not spare a line to tell the big news that 2,500,000 people protested to Congress against discrimination and interference with their radio rights and privileges, nor did it have any news about the hearings. The cherry blossom spasm, like the newspapers that devote so much space to it, is the almost pure humbug so dear to the American heart.

The Tower of WLW

THE tower of WLW, Cincinnati, the only station in the United States having 500,000 watts power, is 831 feet high. The total weight of 450 tons rests on two apparently fragile porcelain cones, but it is claimed that the cones would sustain three times the imposed weight if necessary. The foundations go 70 feet beneath the surface of the ground.

The Little Slaves of Ceylon

THE little slaves of Ceylon are "adopted" for a price, and adopted over and over again for other prices. They are worked without any limitation as to hours, except that on Sunday they may not legally be worked more than four hours. Children as young as seven years of age are subject to these conditions.

In the Land of Too Much

THE land of Too Much has but 5.6 percent of the area of the world; it has 6 percent of the world's population, 14 percent of its annual gold production, 19 percent of its annual wheat production, 33 percent of its wealth, 33 percent of its railroads, 33 percent of its telegraph lines, 33 percent of its used water power, 36 percent of its annual coal production, 47 percent of its annual steel production, 48 percent of its copper, 52 percent of its lumber, 56 percent of its cotton, 58 percent of its corn, 60 percent of its telephones, 67 percent of its annual petroleum production, and 86 percent of its automobiles.

65,000,000 Refugees in China

ACCORDING to a report by the Nanking National Relief Commission no less than 65,000,000 Chinese were driven from their homes last year by civil wars, banditry, famines, droughts and floods.

Huge Classes in London Schools

AFTER all the efforts that have been made to provide the poor with proper instruction, it is a striking fact that half the children of London are even now being taught in classes with an enrollment of over 40 pupils each.

World's Largest Daily Paper

THE London *Daily Herald* now claims the largest net circulation of any newspaper in the world, exceeding, as it does, 2,030,000 a day. The London *Daily Mail* had a circulation of 1,945,635 in 1929, but is down 10 percent from that figure now.

$10,000,000 for a Place of Refuge

FRIENDS of Samuel Insull are reported to have offered $10,000,000 to Turkey to assist in its five-year plan if they would but allow that gentleman a haven where he would be safe from deportation to the United States.

State Liquor Monopoly in Finland

THE state liquor monopoly in Finland is claimed to be a complete success. Profits are restricted to 7 percent. Drunkenness has been reduced; huge profits have been turned over to the national treasury. Bootlegging has ended.

The Helpless, Gibbering Imbecile of Interest

SAYS Rupert Webb, of Pretoria, South Africa, in his little book entitled *Feed, Clothe and House the People:* "It is a simple process to analyze the fungous growth of interest on money. We will therefore analyze one hundred pounds invested, as from the year 1800, at the low rate of interest, say 3½%, and find: In the year 1820 this £100 with added interest became £200; in 1840, £400; in 1860, £800; in 1880, £1,600; in 1900, £3,200; in 1920, £6,400; and in 1933, £10,000. These figures are not fairy tales; they are the truth and demonstrate the fallacy of attempting to continue further with a system that has been able to drag us down to the depression, starvation and the unemployed state in which we now find ourselves. We have, by some unforeseen force, survived from the £100 invested in the year 1800, which has now grown to £10,000; but what of the next 60 years, when the £100 will have reached the colossal figure of £80,000? Is it possible to continue with such a Hydra-headed monstrosity of a system which has been able to degrade a sound, healthy nation with poverty and distress?" Mr. Webb's proposed remedy is the taxable currency originally proposed by Silvio Gesell, and a seemingly sensible method of gradually doing away with the interest system that Mr. Webb properly describes as a helpless, gibbering imbecile. The interest system will demonstrate its own complete idiocy to anybody who knows how to multiply and divide.

Helping Forbes Out

C. O. SHOEMAKER, Washington, sends in an item of the financial writer B. C. Forbes, in which Forbes says that in this country, among the things that we have that are the biggest in the world, are, respectively, the biggest band, insurance company, automobile company, steel corporation, electric manufacturing company, typewriter factory, telephone company, department store, oil company, woolen manufacturing company, copper company, smelting company, sugar refining company, packing plants, carpet factory, agricultural machinery plant, motion picture company, photographic supplies company, office appliance factories, mail order companies, radio corporation, utility corporations, fruit company, and canning plants. Shoemaker then is mean enough to say: "Why Forbes would stop where he did is a puzzle to me. Why, I can think of a lot more things: we have the biggest liars; we have the biggest hypocrites; we have the biggest misleading newspapers; we have the biggest crooked politicians; we have the biggest bunch of yes men on earth; we have the biggest bunch of jail birds that claim to belong to some church; we have the biggest variety of churches, which causes the biggest bunch of crooks, the biggest bunch of priests and preachers that blaspheme God, and the biggest bunch of bloodthirsty church members. Maybe I had better quit."

The Bootleggers of Usury

VINCENT ASTOR'S periodical *Today* tells of a young man in Louisville who borrowed $50 from a loan shark. The interest charged was $5 for two weeks, or at the rate of $130 for one year, 260 percent, and after paying regularly for a year the clerk would still owe the $50, which must be paid in a lump sum, as partial payments are not accepted. In instances, as high as 1,700 percent has been charged on loans. A man in Dallas borrowed $20; in four years he paid $640 in interest, and still owed the principal. In the same city was a girl who borrowed $25 from a loan agent, and paid him $4.50 a month for more than four years. In Mobile a woman paid $194 interest on a loan of $5 and sought relief from the state legislature only when the usurer threatened to seize her furniture. Usury (interest) is illegal Scripturally, and in the Golden Age will be punishable by death.

Chicago Man Bids $50,000 for a Throne

A CHICAGO man, a Catalonian by birth, bid $50,000 for the throne of Andorra, the semi-republic between Spain and France. His bid was rejected, to the immense satisfaction of everybody. The little republic would have liked to have the $50,000, but it had not fallen so low as to sell out.

Echoes of the Big Slump

SOME of the echoes of the big slump in the United States are that one out of every six banks closed, one out of every forty-five hospitals had to give up, and one out of every twenty-two businesses went to the wall. Many religious papers had to give up the fight.

Automobile Information

By O. Parkinson (Michigan)

THE following facts and figures are from the 1933 edition of the booklet prepared and published by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, which includes the manufacturers of all cars excepting the Ford Company:

Production in the United States and Canada for 1932 was 1,431,494 vehicles:

1. Passenger cars 1,186,209
2. Trucks 245,285

Foreign sales totaled 181,055 vehicles.

In 1932 registrations in the United States totaled 24,136,879 vehicles, of which 20,903,422 were cars.

Capital invested in car and truck factories amounted to $1,489,900,000.

Number of direct employees in car and truck factories was 229,841. Number of employees direct and indirect, 3,901,800.

Number of motor vehicle dealers in United States, 39,871.

There were 2,900,000 motor vehicles scrapped in 1932.

The average life of cars is now 7⅓ years.

Total of registration fees in all states was $324,273,000.

The state tax on gasoline totaled $513,047,239.

Of all new cars, 62% are bought by persons with yearly incomes of less than $3,000.

Of all cars, 89% sell for less than $750 wholesale.

Of old vehicles, 6,400,000 are ready for junking.

People owning automobiles pay by way of taxes:

1. $2,041 a minute
2. $122,833 an hour
3. $2,947,992 a day

Highways in the United States total in mileage 3,040,000.

The automobile industry in 1932 consumed in forms of steel or iron:

1. 53% strips
2. 28% bars
3. 23% sheets
4. 54% malleable iron
5. 77% alloy steel

manufactured, and ranks as the first customer for these particular items.

The automobile industry is responsible for the use of:

1. 85% of the gasoline
2. 80% of the rubber
3. 43% of the plate glass
4. 28% of the nickel
5. 34% of the lead
6. 14% of the mohair
7. 53% of the upholstering leather

There are 317,200 retail gasoline outlets.

There are 63,400 school buses in use.

The automobile industry ranks second among manufacturing industries, being exceeded only by the meat packing industry.

Of the world motor output, 72% is in the United States and Canada.

In the entire world there are registered 33,602,000 motor vehicles.

Zambezi Bridge Nearing Completion

THE bridge across the Zambezi river, in Africa, which, it is expected, will mean much to Nyassaland, will be completed in May of next year. There are 46 spans and 1,805 feet of viaduct. Most of the piers go down to 110 feet below water level. The estimated cost of the bridge is $7,500,000.

Severe in Europe Too

LAST winter was severe not only in America, but in Europe too. On one occasion all the passes in the Pyrenees were blocked with snow. About the same time a motor coach in Germany was buried under thirteen feet of snow, but was eventually dug out and taken to the next village.

Palestine Covered with Highways

TWENTY years ago Palestine was a roadless and a schoolless land. Now, so returned travelers say, it has excellent automobile roads running in every direction, many excellent small cities, well-cultivated fields and fine institutions of learning, and no bread lines.

Record Speed to South America

FLYING in relays the German transatlantic air line recently covered the 5,700 miles between Berlin and the coast of Brazil in 3 days 8 hours 40 minutes. The record was established on the return flight.

The Horrible New Gases

CHARLES DE C. JOHNSTON, of British Columbia, writing of the new gas, diphenlchlorasine, says:

"Three drops will kill. This gas will penetrate any mask, causing its removal and allowing the more deadly gases, with which it may be mixed, a clear field. General A. Ross, M.P., noted military medical man, claims that a portion of this gas mixed with 10,000,000 parts of air will put a human creature out of action in one minute. As far back as 1918 this gas was used on a herd of goats. All were killed but four. These four, in their agony, smashed their heads against fences. More so, it is stated by this general that the gas can be put up in five-pound containers, 600 forming a load for a commercial airplane. Two of these planes, not a military type even, can carry sufficient to destroy the population of London. Many more gases can be named. Take cacodyl isocyanide. One breath of this gas is absolutely fatal. Diethyl telluride will penetrate the skin without injuring it, yet this gas is 100 times greater in its effect than strychnine. With these gases, General Ross notes, a bomb of an incendiary nature, when dropped from a plane, develops a heat up to 3,000 degrees, piercing iron, steel and earth to get at gas mains. Two pounds of this gas is sufficient to destroy a large city."

Early Development of Paper

By W. F. Cleaver

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HIDDEN away "among the flags by the river's brink", the infant Moses was saved from the death that menaced him under Pharaoh's decree. These "flags" were papyrus, a tall, smooth-stemmed reed of triangular form, which grew to a height of ten or fifteen feet, and terminated in a tufted plume. From its smooth green stems was made, as early as 2000 B.C., a material called by the same name, "papyrus," a crude paper. The outer rind of the stem was first removed, exposing an interior made up of numerous successive fiber layers, some twenty in number. These were separated with a pointed instrument, or needle, arranged side by side on a hard, smooth table, crossed at right angles with another set of strips placed above, and then dampened. After pressure had been applied for a number of hours the sheets were taken out and rubbed with a piece of ivory, or with a smooth stone or shell, until the desired surface was obtained, when the process was complete except for drying in the sun. Single sheets made thus were fastened together to form the papyrus rolls. Some of these rolls were thirty feet in length.

Parchment came as a substitute for papyrus when Egypt, having a monopoly of papyrus, refused to sell it to Attalus, king of Pergamus, so the story goes. The skins of sheep and goats were employed in the making of parchment. Vellum was made from skins of young calves, and was used extensively by the early printers in editions of books for royalty and people of wealth.

History gives the credit of the invention of actual paper, as we know it, to the Chinese emperor Hati, whom the orientals reverence as a sort of super-scientist. He employed for some thirty years a learned Chinese scholar named Tsi-Lun to investigate means of producing writing material and, after various experiments with silk cloth and other materials, he succeeded in making a fair grade of paper, beating to a fiber bamboo and old rags.

Interesting A. T. & T. Items

OF THE 681,000 Bell System stockholders, 381,000 are women and 115,000 are Bell System employees. At the close of the year 1933 there were 13,163,000 telephones in service; the average tax on each telephone was $6.42. The total assets of the system at the end of the year were $4,907,000,000. Nineteen ships can now be reached while at sea from any Bell System telephone, and at the end of 1933 all the telephones in the world, except those in China, Japan, New Zealand, and Russia, could be reached from any Bell System telephone. Shortly, and perhaps by the time this is written, all these countries can be reached.

Burlington's New Streamline Train

THE Zephyr, the Burlington's new streamline train, is 197 feet long and carries 72 passengers in the three cars that make up the train. These three cars, all together, weigh only as much as an ordinary Pullman car. The rear of one car and the front of another rest upon the same truck, so that, all together, there are but sixteen wheels under the train, instead of thirty-six, as usual. Built of stainless steel, The Zephyr is unpainted. As all the parts of each car are welded together, each car is virtually but a single piece of metal. The train is expected to make upward of 100 miles an hour.

Southern California's Great Effort to Get Water

IT IS a matter of life and death, literally, for southern California that it go on with its water project. The average rainfall in that section is but 15 inches, the underground water supplies are seriously depleted, some wells are down 350 feet, and 47 square miles of water land have been ruined by the intrusion of salt water. The distance from the Colorado river to the reservoir at Cajalco is 241 miles; there are tunnels on the route of 10, 8, 3, 7, 3, 4, 1, 33, 2, 13, 1 and 7 miles, 92 miles in all. More than a hundred routes were surveyed before the route was selected. Boulder Dam is being rushed to completion by the Government largely because it is universally recognized that southern California urgently needs the water to be made available by the dam.

Spanish Home Burned by Meteor

AT THE village of Rinconada, Spain, Francisco Megia had the novel and not-to-be-desired experience of having his house hit by a meteor. With a roar like an airplane, what looked like a column of smoke came hurtling from the skies direct for the little home. Striking the house, the building was first filled with a heavy odor of sulphur and burned coal, and then, the family barely escaping with their lives, the whole house burst into flames and was totally consumed.

Will Spend $51,000,000 Studying Man

THE Russian government is spending $51,000,000 in the study of man. The institution in which this will be done will consider man from every angle, from genetics and eugenics through education in all its branches to the adult functioning of the human body. Persons in sound health will be studied to try to find out what it is that makes them well. There will also be some study and treatment of the sick.

America's First Diesel Train

THE new Burlington streamlined train is the first of the Diesel-powered streamliners in this country. Similar trains are in use in Germany and are a pronounced success. The total weight of this new train, of three units, is 85 tons, in place of 300 tons for the regular equipment. It is built of stainless steel, and capable of making two miles a minute.

Eye-Grafting Operation at Newcastle

AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, England, a man twenty-nine years old now beholds the world about him for the first time since he was two years of age, at which time measles destroyed his sight. As they lay side by side on the operating tables the cornea (the thin membrane covering the pupil of the eye) was removed from a fellow man, blind for another reason, and successfully grafted upon the afflicted man's eyes. Two operations were necessary; at one of them a woman was the donor of the cornea of one of her eyes, and, oddly enough, the man who now sees does not know the name of the good woman who made his vision possible.

Sterilization Overrated

DR. C. LEONARD HUSKINS, professor of genetics at McGill University, Montreal, points out that if all the feeble-minded were sterilized, the proportion of feeble-minded to the population would be decreased by only about 11 percent; it would take many generations of sterilization to make a decrease of 20 percent, and the percentage could never be decreased by more than 50 percent, no matter what steps were taken. To entirely wipe out feeble-mindedness, it would be necessary to wipe out all the relatives, including parents, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

A Correction from Alaska

SAYS Fridijov Hoen: "In an issue of *The Golden Age* there was a report of the disappearance in Alaska of Augustine Island. That report is not correct. I was on the island twice last summer and it was then as it has been for the last twenty-three years. From my cabin here I can see it every clear day. That report did not originate in Rome, but in a town here by the name of Anchorage."

The Discovery of Dynamite

DR. ALFRED B. NOBEL, whose 100th birthday was recently celebrated in Sweden, was an ardent lover of peace, though he was the discoverer of dynamite and ballistite, which made modern warfare possible. Without the discovery of dynamite there would be no Panama canal, no Simplon tunnel, and quarrying and building would lag tremendously.

Many Lepers in Brazil

IN SOME sections of Latin America nearly the entire population is leprous. Brazil has the largest number, probably 75,000. Chile has none, due to its temperate climate, rigid immigration policy and the barriers of mountains and deserts which shut it off from other Latin-American countries. Brazil, the melting pot of the world, now has 150,000 Japanese immigrants, and has just offered to receive 10,000 Assyrians.

David Toohey's Wrench

IN AUSTRALIA, in the old mining district of Ballarat, David Toohey, farmer, looking for a missing wrench, discovered, a foot below the surface of the field he was plowing, a gold-bearing reef from which, in two days, he obtained gold to the amount of $2,240. There have been serious riots in Australia between British miners, armed, and the great numbers of Italians who have come in to take their places in the mines, and who work for smaller wages than the Britishers are willing to accept.

London Firemen's Helmets to Go

LONDON firemen's brass helmets, worn by them for seventy years, and intended to be worn by them in all future ages, are to be changed. It is found that they are unsafe. In one instance a fireman was electrocuted when his helmet touched a tube containing a live wire. The new helmets will be made of plastic materials or an aluminum alloy.

Capital of Sheba Probably Discovered

FRENCH aviators have photographed from an airplane the ruins of a city in southern Arabia which is believed to have been the capital of the queen of Sheba. It must at one time have had a population of about 200,000. It is located near Yemen. Bedouins fired on the airmen as they passed over the ruins, but they escaped without injury.

South Africa's Terrible Storms

SOUTH AFRICA has the most terrible thunderstorms of any part of the world. Some months ago a single flash killed four natives and stunned five others. The same flash also killed five animals.

The Fourth Largest Diamond

THE fourth largest diamond in the world, the Jonkers, recently discovered by a man 62 years of age, brought him $375,000 in cash. The night after it was discovered, he sat up all night with a rifle on his knees, his two sons sitting on either side of him with revolvers in their hands. With the dawn of day they bumped away to town to dispose of their find. The actual find was by a colored man employed by Jonkers. The stone, 726 carats, is pure white, flawless, and was found within three miles of the Cullinan, discovered in 1905. By some it is believed to be a part of the original Cullinan stone, which is the largest ever found, 3,025 carats, but, even at that, showed a fracture.

The Stonework of Tiahuanacu

BOLIVIANS claim that Tiahuanacu, ten miles from Lake Titicaca, is the oldest city in the world. Its stonework would attract attention in any age. There are flights of steps each step in which is a single square-cut stone twenty feet in length, ten feet in width, and three feet in thickness. There are many building blocks that weigh more than 200 tons each. These blocks were bound together with silver staples. When the Spaniards overran the country they upset everything in order to get the staples. The cutting of the stones was done with absolute precision. How the cutting was done, in view of the fact that steel was unknown, cannot even be guessed.

The Dead Sea Very Much Alive

THE Dead sea, fifty minutes by asphalt road from Jerusalem, is now the city's favorite resort. A twin-screw boat carries 80 passengers around the Dead sea, or a speed-boat will take nine of them around in jig time. The increased barometric pressure causes a high oxygen content of the air, which has a wonderfully invigorating effect on human creatures.

The Capital of Manchuria

IN THE two years they have dominated Manchuria the Japanese have built a new capital, Hsinking, in the center of the country, in a location suitable for landscaping and the erection of large modern government buildings. The city already has a population of 150,000. It will be connected by modern highways with all the important centers of the country.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Golden Age is pleased to announce that a series of brief and illuminating talks by Judge Rutherford, covering a wide variety of Scriptural subjects, will appear in its columns, beginning with this issue. It is hardly needful for *The Golden Age* to express its conviction that these compact and worth-while lectures will be greatly appreciated by its readers. There is so much crowded into the compass of one of these articles that they will bear repeated reading and discussion.

Jehovah *By Judge Rutherford*

THE name JEHOVAH applies exclusively to the Supreme Being. He is the Most High, above all. His name Jehovah signifies His purpose toward His creatures. He is the Almighty God, which means that He is the Creator of all things in heaven and in earth, and that His power is almighty and nothing can successfully resist Him. God created man and created the earth as a place for man to live. All men who will ever gain life everlasting must know and obey Jehovah God.

Jehovah provides two primary ways for man to gain a knowledge of Him: (1) by man's observing the things created, which of themselves silently tell of a supreme power, and (2) by His revealed Word, which is the Bible, otherwise called the Holy Scriptures. Jehovah God long ago caused faithful men to write the Bible at His dictation, and this divine record is made for the purpose of giving man needed information. The Bible is the truth, and for centuries has successfully resisted all efforts to discredit it.

All the human race are the offspring of one man, whose name was Adam and who was created by Jehovah God a perfect man. That man disobeyed Jehovah and was sentenced to death, after which all of his children were born; and for that reason all the human race by inheritance are sinners. The Scriptures truly declare that Jehovah God is love, which means that He is unselfish and that He does good unto all creatures without any gain to himself. Every act of Jehovah is prompted by love or unselfishness; hence He is wholly devoted to righteousness. It is His will that His creatures be wholly devoted to righteousness. He has provided the means for all men to gain a knowledge of the truth in order that they may learn the way of righteousness and live for ever in happiness. We have now come to the time when men are given greater opportunities than ever before to learn the way of righteousness and life.

Jehovah God is the giver of life; hence it is properly said of Him He is the fountain of life. His beloved Son is Christ Jesus, whose position in the universe is next to that of Jehovah. The purpose of Jehovah is to give life to obedient men by and through the ministration of Christ Jesus when such men are fully obedient to Him. For this reason Jesus said of Jehovah and for the benefit of men: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3) No man can get everlasting life without knowing Jehovah and obeying Him.

A meek person is a teachable person, that is to say, a person who is willing to be taught. Jehovah's promise to man is that He will teach the meek in the way that he should go; hence if a man seeks knowledge, earnestly desiring the same, God will reward his efforts. Jehovah has now brought to pass conditions in the world that make it possible for man to understand His name and His purpose, and for this reason He has supplied the means for understanding.

Jehovah commands that all men shall love Him with a pure heart and must be obedient to His commandments in order to prove their love for Him. Such is not a selfish command, but is entirely unselfish and for the special benefit of man. There are mighty creatures that are called gods, because *god* means "mighty one", but there is but one Jehovah, the Almighty God. He is the Eternal One, and there is none other who can give life everlasting to man. It would be inconsistent for God to give everlasting life to anyone out of harmony with Him, and therefore He tells man that if he desires to have everlasting life he must be obedient. Jehovah also commands that man shall make no image and worship that. That requirement is for man's best interests. If a man devotes himself to an image or thing, that tends to turn his mind and his affections away from God and to lead him into destruction. All law and commandments of Je-

hovah are for man's good; and the more fully we understand them and obey them, the more we love Jehovah. That which is of greatest importance to man is to gain a knowledge of Jehovah as set forth in the Bible. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."—Psalm 19:7.

Since God created the first man perfect, and all men are the offspring of that first man, why is there so much sickness, distress and sorrow and death amongst the human race? Is Jehovah responsible for all this sorrow and suffering amongst men, including death? Jehovah is not responsible at all therefor. The Bible answer to the question as to why these disagreeable things have come to pass will be answered in another speech called "Rebellion".

[The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society advises that the above lecture and others of the series are obtainable in the form of phonograph records, which may be run at the usual speed of 78 revolutions per minute on any phonograph that plays disc records.

There are times when one is not in the mood for reading. On such occasions a short talk on some helpful subject just meets the need and lifts the mind from dwelling on troublesome things to inspiring and encouraging truths. Many of our readers will be eager to obtain a series of the lectures for their use at home and in discussing with friends and acquaintances the wonderful truths of God's Word as they apply to the time in which we live. For further particulars address Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y.]

The Twilight of Kings *By Annie Johnson Flint*

(Reprinted from the Boston *Globe*)

THREE kings there be, and one is mad,
And one is weak, and one is old,
And all are blind—they will not see
The Hand that writes a doom foretold;
And all are deaf—they will not hear
The Voice that speaks, the word it brings—
Voice of the people and of God:
"This is the twilight of the kings!"

From mountain pass, from fertile plain
Where harvests wait the reapers' tread,
From vineyards on the sunny slopes
Where dressers of the vines lie dead,
From homes where starving children wait
The father's coming—and in vain,
From pallid cheeks and voiceless lips
Of manhood wrecked and manhood slain,
From smold'ring roofs and blackened walls,
From idle wheels of labor stilled,
From ancient battlefields, and new,
That reek of blood unjustly spilled,
A solemn Voice that cries aloud,
Through all the world the portent rings:
"The Sword shall free us from the sword—
This is the twilight of the kings."

It is the twilight! Spent the day
Of splendor, tyranny, and crime.
The long, long day that had its birth
Within the far-off dawn of time—
The day of iron hand and heel,
Of bondage, cruelty, and woe,
The day of Babylon and Rome,
Of Louis, Herod, Pharaoh.
The night that follows on that day
Across the world its shadow flings;
The outworn dynasties shall pass—
It is the twilight of the kings!

Fast falls the night; beyond its gloom
There shines the dawn of better things—
The light of liberty and peace,
Of justice higher than the kings.
When breaks that dawn no more one man
Shall move a million at his will
Like pawns upon a chessboard played,
To vaunt his power and his skill;
No more one man, by "right divine",
On age-old wrongs his house shall build;
No more the slogan "Might makes right"
Shall serve his selfish greed to gild.
Their glory fades as fades the day;
In fire and blood their sun has set,
Though in the swiftly dark'ning skies
A smoky crimson lingers yet;
For hopeless, when the tide has turned,
To fight against the trend of things,
The thrones are rocking to their fall—
It is the twilight of the kings!

"Odium Theologicum"

Questionnaire of "The World Tomorrow"

THE magazine *The World Tomorrow* sent out 100,490 questionnaires to Protestant clergymen and theological seminary students, receiving 20,870 replies. Of the number replying, 17,023 were opposed to military training in public high schools and colleges and universities; 15,985 are in favor of substantial reductions in armaments; 15,598 believe that the policy of armed intervention should be abandoned; 13,997 believe the churches should go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war; 12,904 are prepared to state that it is not their present purpose to sanction any future war or participate as an armed combatant; and 8,014 could not conscientiously serve as army chaplain on active duty in wartime. That is considerable shrinkage, but is worth noting.

Among the expressions of those who said they believe the churches should go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war were the following, culled from a number of different replies:

"War is murder on a wholesale scale, and is incompatible with the teachings and spirit of Jesus Christ."

"War is hell! It kills human [creatures], love and fellowship, destroys property and civilization, breeds hatred, leaves poverty and ruin in its wake—and the church of Christ must oppose these things or die."

"For fourteen months I served as chaplain in France and Germany, and for the last fifteen years I have not been rid of the horrors of it for a full twenty-four hours. My position on war is unpopular, but the way I saw wholesale murder for several months has left me with no alternative but to curse the institution which has all but wrecked the world."

"The church denies the name of its Founder and ceases to be Christian to the extent that it participates in war. Christ is unequivocally opposed to war. War is murder on a wholesale, glorified scale. No murderer is a Christian."

"What part has the gospel of love with rapine, murder, slaughter and bloodshed? You can't whip the Devil by acting like him."

"The record of the clergy in the years of the World War was indeed a dismal one. As one commentator remarked, 'The pulpits reeked with blood.'"

"If the churches have sincerely repented of their unchristian attitude and action during the World War, they can do no less than to put themselves on record as refusing to sanction or support a future war."

"We have been a most blasphemous people, praying to God to aid us in murdering others of His creation."

Pathetic Palestine Pastors

THE pathetic Palestine Pastors' Association, Palestine, Texas, solemnly met and stated that "hearing that a petition was being circulated . . . for the purpose of preventing the ministers of the gospel from being denied the privilege of broadcasting their messages, the Palestine Pastors' Association has asked the press to state that . . . The Pastors' Association does not endorse the petition being circulated". All of this is as we would expect, and all that it does is to help the people to see that the pastors are lined up squarely on the Devil's side, and squarely against Jehovah and Jehovah's witnesses.

The Merchants Ought to Pay

REVEREND E. McAVOY, Geneva Presbyterian church, Chesley, Ontario, Canada, has a thrilling 2½-column sermon in the Owen Sound *Sun-Times*. The sermon is devoted to proving that furniture, sweaters, automobile accessories, groceries, drugs, tobacco, meat, hay, shoes and ladies' wear are as cheap in Chesley as in Toronto. Not sure if the reverend gent speaks with authority on the last item, but probably so. No Scriptures are cited, but if those storekeepers don't come across with the long green, then there is no such thing as gratitude in this world.

Reverend Sheridan Helps the Good Work

REVEREND E. M. SHERIDAN, Curtis Baptist church, Augusta, Georgia, broadcast over WRDW urging his listeners to burn all books having J. F. Rutherford's name or that of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society printed upon them. Thanks, "Reverend"! Every knock is a boost. "Ye know not what ye do." And the clergy never do know; they don't find out what it is all about until after it is all over.

Putting the Clergy on Record

A QUESTIONNAIRE dated January 1, 1934, was sent out to the clergy of the United States. It was signed by S. Parkes Cadman, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Edward M. Israel, M. Ashby Jones, William P. King, F. H. Knubel, Francis J. McConnell, John McDowell, D. P. McGeachy, Kirby Page, Daniel A. Poling, and William Scarlett. Of fifteen questions put to them, the very first one was, "Do you favor the immediate entrance into the League of Nations?"

An Anemic's Place at the Table

A FIVE-YEAR survey of church organization and life in the United States, Alaska and the West Indies, presented at the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Home Missions Council, Fifth Avenue, New York, says:

"During the last decade, Christianity to many has seemed to present but a glorified social service program. We have compromised and qualified until what remains of Christianity is but an anemic member occupying a place at the table of world religions. It is neither vital nor vitalizing."

Elimination of Sectarianism

THE big fellows are all jumping into the new program whereby it is to be made to appear that there is no essential difference between the Catholic, Jew and Protestant faiths. All that the people have to do is to go along where the clergy direct. In every state the campaign is under way, and the most influential men in the state are put on the committees that have the drive in hand. The real object is to prevent the common people from hearing about and accepting God's truth and God's way, His King and His kingdom.

Warning to the Episcopal Church

REVEREND GEORGE A. BARTON, professor at the Philadelphia Divinity School, in an address given at the annual Protestant Church Congress in that city, said of the Episcopal church that it is in danger of being blotted out, and added: "The church is in danger of becoming one of the greatest obstacles in the realization of the kingdom of God. The so-called sects are in many ways doing more in reaching people and bringing them to God than we who sometimes think we have a pipe line to the holy spirit through the historical episcopacy."

"Strife on Earth, Ill Will to Men"

REVEREND ARTHUR E. MASSEY, Sussex, writing in the London weekly *Everyman,* thinks that in these days of soaring expenditures for armaments the consistent thing to do would be to recommend the worship of the inventors of poison gases instead of the Prince of Peace and a day should be set apart to celebrate "Strife on earth, ill will toward aliens". He also makes the sensible suggestion that it might be as well to close the churches.

"Blessed Bible, Precious Word!"

THOSE who love the Word of God often sing "Blessed Bible, precious Word! boon most sacred from the Lord". It seems not to have been the attitude of mind of Reverend Robert Wesley Hanford, M.E. pastor of Lansdowne, Maryland, when, in his Easter sermon, he hurled his Bible across the room and said, "Cursed be the church and cursed be the Bible when used to enslave God's highest creation on earth, to enslave man created in the image of God." The "Reverend" seems to have been peeved about something. The account says that he was "denouncing the fellow who says he is a Bible student". Not certain, but it looks very much as if some Bible student had put something up to him, or at least to his congregation, that the dominie found not easy to explain.

Archbishop Athenagoras' Homely Words

ARCHBISHOP ATHENAGORAS, of the Greek Orthodox church, in a sermon at East Pittsburgh recently, said:

"We wanted money. We got it, and since we got it we've paid for it. The manufacturer poured metal into guns to kill youth; the government poured old rags into paper money and we were debauched in our own hypocrisy. The politician said the war was to unite the world, but it has done the opposite. We were all thankful when the butchery was over, but again the guns are ready to bark in the Far East. All the peace and economic conferences the nations have had, including the League of Nations, have been a failure. . . . The world is seeking a leader, and their leader is before them if they will only heed him. He is Jesus."

Devil-Heaven-Virgin Birth

FROM a questionnaire sent out to the clergy of Chicago by the Northwestern University, it is revealed that 44 percent of Congregationalists, 45 percent of Episcopalians, 70 percent of Methodists, 59 percent of Presbyterians, and 24 percent of Baptists do not believe there is a Devil; 44 percent of Congregationalists, 35 percent of Methodists, 28 percent of Presbyterians, and 22 percent of Baptists do not believe there is a heaven; 94 percent of Congregationalists, 89 percent of Episcopalians, 89 percent of Methodists, 95 percent of Presbyterians, 70 percent of Baptists, and 76 percent of Lutherans do not believe in the virgin birth of our Lord.

Pope Afraid of What Is Coming

THE pope issued a warning that a world-wide conflict may come, and wanted a world-wide spiritual revival to avoid Armageddon. Well, the thing that he fears is just the thing that is coming, and nothing can stop it or should do so. Armageddon is necessary; it is the Lord's method of cleaning up the earth and making it a fit place in which to live. When it is over, all the clergy will be for ever a thing of the past.

Eenie Meenie Minie Moe

POPE CLEMENT VII ruled that the "holy shroud" of Turin, Italy, could be displayed to the public only if the priests told them it was a copy of the original garment. But now the official organ of the pope speaks of it as genuine. Why not? Look at all the money it raked in during the "Holy Year"! Two papal commissions are now examining the shroud to determine if it is genuine, and a book will be published on the subject. The book will show that the shroud is genuine; that is why it is to be written. If confession is made that the shroud is a swindle, why write a book about it?

Ground Hog Superstitions

ODDLY enough, it was on so-called "Ground Hog Day" that the interview with the pope was published in which the pope urged world-wide prayer that Armageddon might be averted. Just why the alleged "vicar of Christ" in earth should want a postponement of the big fight that is going to put an end to all hypocrisy and Devil religion in the earth is something only the pope can explain.

Protestants May Have Part in the Tortures

THE pope recently said to the Dominicans that when he gets ready to put the Inquisition in active operation again he wants them to be back on the job as the inquisitors, as they were of yore. That is interesting. And it now transpires that the Protestants are in training for their part as fellow-inquisitors. An inquisitor who balks at torture is of no good, and so the Devil is training a large and enthusiastic army in the school of vivisection. Protestants are strong for this. The Right Reverend T. Albert Moore, D.D., S.T.D., LL.D., moderator of the United Church of Canada, in a letter boosting the work of "the Canadian Social Hygiene Council, for the prevention of diphtheria through toxoid inoculation", recently said: "It might also be pointed out that in the province of Quebec diphtheria prevention through toxoid inoculation has the unqualified approval of the Catholic church. Announcements urging parents to protect their children with toxoid are frequently made from the pulpit by the parish priests." Toxoid is the new dope with which the vivisectionists are experimenting since they came to agreement that the toxin-antitoxin formerly recommended is really of no good. The Protestant churches in Canada recently issued an intermediate "Sunday School Quarterly" with a lesson in it on vivisection. Now wouldn't it be a good joke, when the Catholic and Protestant inquisitions both get to going, under the direction of trained vivisectionists, if they should suddenly take up the idea of using one another's officers as their subjects of experiment?

Willing to Pray, for Ten Bucks

AN ITEM comes to us from Lehighton, Pa., giving the following details: "The priest came to a miner by the name of Anthony Madarea, who met with an accident last Wednesday. Madarea fell down a slope 150 feet when a large weight of coal, rock and dirt, estimated at 40 tons, gave way. His back was broken at several places; also both legs were broken from the hips, and both paralyzed; and he suffered internal injuries. He was unconscious until the Saturday following, but regained consciousness. The priest stated to him that if he paid $10 he would pray for him; he replied to the priest that he could not pay the $10; then the priest left his bedside in the hospital without offering a prayer for his recovery. This is true. The patient has no faith in him any more."

Virtues of Self-Torturing Devices

MOST people of common sense would say there is no virtue in torturing oneself. Nevertheless, a dispatch from Vatican City states that Maria Micaela was made a saint, the outstanding reason being that when she attended balls and parties, in the middle of the nineteenth century, she had beneath her clothing self-torturing devices. Nobody but the Devil would imagine there was any virtue in a scheme of that kind. Recently, a Washington (D.C.) undertaker disclosed that he had cared for the body of a poor Catholic woman who wore a knotted rope about her hips until her entire abdomen was one mass of callouses.

Odd Use for the Missing Foot

IT SEEMS that in a church at Paris they had a foot of Saint Victor, said to be 1,600 years old. Recently somebody swiped it, and the priest in charge announces that in eternity the thief will be kicked by the foot which he stole unless he returns it. This raises interesting pictures in the mind. If you see a one-legged man in heaven or elsewhere bearing down on some luckless individual, and about to give him a swift kick, you will know that it is Saint Victor. If the kick lands all right an investigation will show that it was planted, not by the foot on which the one-legged man hobbles around, but by the one that was swiped from the priest. There doesn't seem to be any reason why Saint Victor should not kick him with both feet, except that it is rather inconvenient to have both feet off the ground at the same time. If the priest had not told us which foot would be used we would suggest that Vic sock the man with his spiritual crutch and let it go at that. How did the priest get the foot in the first place? Maybe Vic came back and got it on the sly and the priest is in for trouble in the spirit realm, when he lands there, if he ever does. By rights Vic ought to both kick him and sock him with the crutch for keeping his foot in the show case 1,600 years, making him hobble all over heaven and other places so long without it.

Will Take Money and Assume Responsibility

"TRUTH," 412 Eighth Avenue, New York, is willing to take $2 for a couple of masses. It seems, according to the circular, that "one mass heard by you during life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after death; you shorten your purgatory by every mass; you are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs". The circular then adds, thoughtfully, "Inclose the amount in the small envelope, place it in the larger envelope, mail it to us, and we shall assume all responsibility in the transaction." This all sounds very reasonable on the basis that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and the mass-purveyors would rather have your $2 now than trust to getting some from somebody else saying masses for you later. We can also see why they are willing to assume the responsibility. They evidently think they will never be called to account. But that is where they are wrong.

Studies in Art

THE Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Clyde, Missouri, has a list of 31 booklets, priced at 10c each. Some of the titles are: "God Himself Our Sacrifice," "Wonders of the Miraculous Crucifix," "Devotion to the Holy Wounds," "Devotion to Mary," "Mary, Mother of God," "Mary, Our Mother," "Under Mary's Mantle," "De Montfort's Devotion to Mary," and "The Rosary, My Treasure". The cover of the booklet or price list is entitled "Devotion to the Most Holy Trinity". It contains a picture of a hard-faced old gentleman in a white beard. He has a triple crown upon his head. His head is connected with the head of a younger man by a design which has as its central feature a dove with wings outspread. The younger man is exhibiting two hands and one foot in which may be seen great gaping wounds. Both of them, or all three of them, if we count the connecting dove as one, are supported by a platform resting upon the shoulders of twelve angels. Above their heads are twenty-four more angels looking down upon the scene. The hard-faced old gentleman has in one hand a trident, and in the other a sphere surmounted by a small cross. The younger man is reclining against and is partly supporting a huge cross. And that's all for now.

A Little Late for the Tombola

READERS are a little late for the annual tombola, which, it seems, is pulled off once a year by the Monastery of the Precious Blood, 2161 Cameron Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. The original offer came on a strip of five tickets at 25c a ticket, total $1.25 for the piece of paper. In return the holder was to get either a wrist watch, a ton of coal, a luncheon set, a rosary, or a crucifix; awards under the lottery were to be made January 15, 1934. Lotteries are illegal in the United States, and even if you had won the ton of coal it would have been bothersome to send it by parcel post across the border. But there is nothing to hinder your parting with the $1.25. Not sure if the "Sisters of the Precious Blood", as they call themselves, would accept it, but you might try them and see. It must be all O.K.; for they do business under the protection of Saints Joseph, Anthony and Brigid of Ireland, and surely a saint ought to be on the level, anyway. Come to think of it, you can't sent lottery money through the mails.

Barefaced Lottery in Canada

THE Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish, P. F. Hughes, 2140 Cameron Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, is operating a barefaced lottery under the name of "Spring Fair" "Grand Charity Drive". A book of five tickets is $1.00; single tickets, 25c. Each ticket is numbered; prizes are 35 in number, ranging from $25 in cash down. Lotteries are illegal in the United States and should be illegal everywhere. We wonder how this matter goes through the Canadian mails, and if the lottery is worked through the United States mails also. The return envelope for the lottery tickets and remittances is cleverly masked. It reads "Salve Regina Fund, Archdiocese of Regina, 2140 Cameron Street, Regina, Sask., Canada". Nobody would be likely to identify such an envelope as carrying either lottery tickets or lottery remittances.

The Slow-Baking Department

SOME one sent in a picture of the slow-baking department put out by The Purgatorian Society, St. Peter's church, 1019 North 5th street, Philadelphia. At the bottom are ten writhing in the flames; to the left are six either in the slow-baking department or just being released from it. In the center is a priest holding up a goblet of wine, with two altar boys kneeling behind him. At the top and down one side are thirty angels that belong to the rescue or fire squad, and in the center of the top is the Devil, with outstretched hands, blessing the whole scheme for the dishonoring of the name of Jehovah, the true and living God.

Raised Up for Veneration

HERE is a letter from Cardinal Dougherty to a priest in his own city in which he says: ". . . before long a bishop of this diocese of Philadelphia will be raised to the altars of our churches for veneration of the faithful." The lady who sends in the item, once a Catholic, very properly designates this as "stark idolatry, man deified, pure paganism".

1,000,000 Persons Swindled

AS A RESULT of centuries of propaganda 1,000,000 persons were swindled recently at Trier, Germany, where they paid to see the alleged robe of Christ worn just prior to His crucifixion. The exhibition lasted five weeks.

A Suggestion to Reverend Gould

A NEWSPAPER in the west of Ireland says in an advertisement: "The first thought of a Catholic in the month of November is for his dead. Patiently in the cleansing flames they await the help of their dear ones to enable them to pass to their eternal reward. . . . Send all names and petitions (sealed) to me, Reverend B. Gould, St. John's, Gravelly Hill, Birmingham. I will send the Novena Prayer and a mortuary card. When sending your petition I beg of you to send me a mite to help me to build a church and pay for a school in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. These are hard days for me." Our suggestion to the "Reverend" is that he give up this crooked way of making a living and do some kind of honest work. Another suggestion would be that he persuade the Devil, who he acknowledges is his partner, to turn the gas down a little, and not make the climate of this purgatory place so hot. He could also explain to the Devil that suckers are fewer and farther between than they used to be. Not sure if any of these will be acceptable.

Checking Up on the Bones

THEY have been having a grand time checking up on the old bones down at Georgetown University, Washington. When they got through with the audit they had three boxes of old bones more than they figured on, and now believe these boxes contain some of the earthly material in which certain saints walked around in Rome or elsewhere sixteen centuries ago. Of course, they may not be the identical bones of the saints in question; or even if they are it is not certain which is which; and they may even be sheep bones, or calf bones; but they are valuable for exhibition purposes.

The Holy House of Loretto

THE reason that Our Lady of Loretto is the patroness of aviators, if you will believe it, is that in 1291 the angels carried the house in Nazareth where Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived all the way from Nazareth to Loretto, Italy, where they parked it on a hillside and the Roman Catholic priests built a church around it. It seems that the angels shifted the house twice within four years after the airplane trip from Palestine, but finally left it in a place where business would be good.

Remedy for Constipation

SAYS Lydia G. Wentworth, of Massachusetts: "Remembering the interest which your magazine has taken in past years in the subject of health, I send to you the following prescription, by a distinguished physician, which is a sure remedy for constipation, the precursor of so many different diseases. A great advantage is that it can be made in any household. It is not an emergency measure, but a positive remedy. Even difficult cases yield with less than the four glasses per day prescribed:

"Take a bunch of carrots and a bunch of celery. Wash and cut into pieces. Put in kettle with about three pints of water and boil briskly for twenty minutes. Then add a handful of spinach, carefully washed, and boil for ten minutes more; strain all through a sieve and add enough water to make two quarts. For a stubborn case take four glasses daily, at intervals. This is unfailing and can be continued until complete relief is effected. A person in normal health should have two, or even three, bowel movements every day. This prescription is a great help in high blood pressure, arthritis, diabetes and nervousness. It should not be prepared in an aluminum utensil; nothing should."

A Tea Made of Apples

JAMES A. WILLIAMS, of Lithuania, offers the following for those who he thinks will soon be giving up the caffeine drinks: "Slice some apples (washed but not peeled) into about one-sixth-inch slices. Dry slowly in a pan lined with white paper, by placing in an oven, which, of course, must not be shut. When thoroughly dry, roast until a dark-brown color (closing the oven door, of course). Store in a dry place. Infuse as needed, in the same manner as tea, but do not throw away until the brew is thoroughly weak. Dilute with boiled water and sweeten to taste. Use glasses for preference (a la russe). The tea has a most appetizing flavor and color and is not spoiled by standing a day or longer."

A Way to Make Use of Garlic

J. A. WILLIAMS, of Lithuania, finds that he can get all the benefits of garlic, without its unpleasant after-effects, by cutting the bulb in two, lengthwise and crosswise, and swallowing the small particles with a large draught of water from a good-sized spoon. He takes this each morning, followed by the juice of a lemon, and after an hour no odor is discernible.

A Good Word for Ginseng

A SUBSCRIBER in the Bronx says: "You certainly know how to turn out a perfectly consistent paper, and an inspirational one. I hope the time arrives when *The Golden Age* makes its appearance on every news stand in the United States. I would like to see you take another crack at aluminum pots; it is time the folks knew enough to throw the aluminum pots into the Hudson before the aluminum pots throw them into the Hudson. Also, you cannot really say too much for ginseng. It has an awkward, feeble taste, appears like the shadow of a shade, yet it causes the sick to rise and run about, full of vim, vigor and vitality. I believe soy beans have a tendency to prevent appendicitis."

Life at 320 Degrees Below Zero

IN THE University of Pittsburgh a doctor and another man immersed a turtle in liquid air and kept it there, at 320 degrees below zero, for ten minutes, just to see how long it could live. A subscriber says animatedly: "The quicker this lousy bunch is exterminated, the better for the world."

Smallpox a Dirt Disease

IN THE four years 1928 to 1931 inclusive, the deaths from smallpox in Madras, India, were 307 times as great per million of population as in London. In Bombay they were 551 times as great, and in Calcutta they were 597 times as great. Vaccination is compulsory in all three of the British Indian cities.

Gallstone Remedy Works O.K.

WORD from several subscribers establishes the fact that a tumblerful of olive oil, followed by lying on the right side for the night, causes gallstones to be passed off in a natural manner, with no danger, and almost no expense.

People to Avoid

A SPEAKER at the Chicago Executives' Club who says that everybody will be insane by the year 2139 recommends that to keep a level head the people to be avoided are gossips, critics, chiselers, the timid, the despondent, the parasitical, the arrogant, the fanatical, the obstinate, the melancholy, self-piteous, jealous, envious, angry, pessimists, and the painfully good.

Teeth and Turnips

By a Farmer's Wife

IN JUNE of 1928 I went to my dentist for a dental examination and to make arrangements to have necessary work done on my teeth. Among other things, the dentist declared that my teeth were badly in need of cleaning. Sickness prevented my returning to him on the date set; and when I did go back for the work it was November.

During the interval I had not taken any better care of my teeth than previously; so you may imagine my surprise when he exclaimed, "How nice and clean your teeth are!" He said that my teeth did not need cleaning at all. This puzzled me for a while, and then a light began to dawn on me.

That autumn had brought us an abundance of very sweet, crisp turnips, and I had been eating them raw almost every day for several weeks. We served great slices of them at our meals, and ate them with bread, butter and a little salt. We seemed never to tire of them. I reasoned that the act of masticating the turnips not only scoured and exercised the teeth, but also liberated mineral-laden juices which both tended to correct unhealthy mouth conditions and served to nourish and harden the teeth.

I had also been eating raw apples. Later the dentist suggested that these might have been responsible for the improved conditions. But I had eaten apples plentifully before, when turnips were not available, but without the same gratifying results, although there is no doubt that the apple is very beneficial.

Here is a salad of which we do not tire, and which guests soon come to like as well as we do:

Five or six large, crisp, sweet turnips
Two or three medium-sized carrots
One pulverized onion
One-half cupful raisins

Run all but the raisins through a food chopper, mix, and add this dressing:

One cup sweet milk
Two teaspoonfuls salt
Two dashes red pepper
One-half cup vinegar
or juice of one lemon
One tablespoonful cornstarch
Two-thirds teaspoonful mustard
Two eggs
One tablespoonful butter or olive oil
One-fourth teaspoonful celery salt

Sugar added improves the taste of this salad, for some. It may be varied by adding nuts or apples. This dressing is cooked; but all the vegetables in the salad are used in the raw state.

A combination of cream, salt, sugar, and lemon juice may be used instead of the cooked dressing.

Vaccination Persecutions

AT CARLISLE, Pa., William Marsh, South Middleton farmer, was sent to jail for five days for refusal to have his two children vaccinated. Two years ago two other of his daughters went blind because of vaccination; so says the Philadelphia *Record*. At Greenwich, Conn., Mrs. Maria J. Brought was fined $5 and costs for each of five weeks her child was not in school. At the trial it was brought out that every school day for the five weeks the mother had brought the child to school, but every day the child had been refused admittance because not vaccinated. Mrs. Brought objects to vaccination on the ground that a person's life is in the blood and should not be defiled; also, another child became ill when vaccinated.

Six Thousand Paralytics Treated

IN THE past four years six thousand sufferers of infantile paralysis have been treated, most of them free of charge, in the violet ray swimming pool of Israel Zion hospital, New York city. The children sit in floating baskets, kicking their sick legs in the water, while nurses, trained for the work, help them to exercise their weak muscles.

Smallest Known Death Rate

THE year 1933 was distinguished for having the smallest known death rate among the millions of industrial policyholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The vitality of the American people seems unimpaired in spite of all they have passed through since the end of the boom in the year 1929.

Corpse Objects to Ride in Hearse

A GIRL in Loriente, Lower California, state of Mexico, died of a heart attack, according to the doctors who examined her. On the way to the cemetery she inquired where she was being taken. There did not seem to be any good reason for burying her, and so she was returned home as well as before the attack took place.

What Is Real Baptism?

DEFINED according to the inspired Word of God, "baptism" (from the Greek word *baptein,* meaning *to dip, to dip in or under*) means 'to be buried; to be interred; to be hid away, out of sight'. It means the consecration of oneself; the full and unconditional devoting of oneself, and acceptance by the Lord. Romans 6:4 says: "We are buried with him by baptism into death." A thing cannot be buried, interred, or hidden, by sprinkling a few drops of water upon it from some religious font.

Israel Baptized

Some sixteen hundred years before Christ the Hebrews, or Israelites, were sojourning in Egypt, where they were oppressed by the monarch, Pharaoh. Egypt was a type of the world, Satan's organization; while Pharaoh was a type of the Devil, the god of this evil world. (2 Corinthians 4:4) Then Jehovah God sent His prophet, Moses, to Egypt primarily to make a name for Himself, and secondarily to redeem the Israelites. "Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, . . . And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name?" (2 Samuel 7:22, 23) Before Moses could become the deliverer of the nation of Israel that people must agree to obey and follow Moses as the one sent of Jehovah God. Their full and unconditional agreement to follow Moses meant that they had fully committed themselves to Moses. This constituted their baptism *unto* Moses.

Then Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. When they reached the Red sea they were closely pursued by the Egyptians. God caused a cloud to stand between His people and the enemy, burying His people out of sight of the Egyptians; also, He caused the sea to divide and to stand on each side of them as they passed through to safety. By this means they were buried in the cloud and in the sea; and thus was symbolized their baptism unto Moses. Concerning this the apostle Paul wrote: "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our [Hebrew] fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea."—1 Corinthians 10:1, 2.

On the night preceding their deliverance from Egypt the Israelites held their first passover feast, by slaying the passover lamb and feasting upon it. This was according to God's law. There Jehovah God made the law covenant by Moses as the mediator for Israel while in Egypt and at the time of the slaying of the paschal lamb. The inauguration of this law covenant took place in the season of Pentecost, or about fifty days after the Israelites were brought out of Egypt and had come to Mount Sinai (Mount Horeb). (Exodus 19:1-25; 20:1-21) At that time God made promise of the coming of One greater than Moses and of whom Moses was a type; to Moses God said: "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth." (Deuteronomy 18:15-19) The apostle Peter identified this Greater Prophet to come as being Christ Jesus. (Acts 3:20-23) The law was made a schoolmaster to lead Israel unto Christ, that great Deliverer. (Galatians 3:23, 24) But the Jews lost confidence in the promises made by Jehovah; and when the time drew near for the coming of Jesus, the antitype of Moses, there was only a remnant in the proper heart condition to receive the Lord.

The purpose of the law covenant with the Jews was to get for Jehovah a "people for his name"; but that covenant failed because of the imperfection of the Jews. When Christ Jesus, the Greater Moses, came, He was the "seed" according to Jehovah's promise to Abraham, "the friend of God," and those Jews who were then found faithful were transferred from Moses to Christ and thereby were made a part of the "people for his name". The faithful disciples of Jesus Christ were striking examples of this fact. They were already consecrated to do the will of God and had been baptized into Moses "in the cloud and in the sea", and now it was not necessary for them to again undergo baptism. Moses was the mediator for all of God's chosen people, the nation of Israel. They "were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea". Moses was therefore the mediator for all such and none other; hence the Jews that were found faithful at the coming of Christ Jesus were transferred from Moses to Christ. Christ was made the mediator for all such and for all Gentiles who covenant to do the will of God.

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. . . . Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all

Judæa, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." (Matthew 3:1-6) "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for [*margin:* unto] the remission of sins." (Mark 1:4) John was announcing Jesus, the antitype of Moses, who had come to do the work that Moses could not do. The Jews had not been living up to the terms of their covenant, even to the best of their ability. They were commanded, therefore, to repent of their sins against God's arrangement with them under the law covenant; and by being baptized they thus testified that they acknowledged their sins and repented of them, preparatory to the washing away of their sins by the blood of Christ. (Hebrews 9:14, 15; Revelation 1:5) Of course, this baptism applied to the Jews only; for no other people was a party to the law covenant, and this baptism by John could apply to none other than God's covenant people.—Acts 19:1-7.

Some professing Christians have for a long time practiced and yet practice "John's baptism". Without doubt they do it ignorantly. One powerful religious church system practicing water immersion claims it was founded by John the Baptist. But since no Gentile or non-Jew was a party to the law covenant, and since John's baptism was exclusively for Jews, it follows that the practicing of John's baptism is without any avail to Gentiles at any time. The water immersion of the Jews by John only testified that they had repented of their sins and were looking to Jehovah God's provision to wash them away. Long centuries ago God's special favor to the Jews under the law covenant ceased because of their rejection of Christ Jesus.

The sin of the world which affects all men is the sin resulting from Adam's disobedience. (Romans 5:12) Every one of the human race has been born imperfect, and every imperfect creature before God is a sinner. The provision for the remission of such sin is only through the blood of Jesus. "Without shedding of blood is no remission." (Hebrews 9:22) John the baptizer did not say that to repent and be baptized would take away *the sin* of the world. On the contrary, after he had practiced this baptism for six months, Jesus appeared and John pointed to Jesus and said: "Behold the *Lamb of God*, which taketh away *the sin* of the world." (John 1:29) It is only by exercise of faith in the shed blood of Jesus and by the imputation of the merit of His sacrifice that the great sin of man can be taken away. It is clear, then, that mere water immersion at any time does not remit the sin and that such water immersion does not constitute real baptism.

Real Baptism

Real baptism can therefore be understood only by understanding why Jesus was baptized. Jesus was born after the flesh a Jew; therefore in harmony with the law covenant. (Galatians 4:4, 5) He was at all times perfect and without sin. Therefore His baptism could have nothing whatsoever to do with remission of sins, for He had none. It will be observed also that He was not baptized as a babe (Luke 2:21-39), nor as a child of twelve years of age when His parents lost Him in Jerusalem and later "found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions". (Luke 2:41-51) Hence there could be no authority for infant immersion.

When Jesus was about thirty years of age, being then of legal majority under the terms of God's law covenant with Israel, He presented himself to John the baptizer to be baptized. John knew that Jesus was not a sinner; therefore he protested, saying, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering, said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness."—Matthew 3:14, 15.

According to Numbers 4 those who ministered in the house of God, the Levites, were numbered from thirty years old upward. Jesus had reached that age. Immediately upon reaching that age He entered upon the performance of the work for which He had come to the earth. He came to exercise His own will in full harmony with God's will. Therefore He gladly devoted himself to Jehovah. That constituted the consecration of himself as a perfect man to do the will of God, whatever that might be concerning Him. Here it was that He entered into a covenant with His Father. A *covenant* means a solemn agreement or contract. Unconditionally giving himself to God constituted His part of entering into that covenant. That covenant led to His death as a man.

At the Jordan river, when baptized, Jesus presented himself without spot or blemish unto God in fulfilment of the prophecy previously written concerning Him: "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book [the Bible] it

is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:7, 8; Hebrews 10:5-9) That was the "covenant with me by sacrifice" between God and Christ Jesus, since it was the will of God that He should be a sacrifice. (Psalm 50:5) There Jesus unconditionally offered himself to do whatsoever was the will of God, and it was then the will of God that Christ Jesus should be the Vindicator of His holy name and word; and that to qualify for such He must maintain His integrity toward God under the most severe test even unto an ignominious death, and that His lifeblood poured out should be and is the redemptive price for man. 'And for this cause He is made the mediator of the new covenant.' (Hebrews 9:15, *A.R.V.*) Jehovah God gave to Jesus the ministry of the new covenant, that is, the work of taking out a "people for his name"; and this ministry is more excellent than that committed to Moses. (Hebrews 8:6) When the apostles believed on the Lord Jesus as the Christ and left all to follow Him, that marked the time of their entering into a covenant by sacrifice. (Luke 18:28-30; Matthew 16:24, 25) The covenant by sacrifice means to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as the ransomer and, based on this faith, to exercise such faith by unconditionally agreeing to do the will of God. Three and one-half years after Jesus entered the covenant by sacrifice God made the new covenant with Him. (Matthew 26:27, 28; Jeremiah 31:31-34) This seems clearly to fix the rule that no one can be taken into the new covenant until after having entered into a covenant with Jehovah by sacrifice.

At His baptism in the Jordan Jesus made and began the performance of His covenant by sacrifice and which performance was finished at Calvary. Because of His covenant by sacrifice, which sacrifice was holy and acceptable unto God, Jesus is made the mediator of the new covenant. (Hebrews 8:6; 9:14, 15) The new covenant is a means of providing a people to bear testimony to the name of Jehovah, and who may have a part in the vindication of His name. The mere fact that a mediator is provided shows that others would be joined with Christ Jesus in the vindication of Jehovah's name. These "others" are those taken into the new covenant after it is made with Christ Jesus, and after they have made a covenant with Jehovah God by sacrifice and have been accepted by Jehovah as His sons.

From the divine standpoint Jesus was counted dead *as a man* from the time of His baptism in Jordan forward. There began His baptism. That real baptism was completed when He died upon the tree. As proof that it began at Jordan and progressed and ended at Calvary, we have His own words. "Can ye . . . be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" He asked those who requested a position of special favor in His kingdom. (Mark 10:38) Thereafter He again said: "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" (Luke 12:50) The covenant He made with Jehovah at the time of the complete offering of himself at the Jordan was executory, that is, in process of being carried into effect from that time forward. That same covenant was completed on the tree at Calvary, and hence there became fully executed. God *counted* His baptism as completed at the Jordan. His real baptism was *actually* completed when, on the tree, He cried: "It is finished."

The water immersion of Jesus was an open testimony to the effect that He had entered into a covenant with Jehovah to do the Father's will, which covenant was entered into by the full offering of himself to the Father. His being buried in the water was proof of His complete immersion into the will of His Father. His being raised out of the water testified that He had entered upon a new course of higher life and action, which the Father had provided for Him. From that time forward He was carrying out His covenant as the Father willed it. He learned His Father's will after His immersion in Jordan. In proof of this it is recorded: 'When Jesus was baptized, he went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him.'—Matthew 3:16.

From there He went to the wilderness, where for forty days and nights He studied the Word of God, properly applying the "shadows" (types) and prophecies thereof to himself. (Matthew 4:1-11) By this means and by sweet communion with the Father He ascertained the Father's will. To carry out His Father's arrangement meant that He must be broken in body and must pour out His lifeblood to provide the ransom price for man and qualify as Jehovah's vindicator. It was the completion of His covenant in actual death that He had in mind when He said: "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" It was finished at Calvary.

Baptism of Footstep Followers

Addressing himself to the followers of Jesus, the apostle Peter wrote: "Even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (1 Peter 2:21) The baptism of Christ's disciples, therefore, must be in the same manner and for the same reason that Jesus was baptized. The apostle Paul corroborates this view when he says: "We are buried with him by baptism into death."—Romans 6:4.

The real baptism for a true Christian, one of Jehovah's witnesses, is therefore, as the apostle Paul states, being buried with Christ into death, a sacrificial death. This sacrificial death takes place (so far as the man is concerned) at the time he is justified by God through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, and is accepted for sacrifice and is begotten by the spirit of Jehovah as a son of God. Such being then taken into the new covenant to be of the "people for his name" and proving faithful thereto under test, he is baptized into Jesus Christ, the Mediator of the new covenant. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection." (Romans 6:3-5) Paul states that the nation of Israel was baptized unto (into) Moses and that Christians are baptized into Christ. The baptism of the nation of Israel showed the full consecration of that nation to follow Moses as Jehovah's representative and their deliverer. The baptism into Christ shows that the Christians are fully consecrated to do the will of God, following Christ Jesus as their deliverer. These are baptized into Christ's death; that is to say, their real baptism consists in being joint-sacrificers with Christ Jesus.

Symbol and Necessity

Symbolic baptism, that is, baptism in water, is performed for the purpose of showing that one has made a full and unconditional consecration to do Jehovah God's will through faith in Christ Jesus. The one who administers the water immersion for that particular purpose pictures the Lord Jehovah. The one being immersed, completely submitting himself to the administrator as Jesus did to John, illustrates how he has consecrated himself wholly, submitting himself completely to another; thus showing the complete submission to the Lord. The administrator raising the immersed one up out of the water beautifully pictures how the Lord raises up those immersed to walk in newness of life. *Complete immersion in water is the Scriptural symbolic baptism.*

The proper and Scriptural time to perform the symbol is within a reasonable time after one has consecrated himself to the Lord. In fact, the one who appreciates the privilege of following the Lord will give diligence to follow His course in the performance of the symbol. One inquires: "When I became a member of a denominational church I was immersed in water, which immersion I understood to be for the remission of sins. Was that immersion correct and sufficient?" The proper answer is that it was of no avail, because not performed for the Scriptural purpose.

Another says: "When I united with the Baptist church I was immersed in water. Since that organization practices the proper symbol, should I be immersed again after having come to a knowledge of the present truth?" The proper answer is: If, when immersed in the water, the one so immersed had prior thereto fully consecrated himself to Jehovah God by Christ Jesus, then there would be no necessity for repeating the symbol after coming to a knowledge of the "present truth". (2 Peter 1:12) On the other hand, if at the time of water immersion he had not previously fully consecrated to the Lord, then the water immersion was of no value. The controlling question is, Had the person so immersed fully consecrated before the performance of the symbol? If in doubt as to that, the doubt should be resolved in one's own favor and all doubt be removed from the mind by performing the symbol again.

Is there any real virtue in water immersion? There is no virtue in the water itself, but the real virtue arises from obedience to the Lord's arrangement. If we see that Jesus was immersed in water in order to fulfil all righteousness and that He left us an example, then we see what a privilege it is to take the step He took in symbolizing the real consecration by water immersion. It would seem that if after one came to a knowledge of the reality and the purpose of the symbol such person would then fail or refuse to perform the water symbol, such

a one would show a disregard of the Lord's provisions and probably would be greatly retarded in gaining a knowledge of the truth and the great issue. 'It is better to obey than to sacrifice.' It is the obedience in performing the symbol when it is seen and appreciated that is really pleasing to the Lord.

Jonadab Class (2 Kings 10: 15-23)

There is today a class of people of good will toward Jehovah God and toward His witnesses, and who correspond to Jonadab the supporter of King Jehu. In a parable (Matthew 25: 31-46) Jesus pictured such class as sheep because they have endeavored to do good to the Lord Jesus by doing good unto the least of His brethren on earth today, Jehovah's witnesses.

Those of this class realize that they are not anointed with Jehovah's spirit as His witnesses and hence are not Christians called to the heavenly calling nor taken into the covenant for the heavenly kingdom with Christ Jesus. Hence they inquire: "What can I do?" To such question the Scriptural response is: Have you taken your stand on the side of Jehovah? If so, that means that you are trusting in the precious blood of Christ Jesus shed for the remission of sins and that you have made a consecration or agreement to do the will of Jehovah God. It would be proper for you to symbolize that agreement or consecration by water immersion in the presence of witnesses. Anyone who trusts in Jehovah and Christ Jesus could administer or perform the baptismal service.

Such should then diligently study the Word of God together with His provided helps that they may learn meekness and righteousness. (Zephaniah 2: 2, 3) If in their community there are others interested, so that four or five of them (or more) can get together for Bible study, that would be a good thing. The time has come when the words of Jesus are being fulfilled (Revelation 22: 17): "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come: and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." The Jonadab class have heard the good news. They should then tell it to others. Let them take advantage of such opportunities and time as they have to call on other persons and tell them of the kingdom of Jehovah by Christ Jesus and of His gracious provision for the human family.

The Lord is now separating the "sheep" from the "goats" (the disobedient ones). This He is doing by bringing to their attention the great truths of His Word. The "sheep" must do their part to get the truth to the people. This means that you are joining no earthly organization, religious or otherwise, but that you are joining yourself to the Lord, as Jonadab did to Jehu, and are joyfully serving Him, appreciating the fact that His kingdom under Christ is the hope of the human race.—Matthew 12: 21.

"The River of the Water of Life"

THE effect of the "pure river of water of life" when it comes in contact with the God-fearing and the sincere is well illustrated by the following letter.

In publishing this letter, we warn Mr. C—— that *The Golden Age* is scanned critically, not only by its friends, but by its enemies. We warn him to be on the lookout for these enemies and to remember that the worst of all enemies are those who claim to be friends but who are not true and faithful at heart.

Nor are we, in printing this letter, assuming any responsibility concerning Mr. C——'s use of his property in any manner that seems to him good, and we desire no correspondence, now or later, with any who may interest themselves in the same.

My dear Brethren:

Beg to advise you on last Sunday, March 11, '34, a Christian lady stopped at my home with literature and I was a very sick man at the time she was talking to me. Nevertheless I received two small books, one named *Intolerance;* and I have read and reread this book, which is very interesting to me, owing to the fact it certainly tells the Truth. When it comes to the Roman Catholic church, I can and will confirm all statements contained in this little book pertaining to Romanism. I am sorry to say I was born and raised a Roman Catholic and studied three years for a priest and lived a Catholic for almost thirty years. On July 14, 1919, at Cedar Lake, Ind., Moody Conference Grounds, under preaching of Paul Rader I found "Jesus the Christ". Amen, it happened to me. Thank God for His power to change a man's life; praise God for ever; I have read a great many of Judge Rutherford's books; he certainly puts out the Truth.

From the little *Intolerance* book, page 40, which I now have before me, I quote or read as follows: "The head of the Roman Catholic hierarchy announced that the year 1933 is a holy year, made so by his own personal declaration. . . . The Catholic press throughout the land denounced me for making that speech, and made many false statements against me. I replied in a letter addressed to them, and, they having failed to publish it, the *Golden Age* magazine has published it [Thank God for that. Amen.], and each of you may have a copy of that letter, together with the speech."

Now my dear good brethren, I am asking you for a copy of this letter, also copy of *Golden Age* magazine containing the speech, thanking you very kindly in advance for same. May God bless you all in your work. I would not part with this little book *Intolerance* for any set amount, say ten dollars, knowing I could not get another one.

I have been in the Lord's service since my conversion July 14, 1919, up to 1930, when I took sick with sugar diabetes, and have been under care of several physicians during the past five years. The last three doctors have given up my case and pronounced it incurable. So here I am, trusting for a cure from the great Physician, "Jesus the Christ," the same yesterday, today and for ever. Amen. I believe He is able to heal and will do it when I obey and meet conditions. Praise the Lord for ever.

I have here in Wayne county, Ind., 124 acres of good ground, eighty tillable and forty in grass. On these forty acres the Lord is leading me to hold a big tent meeting or camp meeting. It's ideal; has running spring water, plenty of shade and good surroundings, 4½ miles from Richmond, Ind., —only a few minutes drive, good road.

I have no cash money, but, thank God, I have more than a plenty to eat, and a good place to sleep. If any of you happen this way, especially Judge Rutherford, please stop and see me. You will be welcome. The doors are open to you all. I am "interdenomination" always. If you have any free literature to put out I will do so prayerfully, if you will send it to me. May the love of God and peace be with you all, is my prayer for you all. Amen.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, beg to remain

Your humble servant in the King's service,

T. C. C——.

The Way to Come Out Ahead

SAYS Mrs. Adolph M. Patton, of Kansas: "When everything looks gloomy, and your heart is sad and blue, and perplexities and worries make you wonder what to do; when your sunshine's hid behind the clouds, and love and hope seem dead, still put your faith in Jehovah God and you'll come out ahead."

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Protest

Against Enactment of Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 272

Filed June 4, 1934, with chairman (William H. Albright) of judiciary committee of the senate of New Jersey

Charles R. Hessler, in behalf of himself and numerous other citizens of the State of New Jersey, PROTESTS against the enactment of Assembly Bill No. 272, and as reasons therefor assigns the following:

My name is Charles R. Hessler, and I reside at 26 Brookside Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey. I am a citizen of the State of New Jersey, being a native-born American citizen.

In behalf of myself and many other citizens of the State of New Jersey protest is made against Assembly Bill No. 272.

Among the many objections to the proposed law I wish to name the following, and for convenience I set them out under five separate and distinct headings, to wit:

(1) It is entirely unnecessary.

(2) It affords a shield and protection for fraud, deceit and wrong-doing.

(3) It provides a penalty which is both cruel and unusual.

(4) It is destructive of the freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom of action.

(5) It is vicious, unfair, hypocritical, and begets meanness.

(1) NEEDLESS

The law of the State now in force provides adequate relief to those who have been slandered or libeled. Since a group of persons is made up of a number of individuals, what would afford a remedy for one person would also afford an adequate remedy for any number of persons who make up that group. There could not exist a real necessity for the proposed law, and no just grounds can be assigned for the same.

(2) DECEITFUL

The purpose of this new brand of libel law as announced by its proponent is misleading and therefore deceitful. Its purpose is not to protect the citizens of New Jersey from libel and slander, but is to punish citizens who dare to publish the truth of and concerning a creed or practice promulgated and indulged in by a group of persons, which creed and practice may be extremely vicious and detrimental to the public welfare.

Otherwise stated, a group of persons may form themselves into an association in New Jersey, promulgate their creed which provides for indulging in certain practices, and claim the same to be religious and label it as such, and regardless of the morality or immorality of such creed and practice no person would be permitted to speak or publish the truth of and concerning such creed, teachings, doctrines and practices. The bill therefore protects wrong-doing and prevents right-doing.

To illustrate: Under protection of such a law a group of persons could promulgate a creed or statement of their belief and rules and forms of worship and proceed to carry out the same, which creed and rules of worship might provide that worshipers appear nude and indulge in practices now well defined as immoral.

If a person or newspaper should publish the truth of and concerning the teachings of such group, their creed and their practices, that statement or publication would necessarily subject such group to shame, ridicule, disgrace and contempt, and the person so publishing the truth would be subject to a severe penalty.

The law, therefore, would shield, protect and connive at fraud, fraudulent practices and indecent conduct, and would do so because of the

claim that such practices and conduct are "religious".

As a striking illustration, we cite the Divine Record at Numbers 25:1-5. The Israelites or Jews were God's covenant people. Neighboring nations indulged in Baal worship, and many of the Israelites adopted the Baal worship, and particularly that known as Baal-peor. By the terms of that religious creed and practice the worshipers performed their religious ceremony with lewd and immoral women, as it is written:

"And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. And the Lord said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord against the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor."—Numbers 25:1-5.

If a similar practice should be indulged in anywhere in the State of New Jersey and a criticism made thereof, the one so criticizing would be guilty of a misdemeanor under the proposed law. Thus the law would protect immorality and indecency.

Furthermore, the bill proposed makes it a misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment for any person to publish facts which would subject a group or groups of persons to shame, ridicule, contempt or hostility by reason of their religion, creed or manner of worship, regardless of whether the practices are right or wrong according to the standard of the Word of Almighty God concerning which the Constitutional provision specifically applies.

In this connection we call attention to the fact that the Constitution of the State of New Jersey provides that "No person shall be deprived of the inestimable privilege of worshiping Almighty God in a manner agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience."

But there is a vast difference between the worship of Almighty God and the practice of religion; and this is strongly emphasized in the foregoing example concerning the devil worship or the devil religion of Baal-peor.

We emphasize the provision of the Constitution that every man is free to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of his own conscience, but that does not mean that he is free to worship the Devil under the form of religion, which worship would be immoral and in violation of all the rules of common decency.

As a further illustration, let us suppose that a religious group promulgates a creed and form of worship which provides that the one ministering can pray, supposedly to God, to relieve the "soul" of one who has died from a condition of torment, and that the condition upon which such prayer is to be made is that the one making the prayer must receive a sum of money from the surviving relatives of the deceased. Should anyone call attention to God's Word, showing that such religion and practice is contrary to God's Word and is a form of devil worship and is a fraud upon the people, that would certainly hold up the group to contempt, ridicule and hostility, and yet it would be the truth, for the reason that God's Word expressly states that when a man is dead the prayers in his behalf can avail nothing and that no one has authority, right or power to justly receive money at the hands of a living person to utter prayers in behalf of one who is dead.

If this bill should become a law, then everybody would be compelled to acquiesce or subscribe to or at least remain silent as to the doctrines of any institution that parades under the name and form of religion, and which group of persons might be doing so wrongfully and obtaining money under false pretense.

If a group of persons is teaching the truth, then there could be no objection to an honest, constructive criticism of the creed or practices of such a group.

There could not exist any reason to safeguard by law true worship of Almighty God from slander or libel, because that which is true, and hence in harmony with Jehovah God's Word, is open to the most searching criticism and is certain always to emerge from such criticism entirely unscathed.

Only teachers and practitioners of a false religion would desire the protection that the proposed bill would afford.

There are within the borders of the State of New Jersey religious groups that hold diverse views. For instance, the creed of one is that when a man dies, that is the end of him and there is no hereafter. Whereas, another group, according to its creed and its practice of religion, holds that when a man dies he does not in fact die but is alive and goes either to heaven or to a place of eternal torment called hell.

According to the terms of this bill, if any person should call in question or criticize either one

of these groups and should speak or publish a statement appearing in God's Word showing that such creeds are wrong, the truth would tend to hold such teachers and practicers of error up to ridicule, scorn, contempt and shame, and hence the one speaking or publishing the truth would be guilty of a misdemeanor.

On the face of it, this bill prevents freedom of speech and protects error and fraudulent practices.

There is another group of religionists, who have promulgated a creed and who practice their religion, claiming that a person who is sick and afflicted may be healed merely by the prayers of another imperfect human creature; and at the same time there are many honest people who do not agree with such creed or practice. But any honest and constructive criticism of such creed and practices made by any individual would subject him to heavy punishment regardless of whether his criticism is true or false.

According to the terms of this bill, if it should become a law, any group of persons could promulgate, teach and practice a creed under the form of religion and do so with impunity regardless of the detrimental effect it would have on the general public, and no one would have any right to call in question their practices, which might be very degrading and harmful.

(3) CRUEL

The bill is violative of the fundamental law of the State in this, that it provides for cruel and unusual punishment. Any act committed which is prohibited by the bill subjects the offender to the punishment of both a fine of five thousand dollars ($5000) and imprisonment for five years for the heinous crime (?) of telling the truth.

In support of this, attention is called to the facts hereinafter set out under points 4 and 5.

(4) DESTRUCTIVE

The proposed law would destroy freedom of speech, freedom of press, and the reasonable use of radio broadcasting stations, radio receiving sets, transcription machines and phonographs, even though the use thereof would be of public interest, convenience and necessity.

I beg to emphasize the fact that the preamble to the proposed law is not a fair presentation of the facts as they exist. The Constitution of the State of New Jersey does not guarantee freedom to practice *any and all kinds of religion,* but it does guarantee and provide that "no person shall be deprived of the inestimable privilege of *worshiping* ALMIGHTY GOD in a manner agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience".

There is as much difference between the "worshiping of Almighty God" and the practice of religion as there is between day and night.

Under Paragraph 2 of the proposed bill any person residing either inside or outside of the State of New Jersey who would print, multigraph, or in any other manner produce a book, speech, article, statement, circular or pamphlet which would in any way subject to prejudice, shame, disgrace, contempt or hostility any group of persons residing in the State of New Jersey, by reason of their religion, creed or manner of worship, would be subject to severe punishment. Such a law would be an absolute denial of the freedom of press or other means of publication. It might become very necessary to publish the truth of and concerning a certain creed or religious worship in order to protect the general interest of the people. Under the proposed law a group of persons could indulge in any kind of improper practice under the name of a religion carried out according to their announced creed, and could do so with impunity, because no one would be permitted to publish the truth concerning the same.

There are "religionists" who, acting under a stated creed, indulge in human sacrifice, and it is barely possible that such might set up that kind of religion in New Jersey, and, if so, the public press would not be permitted, under the proposed law, to even call attention to such wrongful practice, for the reason that speaking or publishing the truth of and concerning the same would subject such group of persons to prejudice, shame, hatred, ridicule, disgrace, contempt and hostility, and rightfully so.

Under Paragraph 3 of the proposed law, any person having in his possession and exhibiting or attempting to exhibit to another any book, speech, article, statement, circular, pamphlet, or other written or printed matter which would in any way subject to prejudice, shame, hatred, disgrace, contempt or hostility any group of persons residing in the state, by reason of their creed or religion, the one so having in possession would be subject to severe punishment.

I beg to remind this Committee that under this section of the proposed law if any person should be found in the State of New Jersey with a Bible opened at the twenty-third chapter of Matthew and pointing out to another the language of Jesus therein printed and which He spoke against the priests and Pharisees of His day, and if such person should say to another that the words of Jesus apply with equal force to certain religious practitioners of the present time in New Jersey, the person so having the Bible and thus exhibiting it would be guilty of a violation of this proposed law and subject to severe punishment by fine and imprisonment. The proposed bill therefore denies the right of a man to exhibit to his neighbor the truth as set forth in the Bible and to make effort to aid his neighbor to understand the Bible statements and their application to the present time. It is amazing that in this Twentieth Century any group of men would attempt to induce a legislative body to enact such a law as this bill proposes.

At once there is a suggestion to the mind that this proposed law originated with certain religious practitioners who desire to keep the people in ignorance of the truth of and concerning their own practices because the truth thereof would tend to hold them up to shame, ridicule and contempt. This law, then, would afford a shield to wrong-doers rather than to prevent wrong's being done. Aside from professional religionists, I ask you, who would be interested in having such a law put upon the statute books of this state?

Paragraph 4 of this bill would make it a crime for any person to exhibit any picture or photograph made of a group of persons while actually committing a shameful deed, provided that shameful deed is committed in the name of religion. The camera produces a thing as it is, and hence speaks the truth, and the making or exhibiting of such photograph would disclose the truth, and which truth would cause the group of persons there exhibited by the photograph to be brought into shame and contempt; hence a person making known the truth would be committing an offense. Such a law is unreasonable and against public policy.

My own personal experience may have prompted the insertion of Paragraph 4 in this bill, relative to photographs. On June 4, 1933, sixty faithful men and women, who were exercising their Constitutional rights in "worshiping Almighty God", were wrongfully arrested and placed in jail at the city of Plainfield, New Jersey, where they were held in jail under an ordinance, which ordinance was afterward (by the Court of Common Pleas of Union County) declared invalid. In order that I might have the indisputable facts, which a photograph would bespeak, I engaged a photographer to make a photograph of the prisoners, twenty-nine of whom were women and held in three small cells, and who had been arrested and incarcerated at the instance of certain religionists. While the photograph was being taken the captain of police caused the taking of the photograph to be interrupted, and for the taking of the photograph I was arrested and immediately thrown into prison and subsequently tried, convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of $50 or to serve 60 days in jail. On appeal the Supreme Court reversed the judgment of conviction and discharged me. The truth disclosed by that photograph is what the religionists desired to suppress. If this bill should become a law and a citizen of New Jersey should have or exhibit this photograph he would be subject to severe punishment, even though the photograph tells the truth, which it does. I file a copy of the same as Exhibit A to this statement. *

Paragraph 5 of this remarkable bill would make it a misdemeanor for any person in the presence of two or more persons to speak in any language or make any statement or declaration which in any way would shame, ridicule, disgrace, or bring into contempt or hostility a group of persons by reason of their religion, creed or manner of worship even though the creed, religion or manner of worship should be grossly in violation of common decency and laws of the land which have long been upon the statute books. The proposed law, therefore, would be a complete denial of the freedom of speech even where the speaking of the truth would be necessary for the benefit of the public in general.

Paragraph 6 would punish by fine and imprisonment the owner of a house or other building who would let or hire the same or any part thereof for the use of an association or society of persons in which should be held a meeting of two or more persons wherein any speech should be made, photograph exhibited, paper

* See *Golden Age* No. 361, July 19, 1933, pages 656-657.

read, book or other paper exhibited, which would have the tendency to subject to shame, ridicule, disgrace, contempt, or hostility any group of persons practicing an indecent religion according to their creed or manner of worship.

Paragraph 7 of the proposed law would prevent the owner, lessee, manager, or any other person in control of any building or structure to suffer or permit any organization to meet in that building, the constitution, by-laws or rules of which said organization might in any way incite or subject any other group of persons residing in the state to prejudice, shame, ridicule, disgrace, or contempt by reason of religion, creed or manner of worship. It is a well known fact that for many years the numerous religious organizations in America have freely called attention to the creeds and practices of other organizations, and it would be an easy matter to induce an overzealous court or jury to believe that the purpose and intent of calling attention to the truth of such practices was to violate the law and thus would open the way for constant spying of one organization upon another, the tendency of which would be not only to destroy freedom of speech, but to increase hatred, ill-will and malice of one toward the other and cause the violation of the laws already on the statute books.

Paragraph 8 of the bill would prevent any radio station from using, or permitting the same to be used to broadcast in any language, any speech or declaration, regardless of how true the speech or declaration might be, which would prejudice or subject to shame, hatred, ridicule, disgrace, contempt, or hostility any group of persons because of their religion, creed or manner of worship. This paragraph would prevent any person within the State of New Jersey from using a radio receiving set, transcription machine, phonograph or any other means of reproducing speech which might be heard by other persons and which speech so reproduced would disclose the truth and which truth would tend to promote ridicule, disgrace or contempt of others, even though such others were engaged in a practice that would be entirely against the public interest.

For some time a strong religious organization in the United States has been carrying forward a vicious campaign to prevent the proper use of radio, as is evidenced by a printed copy of the proceedings before a Congressional committee at Washington which I file herewith and mark as Exhibit B. *

Every paragraph and provision and every portion of this proposed act is in derogation of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and of the United States, and is therefore invalid, and the bill should be rejected as a whole.

I submit that before the lawmakers of this State should attempt to take away from the people freedom of speech and of press and put a gag in the mouth of every one who attempts to speak the truth and imprison those who speak the truth, the matter should be submitted to an open and free discussion of the people and let them determine whether they wish to thus be deprived of their just rights.

(5) HYPOCRITICAL

The proposed bill would beget habits of hypocrisy and meanness, in this, that it would shield all manner of false and fraudulent practices that might be operating under a creed and name of religion. Making it a criminal offense for a person to call attention to such hypocrisy and false practices is directly opposed to the underlying principles of the American government.

Centuries ago the attempt of professional religionists by temporal punishment to prevent citizens from speaking the truth and worshiping Almighty God in the manner which He has commanded was the moving cause for the forefathers to lay the foundations of this government on the bleak shores of New England. Appropriate hereto is the following quotation from the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island:

"Whereas Almighty God hath created the mind free; and all attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burdens, or by civil incapacitations, tend to beget habits of hypocrisy and meanness; and whereas the principal object of our venerable ancestors, in their migration to this country and their settlement of this state, was, as they expressed it, to hold forth a lively experiment, that a flourishing civil state may stand and be best maintained with full liberty in religious concernments; we, therefore, declare that . . . every man shall be free to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, . . ."

The Constitution of New Jersey is in complete accord with the foregoing and provides,

* "Hearings Before the Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio and Fisheries, House of Representatives, Seventy-third Congress, Second Session, on H.R. 7986" (226 pages).

"No person shall be deprived of the inestimable privilege of worshiping Almighty God in a manner agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience."

The Constitution of the United States likewise provides for freedom of worship and freedom of press and speech. Religious institutions often attempt to prevent individual citizens from availing themselves of the benefits of these constitutional provisions.

The Constitution of New Jersey specifically mentions Almighty God and shows that the purpose thereof is to grant complete freedom to worship and serve Him.

Almighty God, as therein mentioned, is One whose name alone is Jehovah, the Most High over all the universe. (Exodus 6:3; Psalm 83:18) It is He who has appointed and anointed men and women to be witnesses in His name to tell others about His truth, His King and His kingdom, which is the only hope of the world. His great enemy and opposer is Satan, the Devil, who attempts to keep the people blind as to the truth. I mention this in order to enable us to determine just who is the primary mover in the effort to suppress freedom of speech and freedom of press concerning the truth, which truth might be inimical to the interests of certain groups practicing what they call religion.

For example: In the United States there is one religious institution definitely committed to suppression of freedom of speech on certain subjects. Safely ensconced in the cradle of liberty and granted greater freedom of action here than elsewhere in the world, it yet presumes to deny to others what was so cheerfully accorded. It is of record that that institution has officially denounced freedom of speech as a great error.

Not only does that powerful organization claim the right to do all the thinking and teaching on Biblical questions, but in effect it demands the right to censor all speeches on such subjects that go out over the radio; and wherever possible it has not hesitated to enforce that censorship.

In their published editorials, that organization's most zealous agents claim to stand by the American principle of free discussion of subjects of public interest. At the same time they demand that they first have opportunity to scrutinize what shall be said. One's natural reaction to such demands is to inquire, What is there about the beliefs and practices of an institution so inconsistent and unreasonable that it is unsafe for others to mention those beliefs and practices? Why not bring them out into the sunlight and fresh air of free discussion, to the lasting benefit of all concerned?

Through the publications which it controls, that far-flung organization wields a mighty power over many in the State of New Jersey. Its spokesmen are prompt to say that it believes in freedom of speech, but that nothing must be said that will shock or wound the "religious susceptibilities" of members of their group. In the same breath, those speakers, through their publications, have spared no pains to call humble followers of Jesus Christ the vilest and most abusive names ever put in print.

One of those publications, commenting on a series of Bible-prophecy broadcasts of wide public interest, said: "What they peddle is plain nonsense, the same brand of nonsense you would expect from amateur doctors and amateur lawyers, if the laws would permit such a thing. Such amateurs in any line should be barred from the radio channels."

In another instance a local society affiliated with that same strong and overzealous religious group went into raptures about democracy's having received its inspiration from the Sermon on the Mount, and then wound up with a businesslike threat to the local department store's broadcasting station that unless certain radio programs of Bible instruction disapproved by said society were canceled forthwith the store might expect members of the society to withdraw their accounts. Many similar cases of unjust interference with the rights of the people by that same aggressive and intolerant group of religionists are described in the report of hearings recently held by request of Congress, a copy of which report I offer in evidence as Exhibit C, marked pages 298 to 362, inclusive, and particularly page 316, paragraph 7. *

Examination of hundreds of publications issued by that old but very active ecclesiastical group reveals the interesting fact that the most vicious and horrible bigotry and intolerance are interlarded with extremely sanctimonious claims

* For the newest, and latest, "Hearings Before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives, Seventy-third Congress, Second Session, on H.R. 8301" (363 pages) send money order *immediately* for 25c (stamps not accepted) to Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Order the report by its title.

of ultra-Americanism. This same principle of hypocrisy is discernible in the bill introduced for passage by this legislature. It might be justly charged against the authors of the bill that in instances where they claim to stoutly stand for liberty of speech they have shamelessly resorted to the most extravagant denunciation of those who ventured to disagree with them.

One could have a little confidence in the purpose of the authors of the bill if they had said openly, "We are dead set against the American doctrine of freedom of speech, and are out to put an end to it."

With propriety the question might be asked, Where did this bill originate?

Certainly not in New Jersey. Manifestly it was conceived in malice and brought forth in iniquity at a point far removed from the State of New Jersey.

The true father of it is the Devil himself, who has at all times used religion and religious practices to oppress and degrade honest men and to defame the name of Jehovah God.

And now I respectfully propound this question:

Will the local sponsor of this bill who introduced it in the Assembly tell this Committee and the people of New Jersey that the bill was conceived in his own mind, or whether or not he received instruction from an undisclosed authority to have the bill enacted as law in this State to prevent criticism of the creeds and practices of a certain religious sect?

It is not without significance that a bill similar to the one offered for passage by the legislature of New Jersey is offered also in the legislature of New York, and simultaneously in legislatures of the provinces of Canada, also in Australia, in South Africa, and in the House of Commons at London. This fact of itself strongly suggests that the real sponsors of the bill introduced here are hiding behind some screen labeled "religion" but which is in fact the worst kind of politics.

It is also significant and worthy of consideration that the famous international leader of that prominent sect of "organized Christianity" has recently instructed his representatives in various countries to take all steps possible to prevent the proclamation of the message of God's kingdom by Jehovah's witnesses, and that this action has been simultaneously taken to prevent the broadcasting of that message in the following countries, to wit: Australia, South Africa, Japan, China, France, England, Canada and the United States.

And it is further significant that in pursuance of such attempts to prevent the distribution of the message of God's kingdom many who deliver that message to the homes of the people have been arrested and imprisoned in the several countries just named; and in all those cases such arrests have been made at the instance of religionists.

These facts are cited to show the connection of this proposed modern libel law intended to protect and shield "religionists" that have persecuted and are persecuting inoffensive men, women and children who are exercising their Constitutional right of "worshiping Almighty God" in a manner agreeable to the dictates of their own conscience.

With permission of the Committee, I would like to call attention to another matter, and mark this as an exhibit [Exhibit G], in support of the argument concerning the religious group that is backing this bill. The sponsor of the bill, Mr. Rafferty, is an ardent Catholic. From Fitzgerald's *Manual of the State of New Jersey* for 1934 I quote the following: "Mr. Rafferty is a member of Bishop McFaul Council Knights of Columbus, and of the State Council, Knights of Columbus."

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Within the State of New Jersey there are many persons who worship Almighty God in harmony with the Constitutional provision and with the commandments of the Almighty God. To worship the Almighty God Jehovah in truth and in spirit one must gladly obey His commandments as they are written in His Word the Bible. What is stated in the Bible is the truth, and it is THE TRUTH when spoken that subjects certain religionists to prejudice, disgrace and contempt, and necessarily it would be the religionists who would wish to prevent the speaking of the truth and to have a law with teeth in it in order to prevent the truth's being told.

To obey and worship Jehovah God one must be a witness of Jehovah; and, as He has commanded, such witness must tell others about Jehovah God's purpose. By telling the truth of

God's Word these witnesses are not speaking evil of persons, but are setting out the truth which is so necessary for the comfort and protection of the people. Among the commandments which Jehovah God has given to those who worship Him in spirit and in truth are these: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen." 'Go and tell the people.' 'This gospel of the Kingdom must be preached unto all nations as a witness, and then the end shall come.'—Isaiah 43:10, 12; Isaiah 6:9; Matthew 24:14.

During the past four years in particular, within the borders of the State of New Jersey many of the true followers of Christ Jesus, who are therefore Jehovah's witnesses, and who have been pursuing their Constitutional rights to worship Jehovah God, have been persecuted, arrested and thrown into prison, and in every case this has been done at the instance of certain religionists who are now anxious to have this bill become a law so that no one can then call in question their wrongful acts.

Those same religionists have attempted to prevent the owners of buildings from renting the same to Jehovah's witnesses in which to hold meetings for Bible instruction, and they have caused the speaker at such meetings to be surrounded with a squad of men heavily armed for the manifest purpose of creating the impression that Jehovah's witnesses are dangerous persons; and this has been done in violation of the Constitution relative to peaceable assembly. These same religionists have caused the arrest of men, women and children, and their imprisonment and continued persecution, and have done so under the provisions of municipal ordinances which the higher courts of this State have declared invalid. I cite these facts to show actual malice which is held and manifested by those who are anxious to have this bill become a law.

And now for the information of this legislative body I attach a list of cases that have been brought in the courts of New Jersey, and the result thereof, as follows, to wit:

ARRESTS

Some of the many cases involving arrest and relentless persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in the State of New Jersey during six-year period ending May 31, 1934. Thorough study of the Table and the Notes will prove useful to everyone.

TABLE

			(N)	(d)	(a)	(D)
		1928				
June	10	South Amboy	61	f		
Nov.	25	Bergenfield	7	x	s	x
Dec.	30	Englewood	2	x	s	x
		1929				
Jan.	20	South Amboy	99	m		
		1931				
Oct.	12	Bergenfield	2	x		
Nov.	4	"	1	x	c	f
		1932				
Jan.	24	Bergenfield	10	x	c	o
Feb.	21	Asbury Park	4	x	c	o
Mar.	27	" "	1	x	v	f
Apr.	30	Bergenfield	9	x	c	f
May	22	"	31	[1]x	s	f
"	22	Englewood	2	x	c	f
June	20	Westfield	10	x	c	[2]f
"	25	"	4	m		
"	26	"	36	m		
July	13	Bergenfield	2	[3]m		
"	31	Summit	165	m		
Oct.	4	Wildwood Crest	4	x	c	f
Nov.	29	Livingston	2	x		
Dec.	25	Fanwood	3	x		
		1933				
Jan.	8	Dunellen	1	x		
"	15	"	4	x		
Feb.	5	Bergenfield	29	x		
"	11	"	6	x		
"	24	Oakland	2	x		
"	26	"	2	x		
Mar.	5	Long Branch	18	x		
"	24	Garwood	2	x		
Apr.	19	Fanwood	1	x		
May	7	Summit	11	x		
"	22	"	1	x		
June	4	Plainfield	60	x		
"	11	North Haledon	3	x		
"	21	Jersey City	2	x		
July	27	Bayonne	1	m		
"	28	Summit	2	x	s	f
"	29	Plainfield	17	x	c	f
Oct.	22	Summit	9	m		
Nov.	12	Bergenfield	5	x	c	[4]o
		1934				
Feb.	5	Bergenfield	2	x	s	[5]f
Mar.	5	Nutley	[6]3	x	c	x
"	6	Bergenfield	5	m		
"	10	"	1	r		
"	19	Plainfield	12	[7]m		
"	30	Jersey City	2	m		
Apr.	15	" "	1	m		
May	6	Highland Park	1	t		
"	12	Nutley	8	[8]r		
"	12	Plainfield	4	[9]t		
"	18	Newark	1	r		
"	19	Nutley	22	[8]r		
"	20	Plainfield	5	[9]t		

Totals: Towns, 20; cases, 68; persons arrested, 698.

KEY TO SYMBOLS IN TABLE

(N) column shows number of persons arrested

(d) column shows result of trial in police court, thus:
- x adverse decision
- f favorable decision
- m dismissed
- r reserved decision
- o decision not yet given
- t trial due

(a) column shows court to which appeal was taken:
- c county court
- s supreme court
- v chancery court (vice chancellor)

(D) column shows result in higher court

NOTES

[1] Court of First Criminal Judicial District, Bergen County; Abram Lebson, judge.

[2] Town of Westfield appealed this decision to Supreme Court, which confirmed decision of County Court *against* Westfield, in opinion by Justices Parker, Lloyd and Heher, May, 1934.

[3] Borough magistrate (Morris Kantoff) convicted the man and woman, sentenced them to 90-day prison term, left for his home and then came back to borough jail at midnight and told the "convicts" to go home, which they did.

[4] Court of Common Pleas judge (Del Mar) heard argument on this case in December 1933. Supreme Court decided March 21, 1934 (in case of two arrested February 5, 1934, see [5] in Table at left) that the ordinance involved is void. Notwithstanding this Supreme Court decision which has been called to the attention of the Common Pleas judge (Del Mar), he declines to date (May 31, 1934) to rule on the case brought under the same ordinance in November 1933, or to release the defendants' cash bond of $150.

[5] See [4].

[6] Death of one of the three men involved in this case followed shortly after his confinement in Essex County prison, notwithstanding the genuinely courteous and considerate efforts of the prison warden, Charles Steadman, who disapproves incarceration of Jehovah's witnesses.

[7] Dismissal moved in open court by "corporation counsel" Will Newcorn, who openly announced at the time that the city's existing "ordinances are sufficient" but "the difficulty has been in obtaining the complaining witnesses to testify to exactly what took place" as "they are reluctant to come into court". Newcorn then announced in open court and for the record: "For that reason I have drafted an ordinance which will make it possible to secure a conviction" and "that act will become operative and will be adopted tonight". That "act" was adopted finally and became effective as of April 17, 1934, and it is under that "act" that nine of Jehovah's witnesses (see [9] in Table at left) are still due to be tried in the city court at Plainfield before the police judge, Will De Meza.

[8] False and exaggerated testimony given by police officers, supported by other false witnesses, at the instance of ecclesiastical "higher-ups", was insufficient to enable the Nutley police judge (Charles Young) and the commissioner (De Muro) of the Department of Public Affairs to convict 14 of Jehovah's witnesses at a "trial" held May 23, 1934; but the eleven others who also had done the same work of telling the people of Nutley the good news of Jehovah's kingdom were found "guilty" upon like false testimony under an invalid ordinance and were sentenced to pay a fine of $25 each or serve 20 (and 15) days in jail, AFTER most of them had been incarcerated *four days* before being tried. Three of those four days they spent in the gracious custody of the warden (Charles Steadman) of Essex County jail. When those "criminals" were unloaded at the warden's door Sunday, May 20, he was so shocked that Jehovah's witnesses (well known to him as inoffensive, upright men and women) should again be sent to him for imprisonment that, as he himself reported, he immediately telephoned his hot displeasure and disapproval to the Nutley magistrate who had sent them. That magistrate and his able accomplice, Will Brown (Nutley's police chief who executes the orders of the Roman Catholic hierarchy's agents), turned those harmless men and women over to Warden Steadman after keeping them at Nutley police headquarters from Saturday afternoon until 10:30 Sunday morning. During the stormy, cold night of Saturday (May 19) the six men were confined in bare cells without heat or bedding. All of the same night the sixteen women, including the mother of a seven-week-old infant (and the babe), and several young girls, were also compelled by the Nutley police chief and his men to "rest" on bare benches in the unheated public courtroom of Nutley's municipal building, without blankets or a single piece of bedding, while beds and blankets were readily available in adjoining rooms, sometimes used by the town's firemen. This occurrence at Nutley illustrates but faintly some of the unmanly and heartless conduct of so-called "officers of the law" toward Jehovah's witnesses at many other places in the State of New Jersey, including Plainfield, Bergenfield, Asbury Park, North Haledon, Fanwood, Garwood, Elizabeth, Woodbridge, Wildwood Crest, etc., where they have been thrown into cold, damp dungeons, starved, beaten, punched, and otherwise illtreated by the police. Invariably the "officers" act thus toward Jehovah's witnesses at the instigation of the Protestant clergy as well as of the agents of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. At Nutley, on May 23, 1934, after the all-day "trial" of Jehovah's witnesses, the police judge finally concluded to delay sending his "convicts" back to prison. This he did, as he announced, to allow himself "opportunity to study" the Supreme Court decision (see Note [2] above) holding invalid the Westfield ordinance, because that ordinance is almost exactly the same as the Nutley ordinance under which Jehovah's witnesses are being persecuted in that town by the local police with the aid and support of the Essex County judge (Hartshorne) who approves and sustains the misguided judgment of Nutley's magistrate. The men and women so persecuted are "guilty" of nothing except telling the truth of Jehovah God's Word. If such cruelty can be inflicted upon men and women under the present state of the law at the instance of religionists, how much more cruel and unusual punishment might be expected at their hands if this bill now pending should become a law!

[9] See note [7].

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Jehovah's witnesses are devoted to Jehovah God, the Almighty, and worship Him in spirit and in truth. They are not here asking any favors or that anyone shall be prevented from criticizing them. They follow in the footsteps of Christ Jesus, against whom the religionists spoke all manner of violent things when He was on earth. As the Scriptures declare, Jesus made himself of no reputation. Likewise Jehovah's witnesses are not seeking a reputation amongst men; but we do most vigorously protest against a group of strong, overzealous religionists' being armed with a law with teeth in it for the purpose of preventing honest and conscientious Christians' exercising their Constitutional and God-given privilege of worshiping and serving Jehovah God as He has commanded.

Should this bill become a law it not only would be contrary to the plain declaration of the Constitution, but would be an insult to and defiance

of Jehovah God; and certainly the lawmaking body of this State would not wish to lend itself as an instrument to accomplish any such purpose even though it is urged by strong and influential and powerful groups of religionists so to do. For more than 140 years the people of America have prided themselves on exercising their God-given privilege to call attention to erroneous religious doctrines, not for the purpose of holding up men to ridicule, but for the purpose of aiding others to see the right way to walk in the pathway marked out by Jesus and to serve Jehovah God in truth and in fact. If this bill should become a law it would turn back the wheels of progress in freedom of thought and speech and bring upon America that condition of darkness that prevailed in Italy, Spain, Mexico and other places during the Dark Ages.

"RELIGIOUS GROUP"

I have here emphasized the activities of a certain known group or religious institution. That strong, vigorous, overzealous, political-religious organization is admittedly pressing action at this time on a world-wide scale and in a manner without parallel in its history, to gain control of every government, including the United States.

That prominent group or organization is the comparatively small number of distinguished clergymen who designate themselves as the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

Let no one misunderstand. To clarify the matter, I define the Roman Catholic hierarchy as it is identified in official publications issued under its own authority. It is the official ruling body that controls the world-wide institution known as the Catholic system. Its seat of government is not in New Jersey, but in Vatican City, in the vicinity of Italy.

I mean no reflection upon the millions of men and women who are the subjects or children of the gigantic Catholic organization and who are required to be obedient to the Hierarchy. Many of those men and women are personally known to me as lovers of liberty and freedom of speech and press, and are my neighbors and friends.

In my opinion it is high time that the attention of the American people in every walk of life is called to the fact that it is the official element known as the Hierarchy, and not the ordinary Catholic, that attempts to dominate the people, and it is that ruling element that desires such unusual legislation as this new brand of libel law.

To aid this Committee to gain a more comprehensive view of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, I submit and file herewith as Exhibit D a chart, a copy of which was filed before the Congressional hearing at Washington, and which chart shows the method of operation from the head of the Catholic institution down to the smallest precinct even in New Jersey. *

POLITICAL RELIGIONISTS

As an illustration to further define the wide difference between the New Jersey Constitutional guarantee and the proposed law, the following is cited:

Among other commandments of the Almighty God are these, to wit:

That the true worshipers of God shall keep themselves separate and distinct from the politics of this world and not indulge in the same. —James 1:27; 4:4; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

Under the guise of "religion" any kind of parade and ceremony in which politicians, as such, participate in their official capacity may be practiced. (See Exhibit E from New York *Daily News* of May 28, 1934, offered herewith.)† It is the privilege of politicians to engage in these parades or exhibitions if they wish to, but if the proposed bill should become law, then should any newspaper or other publication or any person call attention to the fact that the Scriptures point out that such so-called practice of religion is not true worship of God, that would be violating the law.

Therefore the proposed law would permit politicians, under the pretext of religion, to carry on with impunity anything that they might desire and with certainty of being spared from any kind of criticism even though the criticism is wholly the truth; and such politicians could effectively prevent publication of such truth, on the ground that it might subject them to hostility or contempt or shock their "religious susceptibilities".

If by law the press and citizenry can be prevented from publishing and speaking the truth about a religious organization, then with equal certainty could the law prevent criticism of any political organization. With one group or party in power and thus protected, the people would be helpless and compelled to submit to any and all kinds of injustice and unrighteous practices.

* This chart, with explanation, will appear in next issue.
† Explanation, or reproduction, will appear in next issue.

As a further illustration of the difference between true Christians who worship the Almighty God in truth and in spirit (John 4:23) and a group of religionists, I file, as Exhibit F, for consideration of the Committee, a picture which appeared in the London *Daily Express* of March 31, 1934. If this new brand of libel law should be enacted in New Jersey, then any publisher reproducing this picture would certainly get the limit of a fine of five thousand dollars and five years in prison. *

NAZI

In America there is no real persecution of Jews, and never has been. This, however, has been seized upon by the Catholic hierarchy as a pretext to blind the people while agents of the Hierarchy attempt to put over their subtle political job.

In the United States there are no Nazis. There is no danger from that quarter. The Nazis have gotten control of Germany, it is true.

On the other hand, it is an important fact that in Germany the Catholic organization is the only religious institution (except the reorganized "state church") that is permitted to operate in that country, and it works hand in hand with the Nazis by mutual agreement set forth in the concordat between the Vatican office and the headquarters of the German republic. The press has announced the fact that Mr. Hitler holds conference with the pope.

If the Nazis and the Catholic system are working together in Germany, it is further significant that in the United States the Catholic hierarchy must bring forward through its agents preventive measures against the Nazis.

Doubtless if New Jersey takes the lead in enacting this new libel law, that will be the cue for other states, where the Catholic hierarchy will attempt to have passed similar laws upon the pretext that such will afford protection from Nazi propaganda; whereas the real purpose is to shield the Catholic hierarchy from just and proper criticism.

* See pages 592-593, of this issue.

PROTEST

I am one of Jehovah's witnesses as well as a citizen of New Jersey, and I insist on my Constitutional right and privilege of worshiping Almighty God in a manner agreeable to the dictates of my own conscience. In doing that I must obey the commandments of Almighty God and speak His truth as set forth in His Word, the Bible.

I stress the point that the Constitution of the State of New Jersey provides that this legislature has no power or authority to pass a law that would deprive me or any other citizen of the inestimable privilege of worshiping Almighty God in a manner agreeable to the dictates of my own conscience.

I beg to say that Jehovah's witnesses are not limited by political divisions of the territory of the earth, but are commanded by the God of heaven and earth to preach His gospel to all nations as a witness. In obedience to that commandment they are preaching His gospel to all nations as a witness.

This statement of protest I make in behalf of Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey and throughout the earth.

I make this statement here for the reason that Jehovah's witnesses are a united company throughout the earth, representing Jehovah, the true God; and the religionists that are persecuting Jehovah's witnesses show they are a united company operating designedly, even though under cover, throughout the nations of earth, to prevent the people from hearing the truth concerning God's kingdom.

Demonism in West Virginia

ONE of Jehovah's witnesses in West Virginia, who lives in a town where there has been and is much opposition to the Kingdom message on the part of one certain clergyman and his flock, writes that, after a prolonged season of prayer to their god to put Jehovah's witnesses out of the way, the pastor of the church was stricken with an attack of demons and is now so completely under their control that his folly is apparent to all men and the truth is spreading rapidly through the community, as a consequence.

Germany Gave Up as Much as America

FOR the privilege of engaging in the World War Germany gave up as much as did the United States. In each case the net loss is about $50,000,000,000. In an article in the New York *American* Harvey C. Garber, reparation expert, and formerly member of Congress, gives the particulars that go to make up the following totals:

Germany paid reparations as follows:

	In Dollars (Approx.)
Cash payments and Reparations recovery	$668,500,000
Deliveries in kind (following is a small example: 500 stallions, 30,000 mares, 2,000 bulls, 90,000 milk cows, 1,000 rams, 100,000 sheep, 10,000 goats—as immediate advance to France only; Belgium received 100,000 milk cows alone and a similar number of other animals in proportion as French Government received)	1,013,500,000
Transportation material surrendered (includes 90 percent of merchant fleet)	1,640,500,000
Non-military material	1,260,250,000
Private property abroad owned by German citizens	2,520,000,000
Private and public property in the ceded districts	2,605,500,000
War fleet surrendered	334,500,000
Work of German prisoners of war	300,000,000
Miscellaneous individual performances	172,000,000
Germany paid up to Aug. 31, 1924	$10,514,750,000
Payments and deliveries under Dawes and Young Plans	2,774,000,000
TOTAL	$13,288,750,000
Further German performances and sacrifices (internal costs of occupation, costs of internal Allies commission, costs of disarming military and industrial, adjustment of borders and refugee costs)	3,629,500,000
GRAND TOTAL (to June 30, 1931)	$16,918,250,000

Authority for the above by Wolff Bureau Summary, January 23, 1932.

This enormous sum of almost $17,000,000,000 represents 28½ percent of Germany's national wealth in 1918 (before the inflation). These figures do not include territorial possessions surrendered by Germany, of which its African colonies and Pacific possessions have been estimated as having an economic value of $34,000,000,000.

Internment on Italy's Penal Islands

THE Manchester *Guardian* contains an article by Francesco Fausto Nitti, Jr., setting forth some of the conditions attaching to internment in Italy's penal islands.

The "care" with which the sentence of internment is pronounced may be judged by the three following facts among hundreds: (a) I never knew officially the reason of my internment; it was only my father who was able to gather that I was under "suspicion" of setting up an anti-Fascist secret society; (b) in Lipari there are interned men who have been denounced as Communists by their business rivals although they never took any interest in politics; (c) in Lipari I know a small farmer who did not even know what Communism means, but was denounced as a Communist by the police official of his village, who was in love with his wife.

The man who has been sentenced to internment travels in a "vagone cellulare", or "iron maiden". This is composed of a number of small cells scarcely large enough for a man in a sitting posture, and too small to stand up in or stretch the limbs. The only ventilation is a slit opening on to the inner corridor of the carriage. During the journey the prisoner is handcuffed. No food or water is allowed.

The "vagoni cellulari", attached to the slow, third-class trains, travel only by day; in the evening they stop at the station of a town where there is a prison. When we came out of the cell, after 12 to 18 hours of enforced immobility, without food, without fresh air, and in almost total darkness, our hands swollen because of the tightness of the handcuffs, we could scarcely recognize one another.

From the train the prisoners are transported to the jail. They are linked together by a chain that passes from one handcuff to another. The prisoners must carry their own luggage with their handcuffed hands. When they reach the jail they receive food and spend the night in a "cella di transito" (cell used for prisoners on their way to a further destination), where they sleep on the bare boards amongst vermin of all kinds, without light or air. Generally the prison is reached late in the evening, after the supper hour, so that the prisoners, instead of the usual ration of soup, receive only bread and water.

The men are herded in Naples, and from there are taken by sea to Palermo, to the prison of Ucciardone, which is the nightmare of all Italian prisoners. From there they are taken to the islands.

Insurance Against Conscription

OUT of the total sum of life and other insurance outstanding in Japan at the end of last September, more than 8 percent consisted of policies against being drafted for army service.

The Work of a Clever Lawyer

HERE is a notice from a bank telling the good news about the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Manifestly it was written by a clever lawyer who was so eager to put loopholes in his statement that he made the whole thing ridiculous as a safety measure. Here is what he said: "Your deposits in this bank are now protected, *as stated*, by its membership in the Temporary Deposit Insurance Fund of the FDIC. You thus have *a foundation* for confidence and future security, which has *a measure* of the same soundness and stability that is inherent in the United States Government itself." This is written in such a way that if the member banks of the FDIC should consider it expedient at any time to put up another hard-luck story to their depositors, there will be at least three lines of argument all leading to the same conclusion, i.e., "We have your money, and what are you going to do about it?"

The Laundry Code

THE laundry business has been a difficult business to codify under NRA arrangements, for the reason that it is a business in which labor itself is the greatest item, and all through the southern states the workers are inevitably Negro women, forced by their necessities to accept what is offered in the way of wages. The laundry owners and operators finally fixed upon 14c an hour as the minimum laundry wage. The American Federation of Labor wants the minimum wage made 40c per hour. It points out the high temperature and high humidity characteristic of both the washing and ironing departments, and the dangers to hands and arms, to which the workers are subjected.

Railroads in a Bad Way

IT WOULD not need a great mind to figure out that with beautiful hard roads paralleling every railway, and something like 25,000,000 buses, automobiles and trucks racing up and down on them day and night, the railways would by now be in a bad way, even if there had been no panic in 1929 and no mails and passengers had been carried in the Pullmans of the clouds. But even so, it jolts one to hear of section men paid as low as 7c an hour, or $6 for a full week's work. The Government, in its effort to revive business and create employment, has offered loans to the railroads at reasonable rates of interest and at no interest for the first year.

Cement at $30,000 a Keg

SOMEWHERE between Johannesburg, South Africa, and London, England, clever financiers took £6,300 in gold bullion from one of 300 kegs and refilled the keg with cement and nails of the same weight. Then they resealed the keg and fixed it all up like the 299 others and everybody checked it off as O.K., until it was finally opened. The man who did this job would make a good bank president, and if he will come to New York he will soon learn how to make very much more money, with nowhere nearly the risk; and he won't have to pay any income taxes either.

Bank Loans for Stock Speculations

THE latter part of the month of October, 1929, the Federal Reserve member banks had $6,800,000,000 of depositors' money loaned for speculation on the New York Stock Exchange. During the entire year of 1932 the total amount of such loans outstanding at any one time only once exceeded $500,000,000, and during most of the year was down around $350,000,000. If the Federal Reserve bank managements can point with pride to their record in 1932, what can they point to in 1929? and what excuse can they give as to why they should not be hanged?

The Du Pont Prosperity

A NEWSPAPER squib says that last year the Du Ponts cleared $38,895,330 net profits. They made so much money out of the suffering of their fellow men during the World War that now they do not know what to do with it. The money made in the making of war munitions is now devoted to buying up one industry after another, upsetting the hopes of every man connected with it, and pumping out of it every dollar that can be extracted—to be used in buying still more businesses. If this is success, keep it.

New Highway Link in South America

A NEW and important highway link in the transportation system of South America is the 2,300-mile highway now building between Caracas, capital of Venezuela, and Quito, capital of Ecuador. On its way the road passes through Bogota, the capital of Colombia. Two thousand miles are already opened to traffic; a few sections are paved, but most of the road is of graded earth. In general, it follows old Indian trails of the long-ago.

The "Holy Door" Is Closed

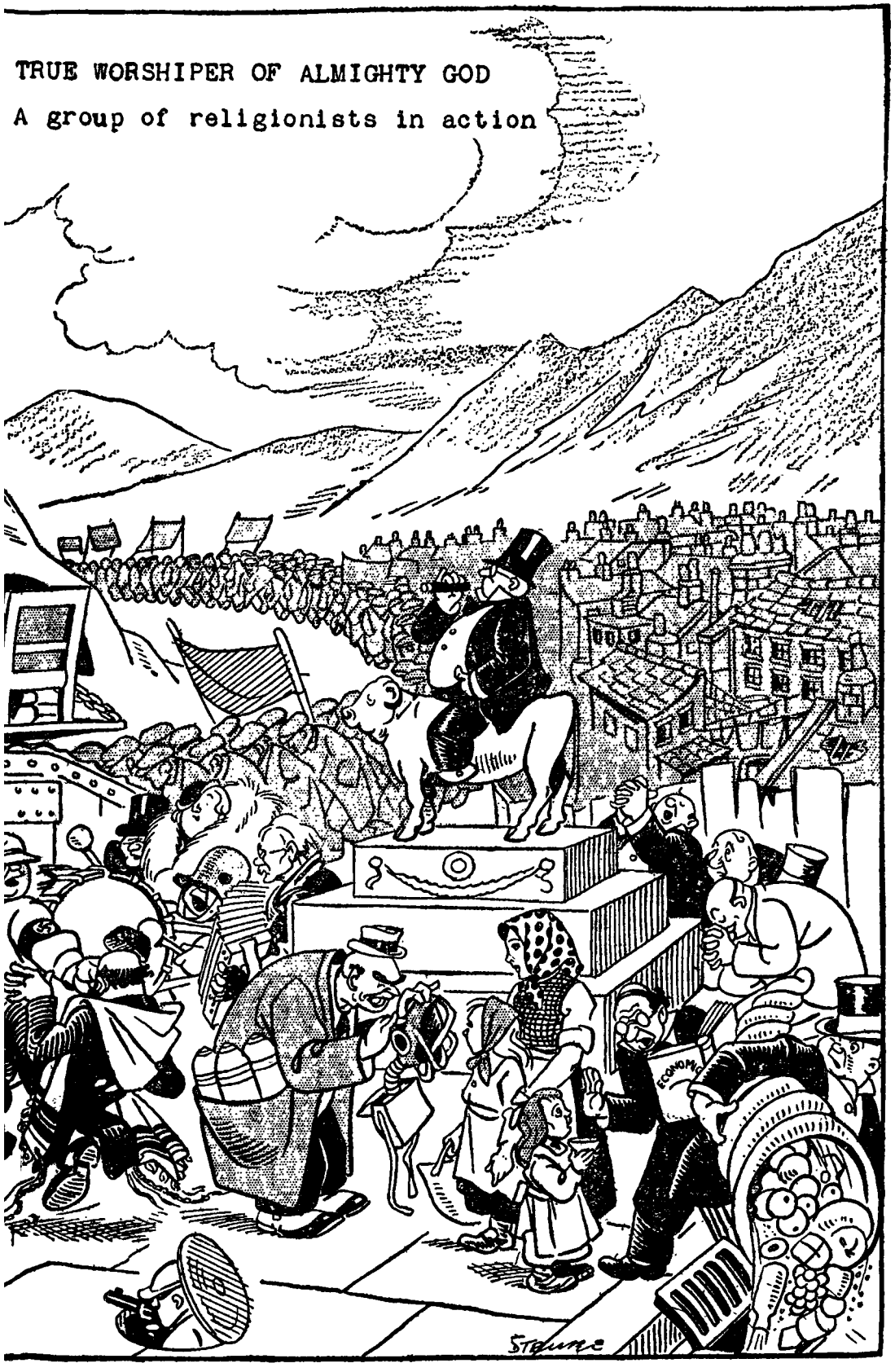
THE Boston *Advertiser* of April 1, 1934, mentions the relics exhibited at St. Peter's on Easter, the "cross" on which Jesus was crucified, the spear which pierced His side, and the veil with which Veronica wiped His face, and then says: "At the holy door, the 'pope' will sit on a small throne, bless golden bricks and plaster, and seal up the door." Those who have wondered where the expression "golden bricks" comes from will now have their curiosity satisfied.

A Few Pontifical Suggestions

IN AN address to preachers at Vatican City, Ambrose says that the people must do everything in their power to relieve the suffering of the unemployed. One of the best things to do is to go among them and tell them the gospel truth that the whole purgatory scheme is a swindle, a means of robbing them of their spare nickels and dimes and dollars.



IF CHRIST



CAME BACK.

Ambrose goes on and tells them that they must also be reminded that God alone governs the affairs of men. The "god" that does this, and has been doing it for six thousand years, is the god of this world, the ruler of the darkness of this world, the prince of this present evil world. Indeed, that is where all the trouble has been. (2 Corinthians 4:3,4) This explains earth's distress.—Rev. 12:12.

He continues and says that preachers must preach, not pessimism, but optimism; and here, strange to say, we find ourselves in full agreement. Our optimism leads us to declare that the god of this world has been replaced by earth's new ruler, Christ Jesus, acting for and sitting upon the throne of Jehovah God, and that Ambrose's god, the Devil, the one that has hitherto been governing the affairs of men, just as Ambrose declares, and just as the Scriptures also declare (for they tell us plainly that "the whole world lieth in the wicked one"), is at the end of his rope.

Origin of Curious Customs

FREDERICK J. HASKIN, director of The Haskin Information Service, Washington, D.C., says that tipping the hat originated with slaves, of whom it was required; the shaking of hands traces back to a truce in a fight: men could not kill one another when their sword hands were engaged; "Hello" is an abbreviation of "Health to you"; "Ahoy" was originally a war-cry of the Vikings when they boarded the ships of their enemies; a man has the bow of his hat on the left because the warriors of long ago had the plumes of their helmets on that side, so they would not get in the way in time of battle; stone balls on gateposts hark back to the days when our ancestors had the heads of their enemies in like location; when a Roman bride came out of her parents' home she carried in her hand three heads of wheat, signifying fertility, and from this has come the custom of throwing rice at weddings; men used to steal their brides, and the best man went along to prevent angry relatives from taking her back; throwing old shoes goes back to the days of Boaz; the bridal veil is a keepsake of the net which the young man threw over his bride when he grabbed her and ran off with her; ancient Scandinavians drank diluted honey for the first thirty days of their wedded life, and that is the origin of the honeymoon; in heathen temples human sacrifices were everyday affairs, but at length burning candles were substituted, and that is why candles are still burned in some churches; the reason why horseshoes were supposed to be lucky is that they had seven nails on a side; Judas is supposed to have had red hair, and that is the reason why some people fear those who have Titian-colored locks.

Man-Woman-Yoke-Going-Egypt-East

THE first six letters of the alphabet, A-B-G-D-E-F, were so arranged by Moses that every time a child was taught his letters the first six would tell the essential truth of the deliverance of Israel out of Egypt. "A" (Hebrew "alef", Greek "alpha") shows a man upon his knees; "B" (Hebrew "beth", Greek "beta") shows a woman sitting; "G" (Hebrew "gimmel", Greek "gamma") symbolizes an Egyptian yoke; "D" (Hebrew "daleth", Greek "delta") shows the legs of a person in flight; "E" (Hebrew "he", Greek "eta") shows a crocodile's tail, which is the symbol of Egypt; "F" (Hebrew "vav", Greek "phi") shows the rising sun, which to the Egyptians was a symbol of the East. The hieroglyphics thus teach that "men and women, suffering under a yoke, went out from Egypt eastward". The above are the deductions of the French paleontologist, L. Etienne, in a book recently published explaining the origin of the alphabet. They come to us through the Esperanto, by Harold Kline.

89,500 Died in Accidents in 1933

OF THE fatal accidents last year 30,300 were motor-vehicle accidents and 29,500 occurred in homes; most of the balance, in factories. Suicides last year were over 20,000, the highest in history. Tests in Connecticut showed that defective exhaust pipes resulted in carbon monoxide in more than half the automobiles examined. It is suspected that this leakage of gas not only is to blame for the sleepiness and headaches, nausea and nervousness, complained of by some drivers, but, through the dulling of the mental faculties, is directly responsible for many deaths.

Advice to Young Lawyers

EARLE W. EVANS, president of the American Bar Association, in an address in Cambridge, told the budding young lawyers of Harvard University that they should go to church, not so much to see the best citizens as to be seen by them, that they should learn to call men by their first names, be of pronounced convictions, not be afraid to apologize, and to take on the collection of bills because it means so many contacts with business men.

Catherine Brickland Dead at 123

CATHERINE BRICKLAND, of Ireland, is dead at 123 years of age. Born in 1811, she remembered the first stagecoach introduced into Ireland. She always liked work and attributed her long life to it; so says the New York *Times*. More people die from over-resting than from over-working.

Price of Baby Girls in China

LADY SIMON, wife of the British foreign secretary, and an intelligent crusader against slavery, recently stated in a speech at Finsbury town hall that in China baby girls are sold at the rate of sixpence for every year of their lives. Thus the price for a little ten-year-old female slave is 5 shillings, or around $1.20.

The Care of the Sick

THE United States Public Health Service makes certain suggestions regarding the care of the sick, from which we quote:

First of all, the sick room should, if possible, have several windows, so that it can be easily aired. A narrow high bed is better than a broad low bed and should be used if one is available.

Those caring for the sick should wear clothes that can be laundered and kept scrupulously clean. The hands of persons who care for the sick should be immediately washed with soap and running water after each handling of the patient.

In preparing a patient for the day, his face and hands should be washed, teeth brushed, and hair combed. When combing the hair the pillows should be protected by a towel, and the hair of female patients, if long, should be parted and braided in two braids.

Wherever possible, the bed of a sick patient should be changed daily. A yard or yard and a half of rubber sheeting should be placed under the lower sheet, for the protection of the mattress.

When it is desired to change the sheet under a patient, the patient should be rolled over to one side of the bed, the soiled sheet folded close up against the body, and the clean sheet folded in narrow pleats adjusted to the mattress as close to the patient as possible and well tucked at the side and the unfolded part at the head and foot. The patient should then be rolled to the other side, the soiled sheet withdrawn, and the clean sheet pulled into place, smoothed, freed from wrinkles, and tucked tightly in on that side and at the head and foot of the bed. This can be easily done without uncovering the patient.

To change the top sheet without uncovering the patient, loosen the soiled sheet at the foot, fold the clean sheet and tuck in securely at the bottom, then draw this clean sheet over patient between the soiled sheet and blanket, straighten the blanket, put on the spread, fold the clean sheet over the blankets and spread, adjust the pillows, and then gently withdraw the soiled top sheet.

Upon completion of the toilet, the patient's back should be rubbed with alcohol or cold cream, especially those places on which the weight falls—the back, shoulders, heels, and elbows. Great care should be taken of these pressure spots to prevent breaking of the skin and the development of bed sores.

It is the duty of those caring for the sick to see that the intestinal tract is cleared each day and that the kidneys act frequently. This is often accomplished by giving water to drink freely. The normal amount of kidney secretion daily is from one to two quarts.

The patient is often made more comfortable by the use of a hot water bottle. In filling hot water bottles, care should be taken to prevent burning by always using a cover for the bottle. Bottles should be half filled and the air expelled by squeezing out the air until the water comes to the top and then placing on the stopper.

The normal pulse rate is between 72 and 80 in adults, and 105 to 120 in children. Normal adult expiration is at the rate of 18 a minute. The normal temperature is 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit and 37 degrees Centigrade.

Tonsillectomy May Cause Ear Trouble

IN AN article in the *Lancet,* T. B. Layton, F.R.C.S., surgeon to the throat and ear department of Guy's Hospital, London, makes the following remarkable statements regarding the operation of tonsillectomy:

"The operation is never 'absolutely necessary.' . . . I believe that the operation is fraught with grave consequences to the hearing even when all immediate post-operative complications have been avoided."

German Women May Smoke

DR. GOEBBELS, German minister for propaganda, announces that German women have the same rights as smokers as the women of any other nationality. It seems that the men have been placarding the restaurants with signs that "German women do not smoke". Seems as if the desired effect would be better created by signs to the effect that "No woman who smokes can be the mother of a healthy child". Anyway, that is the truth.

Off the Caffeine Drinks for Life

C. A. PIKE, of North Carolina, got his nerves all shot drinking coffee and tea. Now he says he is off the caffeine drinks for life and wants to help others to get free. He states he has found the following a good substitute: Wheat bran, toasted in oven till brown. Be careful to stir and not let it scorch. Two cups toasted bran to half gallon boiling water; let boil five to ten minutes; serve with cream and sugar.

Hard Times Bring More Boys

IT IS generally held that hard times in a family bring more boys to birth than would otherwise be the case. This seems borne out in England at present, where 1,059 males are now born to 1,000 females. When food is plentiful, and fewer bread-winners are needed, females are in the excess.

Burning Blue Grass Seed

UNDER the new system of forcing prosperity, the Federal Farm Credit Administration and the Kentucky Blue Grass Cooperative Association burned 200,000 bushels of blue grass seed in Kentucky. Maybe this is all right, but one just cannot help but wonder if this was all that could be done with it. Surely there are many places in the world where that seed of the world's finest grass would at least have been acceptable as a gift. Maybe the Japanese would have been glad to have it, or some other nation. All the world is to smile sometime, not by burning grass seed, but by planting it in the places where it is most needed.

New Uses for Aluminum

WITH the quite general abandonment of aluminum cooking utensils by those who wish to retain their health, new uses for the metal are coming to the fore. A bridge in Pittsburgh, the new high-speed train for the Union Pacific, and electroplated mirrors are some of the new uses. The new mirrors, by the way, are used in connection with the sodium orange-yellow electric lights that will soon be a common feature of outdoor illumination. Aluminum mirrors are used in connection with the reflecting telescope at Lick observatory, California.

Millions of Farmers Not Needed

REXFORD TUGWELL, right-hand adviser of President Roosevelt in the Department of Agriculture, envisages a new era of commercial agriculture made up of the best farmers, operating the best lands, with the remaining lands turned into forests, game preserves, grazing ranges, parks and recreation centers, and the displaced farmers working at something else. Now if he can only indicate what that "something else" could possibly be he will greatly enlighten humankind.

Last Winter in New England

LAST winter, in New England, was the most severe ever known. Many harbors were closed to shipping. At Portland there was a solid sheet of ice thirty miles square. In places skating and even automobiling took place on the salt-water ice. Thousands of ducks starved, their feeding grounds having frozen over. Temperatures as low as 56 degrees below zero were recorded.

The Cause of the Hindu Earthquake

THE maharajah of Nepal explained that the Hindu earthquake, which took the lives of 45,000 persons, was due to the fact that the gods of the world's highest mountain were angry because British airmen had flown over the top of Mount Everest. It would be hard to match this, unless one could find a land where the people believe in a purgatory with bake-oven temperatures or a brimstone hell to which all but the church members go to stay forever.

Kindness to Wild Life

IT IS refreshing to note the interest in wild life manifested more and more. During the severe winter just past wild birds were lured to food supplies by means of decoys. Deer were fed cakes made of molasses and soy beans. The mere fact that fallen man takes such interest in the preservation of the creatures entrusted to his care makes the hell-fire and purgatory foolishness too absurd for words.

An Early Spring in Tacoma

AT TACOMA, Washington, February 14, 1934, when the east was undergoing the most severe winter it has had for a generation, 53 different kinds of flowers and shrubs were in bloom; garden peas were up three inches in the valleys. No wonder the rest of the country jealously refer to the Puget Sounders as having webbed feet, to do something to even matters up.

The Wheat Producer and the Bread Eater

STUDIES of the Federal Trade Commission showed that 12 percent of the consumer's price of bread goes to the wheat producer and 88 percent goes to the mere hauling, storing, milling, baking and delivery of the finished product. Where a concern, or a home, is in position to purchase and use the wheat direct, a great saving is effected.

Labor Cost of Merchandise

IN 1931 the manufacturers of the United States received for their goods at the factory door $41,521,147,000, and paid out in wages $7,255,692,000, or a little more than 17 percent. It is apparent from this that if wages are doubled the manufacturers need add but 17 percent to the price to be as well off as they were in 1931.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The lecture which appears on this page is the second in a series of talks specially prepared by Judge Rutherford to cover briefly a number of important Biblical truths. There will be twelve lectures in this series, each one brief and to the point. They set forth in ordinary and understandable language the comforting and inspiring realities of God's Word. Readers who are not yet subscribers and who wish to make sure of receiving the entire series can still enter their subscriptions so as to include the preceding issue.

Rebellion *By Judge Rutherford*

WHEN Jehovah God created the earth and placed man upon it He appointed His spirit creature Lucifer as overlord of the earth, including man. It was the duty of Lucifer to obey God and to render aid to man in learning of the unseen things of God's universe. Lucifer became ambitious to control the human race and have men worship him, that he might be one like unto the Most High. Lucifer became a traitor to God. He rebelled against Jehovah's law and induced other spirit creatures to join him in that rebellion. He also caused man to join in that rebellion and to turn against Jehovah God. Prior to that time God had told Adam that a violation of His law would result in man's death. Adam having willingly violated God's law, and having joined Lucifer in his rebellion against God, man was sentenced to death. God had provided man with the power to produce his own kind, that is to say, to bring children into existence. This power man did not exercise while perfect, but after he was sentenced to death and before he died his children were born. For that reason all of them inherited the result of Adam's sentence of death, and hence were born sinners or imperfect.—Romans 5:12.

After the rebellion Jehovah changed the name of Lucifer, giving him four separate and distinct names, each one of which has a different meaning: *Satan,* meaning opposer of God; *Devil,* meaning slanderer of God; *Serpent,* meaning deceiver of creatures; and *Dragon,* meaning one who tries to devour all who do right. At the same time God sentenced Lucifer, now the Devil, to death, but He did not at that time execute His judgment against the Devil. A wicked challenge was made by Satan to Jehovah in which Satan claimed that Jehovah could not put men on earth that would remain true and faithful to Him under the test. That challenge involved the word and name of God; and in order that all creation might learn that the power of Jehovah is supreme, and that He is the only source of life and goodness, God accepted the challenge and has permitted Satan to continue in existence during the many centuries since that he might have full opportunity to prove his wicked challenge. Had God killed the Devil at the beginning of his rebellion the other creatures of the universe would never have had opportunity to determine whether or not man can be true to God under a severe test.

Jehovah fixed a time limit during which Satan should have opportunity to do what he could to prove his wicked challenge, and at the same time God declared that when that time limit expired He would then execute His judgment of death against Satan and destroy with him all of those who willingly put themselves on Satan's side. Satan not only is the opposer of Jehovah, but is man's worst enemy.

The time limit fixed for Satan to carry on his operations is now up, and within a very short time God will, by the hand of Christ Jesus, His chief executive officer, fight the Devil and his forces at the battle of Armageddon, which will be the worst ever known, and in that conflict Satan and his organization will be destroyed. That is the reason why the time is now here when people must have opportunity to know about Jehovah and His purpose toward them. This affords all an opportunity to take their stand either on the Devil's side or on Jehovah's side. Only those who take Jehovah's side will live. A detailed explanation of this matter will be found in the book called *Deliverance,* and it is of vital importance that you learn the truths therein contained.

The Devil endeavors to entrap every person who takes his stand on Jehovah's side, and would succeed if not prevented by the Lord. It is written: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." (Psalm 34:7) If one is on Jehovah's side and faithfully serves Him he may have the

assurance that God will provide protection for him. No power can successfully resist Jehovah. But God does not exercise His power in behalf of anyone except those who diligently try to serve Him. Be assured, then, that your safety from the Devil depends entirely on your faithfulness to God. At the present time it is a great privilege to know how you may receive protection. Be diligent, therefore, to learn the truth that leads the way to life and happiness.

[By special arrangement the foregoing lecture, together with the others in the series, may be had on six phonograph records, having a lecture on each side of the disc. These may be played on an ordinary phonograph at the usual speed of 78 revolutions a minute. These lecture records are a splendid means of refreshing one's mind on vital truths of the Bible, as well as affording an opportunity of discussing them with visitors and neighbors. The records are obtainable from the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., and all inquiries should be addressed to them, and not to us.]

Another Diploma—This Time from the Exposition of Commercial Efforts

Translation

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PARIS, APRIL 1934

Translations of Interesting Letters Received at Paris

THEY languish for "Light":

I have just learned from the *Age d'Or* [1] that a new booklet has come off the press: *Dividing the People.* May I ask you to send me 5 copies as well as 5 *Freedom* booklets for distribution amongst my friends?

I still cherish the hope that *Prophecy* and *Light* will soon be published in French. Waiting for them, I remain . . .

R. B., *Composer and Chief of Orchestra.*

Has done away with uncertainty:

I cannot remain silent any longer, but must thank you for the good news which God has given us by you as His intermediary. May God protect you in the task of accomplishing His work, and may you be understood by all those who read your good and holy publications. How happy one feels when reading the Holy Bible, your booklets and the *Age d'Or!* [1] Day by day the light is shining more brightly in me, after such a long time of groping in uncertainty for the Truth.

L. Ch., *Vienne.*

Praise to the Lord:

What great joy comes to the reader when he begins to recognize the importance of this grand work! For my part, I can truthfully declare: Since attentively studying these admirable holy books and the *Age d'Or* [1] I appreciate more and more this true light which has been a source of peace, joy and happiness to me, and which makes my heart delight.

I therefore wish, in the first place, to give thanks to God, the Creator, for having kindly given me this great light, which is in fact the truth, and for having delivered me from the gross darkness which covers the earth.

And to you, dear faithful disciples, Jehovah's witnesses, who by your unwavering faith and goodness have worked with great devotion and care, I could never express all my deep thankfulness!

It is my ardent desire to make known to my neighbors the great truths of the Bible and thus bring them peace, consolation and deliverance. With the intention of being helpful to my fellow men, I should like to receive the following books, i.e., . . .

A. J. M., *Seine et Marne.*

Darkness turned into light:

Herewith a postal money order for 6 francs for a year's subscription for the *Age d'Or* [1] for Miss ———. I should be very pleased to have this young lady illuminated by your journal; I make it known as far as possible in my neighborhood. I also gave her a Bible, and, with the explanations of this good journal, she will be better enabled to understand it. As to me, it has done me much good. So many things which were dark to me have now been turned into light by your explanation. Many thanks for all the good you have done for me and so many others. Assuring you of my ardent sympathy.

A. C. M., *Seine.*

All that I can:

I shall very probably renew my subscription for the *Age d'Or,* [1] but if you ask me what I, on my part, am doing for the distribution of the Truth or of the *Age d'Or,* I would answer: All that I can!

Z. M. V., *Vaucluse.*

Increasing understanding:

Desiring to gradually increase my knowledge of the Lord, I must again and again knock at your door!

Is it necessary at the beginning of a prayer or when passing by a cross to make the sign of the cross?

What do you think about dreams?

As all such things as churches, baptism, confession, communion, confirmation, and marriage are absolutely unnecessary, why did Jesus tell His disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and the holy spirit?

My dear friends, if I am tiring you a little too much with all my questions, be assured that I remain your friend who seeks for the Truth!

B. J., *Saone et Loire.*

When the *Age d'Or* [1] is lost in the mail:

I have not yet received the March issue. You might think, perhaps, that I have ceased being a subscriber? What an error! No more subscriber to your journal? I shall read it as long as I live or as long as the journal may exist. I am just longing for the last copy, which has not yet arrived. Would you be so kind, dear sir, to let me have it without further delay?

A. C., *Pas de Calais.*

A waiter at a café "finds" *Deliverance:*

I am glad to be able to place an order for two complete sets of your magnificent books. More and more we begin to tell out the truth to the people we meet. Although it is not always an easy matter, we sometimes get rewarded. Of the two sets ordered above, one has been ordered by a young man, a waiter at a café, who had the first glimpse of the Truth through the *Escape* booklet, and who one day found the book *Deliverance,* which had almost been thrown away. You see the Truth is never lost!

As a little group we meet together for a study very often, and what good times we spend therewith! Assuring you of our brotherly friendship, we remain . . .

P. A., *Orne.*

On coming home from the field:

Last Sunday, on arriving home after distributing the *Age d'Or* [1] copies, I found the March issue had just arrived and saw the reproduction of the new Diploma awarded to the *Tour de Garde.*[2] My joy even increased when reading further on that the parable of the sheep and goats is now being fulfilled. Your article on "Radio and the Truth" is wonderful. Herewith my subscription for the *Tour de Garde;* please accept the rest for the Society. I hope that God will give me grace so that I may be able to continue sending some small sums to help you in the proclamation of deliverance from this corrupt world. In the meantime, I remain your friend, brotherly devoted in His service.

A Jonadab of the Ain Department.

[1] *The Golden Age,* French edition.
[2] *The Watch Tower,* French edition.

By a brave pioneer:

Herewith is my renewal to the *Age d'Or.*[1] I had not forgotten it, but did not know the time of its expiration, as it had been taken by one of your brave pioneers who had passed through our small borough. I am happy to read such interesting things. Most cordial sympathy.

L. J. H., *Sarthe.*

Even at Catholic Orléans:

Herewith the amount of 6 francs in stamps for a subscription for the *Age d'Or.*[1] These issues are very instructive and just.

MME G., *Orléans.*

Of the same mind:

With real pleasure we read the *Tour de Garde*[2] and the *Age d'Or.*[1] Your articles in the *Age d'Or* reflect our own ideas. You help us to regain patience, for which we thank you very much. May the Lord bless your noble cause and your efforts, and may He deliver us soon from this life full of anxiety. To all of you personally, fraternal and affectionate greetings.

J. C. G., *Seine et Oise.*

'They must know Thee . . .':

I had been very active spreading the good news of the Kingdom at . . .

The copy of the *Tour de Garde*[2] you sent me is very interesting. I saw that on March 28 a feast will be celebrated, but had seen nothing about this in the *Age d'Or.*[1] Well, it's the "Holy Year" that will terminate on April 2, but no good resulted to us out of it!

The family of which I gave you the address in my last letter never go to church; therefore I believe that the message will interest them. One must help the people to get a knowledge of our good God. This is what I do and what I desire to continue . . .

A Jonadab at Martigny.

Ceased feeling lonely:

I am glad to tell you that since I have read the numerous publications of Judge Rutherford I have the impression that I am less lonely than before, that I have found (if I may say so) a far-away family, a spiritual family, it is true, but the only true and most affectionate one.

I believe that in spite of all the sarcasm and declarations of the evolutionists, from you alone comes the light, the truth for which my whole soul is longing, and my heart spontaneously tends towards you, knowing that you guide us right.

Moreover, I positively take my stand on your side, i.e., on God's side, whom I seek with all my will, and am confidently waiting for the manifestation of His reign of justice as proclaimed by you.

MME B. F., *Ile et Vilaine.*

Radio heard in the East of France:

Very often listening in to your radio lectures, it is my desire to receive one of your booklets and to be informed of the price of the book *Where Are the Dead?*

J. J. M.

Judge Rutherford's books encouraging Bible studies:

Having read some of the publications of Mr. J. F. Rutherford, I have now set my mind on studying the Bible. Could you let me have an authentic version? With thanks and all my sympathy.

R. G. V., *Allier.*

Felicitation:

All my congratulation on the Diploma of Honor which you have received for your books and the *Age d'Or;*[1] for, really, everybody should read them, as they would do much good in each family.

A. L., *Le Havre.*

Love for the great Creator:

Herewith please find the amount of my subscription for the *Age d'Or.*[1] I take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for all the good comforting words which I find therein. Having read a lot, I thought to know something, but now you make me find out in the sacred Book those deep things which tune my heart towards the great Creator. Fervently yours,

L. S., *Arras.*

'At 83 years of age, I must make haste . . .':

I did not know anything of the Tour de Garde, and never heard anyone speak of its publications until yesterday, when one of my friends who likes the Gospel (she is a faithful believer, maybe the only one left in our town of more than 2,000 inhabitants) brought me three booklets obtained from a pioneer who happened to call on her. The little I have seen as yet makes me desirous to know more about this Christian Society, that seems, according to my understanding, to take God's Word as guide of their faith and tries to make it known to others.

Now I hasten, and I must act quickly (at 83 years of age, my time being limited from now on), if I wish to send some beams of light into the gross gloom of this miserable, bigoted and credulous town.

Would you therefore kindly send me at the address of my daughter (teacher of this town) the following 12 booklets and 9 books. Also please put my name on your subscription list for the *Age d'Or.*[1] May I ask you further to kindly join me in my prayers for the Lord's blessings upon these books? Please accept my greetings in the name of our dear and precious Redeemer.

WW. L. Th., *Vienne.*

She sets her hope in the Kingdom:

I felt very sorry for not being able to attend your meeting last Sunday, to which you had kindly invited me. Supposing that the subject of this lecture will be treated in one of your books, I hope to profit thereby nevertheless.

I am not able to express all my feelings of gratitude towards your Society for the good you are doing. Your books are my only teacher, and all my desire and sole hope cling to the kingdom of God which may come very soon (I wish it with all my heart), even if I should not find grace before God and even if I should die.

M. N., *Seine.*

A voice from Brussels:

What a great amount of misery I have seen since I was born into this cursed world! Not knowing God I denied Him as 'the God of the rich', which, according to my mind, was the cause of all the injustice. But now you have brought me the light. At present I understand perfectly, and I thank you sincerely. Please accept, dear gentlemen, my sincere felicitation for having had this good idea to spread the Bible all over the earth. I have great pleasure in lending your little booklet to all those who wish to read it.

L. T., *Brussels.*

From the South of France:

Very much interested by your lectures, and realizing the good that one can do by the distribution of these booklets, I ask you for some explanation on your different publications. Herewith find 6 francs for your book at this price, and 50 centimes for the journal, the *Age d'Or.* [1] Please accept the expression of my lively sympathy.

J. V. C., *Tarn.*

The *Age d'Or* circulates:

Enclosed in this letter you will find some stamps for 9 booklets *Dividing the People* which I wish you to send to the addresses given below. My own copy of the *Age d'Or* [1] circulates in my town and finds a way to quite a few persons who are getting interested. Every time your words arrive, they bring joy and consolation to me.

B. H. B., *Somme.*

Hearing and increasing understanding:

Being a father of a family, I would ask you for some information which at present is of greatest importance to me, as the clergy ask to have my two children to instruct them with regard to their first communion. For this end I ask you to send me the four following books: . . . Please hasten to answer, I urge you, because I am in urgent need!

O. St., *Belfort.*

I wish to have a part:

I should like to associate with all my heart in your work and contribute for the distribution of the good tidings. I do what I can amongst my friends, but, what a pity! I do not feel like going from house to house, and hope that Jehovah will not be dissatisfied with me because of that.

Anyway, I wish to have a part in the next campaign from March 24 to April 2, and therefore I have given orders to the bank at ——— to sell two small bonds which I had bought with some savings of mine, and to send you the proceeds. May this money help towards the vindication of Jehovah's name.

MME X., (teacher) a Jonadab.

Gratitude:

I wish to thank you personally for the two public lectures in Paris which I had the pleasure to attend.

I also thank you for your publications which have instructed and guided me for some time.

I furthermore transmit my thanks to all your colaborers and all those that make known this message. Owing to these messengers, I am now in the happy position to instruct myself and get a knowledge of the Truth. Best wishes that this holy moral work, in which you are busy, may have a good continuation.

M. B., *Seine.*

David's God

By Ruth Gamble (Louisiana)

I LOOKED into the man-made creeds
  Of Gentile and of Jew,
And found them but as hollow reeds
  Which men have come to rue.
The heathen idols are as near
  As gods of creedal lore,
With ears as quick to bend and hear
  When men their help implore.
For though they're served in temples fair,
  With formal lips and alms,
The one I sought was never there—
  The God of David's psalms.
I almost laughed, their idols are
  So tinctured with our sod,
So weak and cold and far away—
  I looked for David's God.
Forever near, the God of truth,
  I longed for with each breath;
The God from whom alone can come
  Deliverances from death!
Who hides himself and yet reveals
  To us His mighty power,
In earth and sky and stormy sea,
  And in each sun-filled hour.
Not in a temple made with hands,
  When burdened with earth's cares,
But in His Word I found the God
  Who answered David's prayers.

"AND on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD [Jehovah] God made the earth and the heavens."—Genesis 2:2-4.

When did that period of time begin? The time of the *construction* of the earth is nowhere stated. Men have expressed different opinions, but mere opinion proves nothing. Therefore the account of creation given in the book Genesis must pertain to the creative work of the earth preparatory for the sustenance of life thereupon. The Scriptures divide the creative period into seven days, or periods of time. While Jehovah God could have done this work in six days of twenty-four hours each, if He had so desired, yet the facts show that He did not do so, but that the term "day" means a period of time covering many centuries. This creative period has no reference to a twenty-four-hour day. Since the Lord has divided the creative period into seven, it is reasonable that these creative days, or periods of time, are of equal length.

The law of God given to the Jews 2,513 years after man's creation provided for a week of seven days, each day being twenty-four hours long. (Exodus 16:22-30; 20:8-11) Each of these days being of the same length, it is reasonable that the seven creative "days" or periods would each cover the same length of time. The Scriptures, together with later facts which are indisputable proofs beyond a doubt, indicate that the seventh day or epoch of creation, mentioned in Genesis 2:2, 3, covers a period of seven thousand years of our time. Hence Jehovah's "seventh day" of rest has not yet ended, Bible chronology showing that we (A.D. 1934) are only six thousand and sixty-two (6,062) years removed from the date of man's creation. This explains why the psalmist, writing thousands of years after Adam, could write at God's dictation: "Forty years long was I [Jehovah God] grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways; unto whom I sware in my wrath, that they should not enter into *my rest*." —Psalm 95:10, 11.

That Jehovah's own "seventh day" of rest was not a mere twenty-four-hour day, but a long period of time as above pointed out, is proved by the apostle Paul's words, in Hebrews 4:3-11. Writing more than four thousand years from Adam's creation or end of the sixth day of creation, the apostle says: "For we which have believed [Jehovah's Word, the gospel] do enter into rest: as he [Jehovah] said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works [Jehovah's] were finished from the foundation of the world. For he [Jehovah] spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place [Psalm 95:11] again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: (again, he limiteth [defineth] a certain day, saying in David [Psalm 95 of David], To day, after so long a time [that is, so long after the end of the sixth day of creation]; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus [*margin:* Joshua; Moses' successor] had given them rest, then would he [Jehovah] not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest [*margin*, a keeping of a sabbath] to the people of God. For he that is entered into his [Jehovah's] rest, he also hath ceased from his own works [not merely on Saturday or Sunday, but every day], as God did from his.) Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

If, then, we assume that each of the creative days was of the same length (7,000 years), we must conclude that the period of time that elapses from the beginning of the creative week to the end thereof is a period of forty-nine thousand (7 x 7,000) years. How long prior to that time God began the formation or construction of the earth is not revealed, for the reason that it was not necessary and not the will of God that man should know. Moses, under inspiration and direction of Jehovah, wrote the book of Genesis. Of course, it is God's record, which He caused His servant to write. The opening statement is: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." That is an abstract and profound statement. It is the end of all controversy. The Master Builder, in the beginning,

created the heaven and the earth; and just when that beginning was is not material to us. God reveals His secrets when it pleases Him. Then follows the Scriptural statement: "And the earth was without form, and void." Being without form it was a place of desolation, and no life was therein. It was void, that is, empty of any and all forms of life. It was dark; there was no light thereon. From this point dates the beginning of the creative period or week of seven creative days.

Sabbath Law

Genesis 2:2, 3 reads: "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it." This is a statement of fact, but is not a law; and it does not state that Jehovah God placed upon man back there an obligation, law or rule to rest on the seventh day of the week and "keep it holy". The words "seventh day" do not occur again after this in the book of Genesis. The word "sabbath" does not occur at all in Genesis, not even in the original Hebrew text. At Genesis 26:4, 5 Jehovah said to the patriarch Isaac: "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." But that is not saying that Jehovah had given the patriarch Abraham the commandment to keep a sabbath day each week. When, then, did Jehovah God set up the law of the sabbath day, and for whom?

The first mention of "sabbath" is in the second book of the Bible, at Exodus 16:23, 25, 26, 29: "And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: . . . And Moses said, Eat that to day, for to day is a sabbath unto the Lord: to day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. See, for that the Lord hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days: abide ye every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day." Verse 30 then says: "So the people rested on the seventh day." This proves that the Jews had now come into a law covenant with Jehovah God with Moses as their mediator. That law covenant was made at the death of the passover lamb in Egypt, which furnished the blood of the covenant.—Exodus 12:1-28; Hebrews 9:16-18.

Those Not Under Law

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were the "fathers" of the Jews, or Israelites. That these fathers were not under the sabbath law which was a part of the law covenant Moses expressly stated to the Jews, saying: "The Lord our God made a covenant with us in [Mount] Horeb. The Lord *made not this covenant with our fathers,* but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount, out of the midst of the fire, . . . saying, I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. . . . Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee." (Deuteronomy 5:2-15) By this it is also proved that Jehovah God did not make the law covenant with the Gentiles, or non-Jews or heathen, and hence they too were not under the law to keep the sabbath day.

"In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai." (Exodus 19:1) At Mount Sinai God gave the Israelites the law by which they were to be governed. The opening statement of that law is: "I am Jehovah thy God, who have brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of servants: thou shalt not have other gods besides me." (Exodus 20:2-4, *Rotherham* translation) The manifest purpose of this law was to teach the Israelites (and through them all mankind) that Jehovah is the only true God, from whom proceed life and happiness, and that to follow other gods means sorrow and ultimate destruction. By giving them this law there was an implied promise that God would in His due time establish a righteous government amongst the peoples of earth.

Among other provisions of the law given Israel was that which governed the Sabbath day, and known as the fourth commandment of the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 20:8-11) "Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel [hence not the Gentiles or non-Jews] shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath

throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." (Exodus 31: 13, 15-17) "Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments and true laws, good statutes and commandments: and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, . . . by the hand of Moses thy servant." (Nehemiah 9:13, 14) "I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them: and hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord [Jehovah] your God." (Ezekiel 20:19, 20) These scriptures plainly state that Jehovah made known His sabbath to the Jews only and gave it to them as a sign between Him and them alone. This excluded or shut out the Gentiles or heathen from the sabbath law. Satan would have the people believe that the law as expressed to the Jews at Sinai applies to all the peoples of earth.

"Change Times"

In the first place, the sabbath day enjoined by God's law is not the Sunday now observed by the nations of the world. The Jewish sabbath day was the seventh day of the week and corresponds with Saturday as shown in the present-day calendars. Therefore the clergy of "Christendom" in specializing on Sunday as a sabbath day have the wrong day, even if they were interpreting the law properly. Certain Sabbatarians claim that this fulfils the prophecy in Daniel 7:25: "And he shall . . . think to change times and laws." The fact is, however, that the fulfilment of the prophecy of Daniel, chapter 7, shows that this twenty-fifth verse applies to the seventh world power, the British-American empire system. (See *The Watchtower,* June 15, 1933.) According to the *Rotherham* translation: "He . . . will hope to change times." This could not apply to the change of the sabbath day from Saturday to Sunday, for the reason that Jesus nailed God's law covenant with the Jews to His tree on Calvary long before the seventh world power (not to mention the pope also) ever came into existence, which was in the seventeenth century, A.D. (Colossians 2:14; Ephesians 2: 15; Galatians 4:10, 11) Daniel's prophecy refers to the "time of the end" of the Gentile (non-Jewish) dominion of the earth. That time came in A.D. 1914, when, as prophecy fulfilled proves, Jehovah placed His King, Christ Jesus, upon His throne and ousted Satan from heaven. The seventh world power refuses to accept Jehovah's King or to recognize Jehovah's time for setting up His kingdom, and instead tries to nullify His time by setting up a substitute for God's kingdom in the form of the League of Nations as the ruler of the world. In A.D. 1919 the Federal Council of Churches in America declared the League of Nations to be "the political expression of the kingdom of God on earth". This, then, is where the "little horn" (Daniel 7:8) stands up against the Prince of Peace and attempts to change times.—Daniel 8:9, 11, 25.

This Anglo-American empire system hopes not only to change times, but also to 'change the law of God'. That right belongs to Jehovah alone. (Daniel 2:21) In His law Jehovah has decreed that all shall worship Him, the King of Eternity, and give their allegiance to earth's rightful ruler, Christ Jesus; and He commands His saints to tell the people and the rulers of the world that God's kingdom has come. (Matthew 24:14) Ignoring this law of God the Anglo-American empire system opposes the law of God, and, instead of accepting the King and the kingdom of God, set up in its place and stead the "abomination of desolation" and issues its decree that all shall worship this "image of the beast", the League of Nations. (Revelation 13: 15; Daniel 11:31; 12:11; Matthew 24:15) But let it be known that Jehovah will not permit His appointed time or His fixed laws to be overridden; and this He now clearly makes known.—Daniel 7:11.

Taken Out of Way

The clergy of "Christendom" do not properly apply the sabbath law. The law never did apply to non-Jews; and when Christ came and died upon the tree, He put an end to the law of the covenant with the fleshly Jews, nailing it to His tree; the death of Jesus Christ upon the tree put an end to the law covenant. He in no wise annulled the law covenant, but He fulfilled it; as He said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." (Matthew 5:17) It being fulfilled, its abolishment was in order. The "seed" of Jehovah's promise to Abraham had

come, and no longer was the covenant necessary. (Galatians 3:19) As stated by Paul the apostle, the law covenant with Israel was to operate "till the seed should come to whom the promise was made". Christ, the "seed", having come, thereafter all of the Jews who accepted Him were made free from the law. "For Christ is the end [the objective as well as the finis] of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." (Romans 10:4) He put an end to it by nailing it to the tree, that is, by dying as though He were a sinner and in the sinner's place and stead: "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." (Colossians 2:14) The law was against Israel because that nation could not keep it. Christ Jesus by His death abolished it: "having abolished in his flesh the enmity [between Jew and Gentile], even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man [in Christ], so making peace." (Ephesians 2:15) In Hebrews 8:6 Paul says that Christ also is made "the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises"; which is proof that the old covenant of the law was abolished at the time of Jesus' death.

The apostle Paul refers to the Jewish sabbath day when he says: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days." (Colossians 2:16) With Christians every day is the same, and what is wrong to be done on one day is wrong to be done on any other day; likewise that which is proper to do one day is proper on other days. Till His death Jesus observed the seventh-day sabbath law, because He was born a Jew according to the flesh, and hence was "made of a woman [a Jewess], made under the law". (Galatians 4:4) On the sabbath day He attended the synagogue in order to take advantage of the opportunity to preach the gospel of the Kingdom. (John 18:20; Luke 4:15, 16) After His death and resurrection His disciples from amongst the Jews went into the synagogues on the Jewish sabbath day for the same reason, namely, to preach the kingdom of God to the unconverted Jews assembled there, and not because they themselves were any longer under the law including the sabbath of the seventh day. (Acts 9:20; 13:5, 14-44; 17:1-3; 18:4-26; 19:8) This practice cost the disciples many a beating and scourging and being thrown out.—Matthew 10:17; 23:34; Mark 13:9; John 16:2.

A Shadow

If it is known and borne in mind that what happened to the Jews in connection with the law covenant was for the purpose of foreshadowing things future to happen, and which things are to be understood by those living at the end of the world, now, then the whole matter becomes clarified. (Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11) When the apostle under inspiration writes of "the law, having a shadow of good things to come", we may know that it had a far different significance from that which is given by the clergy and others. (Hebrews 10:1) "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [by which the shadow is cast] is of Christ."—Colossians 2:16, 17.

By establishing the sabbath day with His typical people the Jews, Jehovah gave an implied promise of establishing a government of righteousness for the benefit of man and that that government would be one of peace and rest, in vindication of Jehovah's name and word. God had finished His creation of things pertaining to the earth by the creation of man, and on the seventh period called a "day" He rested from His creative work. That does not mean that during the period of "rest" God would be idle or inactive as to the things pertaining to the vindication of His great and holy name, even though it is His sabbath day. "And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father."—John 5:16-18.

During the seventh day or period of time Jehovah would afford an opportunity for His creatures to prove their proper appreciation of the Creator, and to prove this by showing faithfulness and loyalty to God. At the beginning of the seventh day or period of time Lucifer (now Satan) rebelled and caused the rebellion of man. God could have ended the rebellion there by destroying Lucifer and man, but He formed another purpose whereby He might maintain the

integrity of His name and vindicate it. God would now teach the Jews of His purpose thus to do and that this purpose would be fully accomplished by the end of His seventh day; and therefore the seventh day is a day of rest, or sabbath. The word "sabbath" means "rest".

His immediate purpose in giving the Jews this law of the sabbath was to establish their belief or faith in Him, so that they would know that man's relief can come only from God and would come in His due time, and that they must by faith wait for it. By the law of His covenant with them He said in substance: 'This seventh day of the week shall be to you a day of rest; the seventh year shall be to you a year of rest; the seventh sabbath year, or last of the cycle of seven times seven, or the forty-ninth year, shall be a year of rest to be followed on the fiftieth year by a jubilee. At the jubilee year everything that any Jew has lost of land or freedom must be restored to him.'—Leviticus 25: 1-16.

God would have the Jews know that He is the great Almighty One upon whom man must depend for his blessings. (Leviticus 25:17, 18) They must know that in order to receive the blessings they desire they must completely separate themselves from Satan's rule. By keeping the sabbath day they would show their faith and confidence in God and would trust Him. By giving them the sabbath or rest period there is a clearly implied promise on God's part to give rest and refreshment to those who shall exercise complete faith in Him and that this He would do in His own good time. Paul says that the purpose was to establish faith in God, and that the Jews did not profit by the sabbath law because of their lack of faith or belief.

The statement of the law of the sabbath or rest period should have been good news or gospel to the Jews, and had they trusted God it would have been good news or "gospel" to them. Paul says that this good news God caused to be preached to the Jews, but that they did not profit thereby because they had not faith. (Hebrews 4:2) Had the Jews believed God and obeyed Him, they would by faith have seen a day coming when God would bless them according to His promise to Abraham; and thus believing they would have rested in faith and patiently waited for that time. Their forefather Abraham had such faith, and rested in faith and rejoiced in the coming of that day and waited for it patiently. (Hebrews 11:8-14; John 8:56) By keeping the sabbath day as commanded the Jews would in substance have said: 'Jehovah is our great God and Ruler. We have absolute faith and confidence in Him; and we will show that faith and confidence by obeying His law. We have confidence that in His own due time He will give His people complete rest and all the blessings He has promised.'

The Foreshadowed Kingdom

More than six thousand years have passed since Jehovah finished His creative work toward earth and began His rest. Now we are in the seventh thousand-year period since then. It is the "day of the Lord", or day of Jehovah. In A.D. 1914 Jehovah placed His Son on the throne on Zion, and then that Kingdom, foreshadowed in the typical Jewish sabbath, began. Now as never before the true Christians, witnesses of Jehovah, rest by faith in His great Vindicator and King. Of this rest Paul long ago wrote: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his [God's] rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." (Hebrews 4:9-11) Hence the apostle wrote disapprovingly of those who "desire again to be in bondage" to the sabbath law and other features of the law covenant, saying: "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain. . . . Ye that desire to be under the law." (Galatians 4:9-11, 21) Then he adds: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty where with Christ hath made us free [by nailing the law to His tree], and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." (Galatians 5:1, 18) "For ye are not under the law, but under grace." (Romans 6:14, 15) "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." (Romans 7:4-14) "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be . . . given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." (Matthew 21:43) In bringing forth these Kingdom fruits Jehovah's witnesses on earth today cease from their "own works, as God did from his", and this they do, not one day in seven, but every day.

Topsyturvydom

(By N. V. Fearnehough, in *The Western Producer*)

THIS topsyturvydom is the limit,
Either the world is mad or the people in it.
A bunch of ants on a heap of dirt
Have brains that are surely more alert.
And if you think the above's not true,
Just think of the crazy things men do.

They labor and strive, they drudge and toil
To wrest forth wheat from the grudging soil.
Scientists and experts with learned lore
Make two plants grow where was one before.
Produce! Produce! is the world's instruction,
And then we're told there's overproduction.
But when 'hoppers eat up the crop, by heck!
We hire more experts to keep 'em in check.
Coffee is burnt, and pigs destroyed,
For you can't feed ham to the unemployed;
Such luxurious food would not be fair
(Or so says Ar-Bee, the millionaire).

Acres of cotton go under the plow;
You see, nobody needs any cotton now!
We all have so many shirts or frocks,
Tablecloths, pillow slips, towels and socks,
Curtains, vests, and—what! you disagree?
Well, if the cotton's plowed under don't blame me.
What *can* you expect when this system proceeds
On the assumption that profit outweighs human needs?

Fishermen risk their lives on the sea
That there may be fish for you and me.
But we can't buy; so the fish have to rot;
And it makes fine manure for the 'tato plot.
The spuds do so well on this strange diet
That the yield to the acre is simply a riot;
There are far more spuds than people need,
So they're dumped in the sea, the fish to feed.
If the fish get sick, or fail to thrive,
We'll hire more experts to keep them alive.

Starvation 'midst plenty. Want in a land
That produces abundance on every hand.
If a stranger from Mars saw this world so perverse
He'd say 'twas the bughouse of the whole universe.

Toronto Convention

JEHOVAH'S witnesses will hold a convention at Toronto, July 5 to 8 inclusive. The first meeting, on Thursday night, will be held at Hygeia Hall, 40 Elm St. The other meetings will be held at Exhibition grounds at the invitation of the Toronto Board of Control of the Exposition. Entertainment will be arranged in the cheapest way possible It is expected that there will be some from the states near Toronto who will attend the convention. All who anticipate attending will please address Convention Committee, Watch Tower Office, 40 Irwin Ave., Toronto 5, Ont., Canada.

JUDGE RUTHERFORD
IN PERSON



will address a public meeting in the Maple Leaf Gardens, corner of Carlton and Church streets, Toronto, Ont., Canada, on Sunday, July 8. Reports are coming from people in all parts of eastern United States and Canada that they will be in Toronto a few days before July 8, and especially on Sunday so as to hear Judge Rutherford deliver the lecture "FLEE NOW" at 3 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time. All of the *Golden Age* readers within motoring distance, even though they can get away only on Sunday, will surely want to be there.

There will be a convention of Jehovah's witnesses in progress from July 5 till July 8. The big public meeting, however, will be of vital interest to you and all your friends; so be sure not to make any appointments except the one at Maple Leaf Gardens for this day. For further information regarding the convention, write to

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Famine Conditions in North America

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FOR some time the American people have heard of famines and pestilences that have devastated foreign lands. Now these hideous monsters of famine and pestilence threaten this continent, and even today much of North American territory has become a veritable waste. The long period of economic depression is still upon the country. Added to this, in many of the states and in the provinces of Canada there is almost a total failure of crops, pastures are dead, and cattle are dying from starvation. The small amount of vegetation that has survived the burning rays of the sun and the destructive winds has been quickly devoured by the pest of grasshoppers. Vast fields that once blossomed and produced an abundance of food for man and beast are now a desert waste.

America has never experienced a real famine, but that this country is now threatened by famine and pestilence there is not the slightest doubt. Millions of people are in dire distress and great perplexity, as indeed they have cause to be. With the greatest concern and anxiety many are now asking, Who is blamable for these perils? Others are saying, This is supposed to be a Christian land, and why should a just God permit famines and pestilences to afflict this land, where the people have always enjoyed the freedom of worship of Almighty God? Seeking an answer to their own inquiries, some charge that the present administration at Washington is responsible for the threatened disaster. Others charge that Almighty God has brought the suffering and distress upon the people by famine and pestilence as a punishment for their derelictions. Others hold that, because at the beginning of his administration the president stated that he trusted in divine guidance for the administration of public affairs, the result now shows that God has guided the president and led him and the people into the present great distress and suffering; hence that Mr. Roosevelt and God are responsible therefor, and that the famine and pestilence now threatening is a direct punishment from God because of an unwise course taken. The New York *American* on the 5th of June published this statement: "Already some critics of the pig-killing and bread-reducing acreage are wondering whether this drought is not God's punishment for the destruction of foods when so many people are out of work."

> It is good for Americans to pause and reflect, at this juncture, that the life of every one of us is in the hollow of God's hand, and not in the NRA, the AAA, the CWA, or any other of the multitudinous remedies for earth's ills that flow so readily out over the radio, through legislation, and through the press.
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> Kindly, but plainly, in this address Judge Rutherford brings his hearers back from the labyrinth of human schemes and speculations to the consideration of some homely truths about food supplies and conservation that proved their worth centuries before any of us were born.
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> The interest that God has or could have in a famine is something of vital concern to all of us who find it to our own personal interest, convenience and necessity to come to our tables three times a day to feast upon the bounties which He provides. Is this famine from Him?
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> As you read this report of Judge Rutherford's lecture, see the inescapable logic with which he reveals God's kingdom as the only hope of the world, and His Word as the only safe guide in the maelstrom of perplexities midst which we whirl. —*Ed.*

Famine and pestilence are terrible scourges and entail upon the people indescribable suffering, and it would be very wrong to charge anyone with responsibility for such calamities unless the evidence in support of such charge is clear and convincing beyond a reasonable doubt. To magnify the mistakes or derelictions of men is not my purpose, nor would I indulge in the

idle hope of influencing public officials to change their way in the administration of governmental affairs. My purpose is to bring to the attention of the common people the indisputable facts, that they may see the real cause of the distress on earth and then that they may find the only possible way for security and safety and, above all, that they might have a proper conception of Jehovah, the great Almighty God.

It is one thing to say, "I trust in divine guidance," and still a far different thing to be guided by the divine Almighty God. If a high official surrounds himself with men who are wise in the wisdom of this world, even if those men are properly designated "the brain trust", and if he is guided by their counsel, it is certain that he is not being guided by divine wisdom. In the Scriptures it is written: "Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" Again says Jehovah, at Psalm 146: "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help." And again say the Scriptures: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." —Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Jehovah God has put in the Bible, which is His Word, the true guide for man who seeks divine guidance, and the only possible way to have such guidance is to know, rely upon and follow the Word of God; as it is written, in Psalm 119: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Furthermore the Scriptures declare: 'The law of God is perfect; the testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the teachable.' (Psalm 19) Men who have no faith in the Word of Jehovah God, and who ignore His Word and pursue a course according to human wisdom, are unsafe counselors. No man can disregard the Word of Jehovah as it is written in the Scriptures and expect to be divinely guided.—Proverbs 1:25-33.

In a sincere effort to pull the country out of a great economic depression the NRA was brought into existence. Is the NRA of divine origin? Under it provision is made for reducing the production of wheat and corn, and for the destruction of domestic animals, in order to enhance the commercial value of that which remains; and could that be the result of divine guidance? The divine Word, by which He guides those who trust Him, gives a thundering answer, NO. Then it must follow that the "recovery act", so called, is the result of human wisdom.

Jehovah God does not change at any time; hence if He would guide men in one instance in the restriction of the production of food, and in the destruction of animals, to enhance the value of that which is not destroyed, He would do so on another occasion. As an example, Diocletian, the emperor of Pagan Rome, put in operation an economic system similar to the NRA. About the year 300 he issued an edict regulating wages and the price of goods, decreed the destruction of one-third of the vineyards, reduced the production of food and fixed the price thereof, taxed the people to the limit, and punished the violators of his edict with death and, says *The Encyclopedia Americana:* "The result thereof was disaster." It is certain that Jehovah God did not guide Diocletian, because he was a heathen who practiced the Devil religion, and who viciously persecuted Christians; and he having no faith in Jehovah God, and opposing Him, certainly God would not guide him.—Malachi 3:6; Psalm 25:9, 10.

The Catholic press has repeatedly published the claim that the principles of the NRA originated with the pope, who resides at Vatican City, near Rome, and the implied conclusion is that the people should accept the NRA as coming from the Lord. There is not the slightest evidence that it is in accord with the Word of Jehovah God. The fact that an old and strong religious organization advocates the same is no evidence whatsoever that it has Jehovah God's approval.

The greatest of all international famines that afflicted the entire earth, for seven years, was during the time when Joseph was ruler in Egypt. The Scriptural evidence is clear and convincing that Jehovah God did guide and approve Joseph. (Hebrews 11:22) The Bible record at Genesis shows that Joseph, acting upon specific instructions from Jehovah God, and being warned of the approaching famine, increased the production of food and during the plenteous years stored it up in the granaries, and by this means the people from all parts of the earth, during the famine, were fed. (Genesis, chapters 41 to 47) This record of divine guidance is exactly contrary to the practice of paying the farmers to let their fields lie idle and to kill their pigs in order to enhance the price of that which remains.

Furthermore, the destruction of animals good for food, *merely* for the purpose of enhancing the price of that which is retained, is a direct

violation of God's everlasting covenant, as recorded in the ninth chapter of Genesis, and for the breaking of which God declares, at Isaiah 24, He will hold men and nations responsible.

To tax one class of people to raise money and use it to pay the farmers to refrain from raising foodstuffs and to let their lands go untilled and grow up in weeds and thistles, begets idleness, slothfulness and wastefulness. Idleness and slothfulness breed crime. Such a course could not be according to the divine will, because it is written in the divine Word that 'man must earn his bread by the sweat of his face'; and God condemns idleness and slothfulness, as it is written (Proverbs 18:9): "He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster." Divine wisdom and guidance must be in harmony with God's Word, and such guidance would encourage the people to produce all the food possible and store the surplus against an evil day, such as the world is now experiencing.

The question then is propounded: Is Mr. Roosevelt, the president of the United States, properly chargeable with the responsibility for the threatened famine in the land? Emphatically, No. It would be a great wrong to charge the president of the United States with the responsibility for such a thing. The threatened famine and pestilence is due to a lack of rainfall, the scorching hot winds, and numerous pests. That calamity would have come just the same, regardless of who was president of the United States; and it cannot be charged to any political party. To charge it to the mistakes of men would be doing a great injustice to ourselves, as well as to others. What I have said about the reduction of crops and the destruction of animals is stated for the purpose of showing the people that such a course has not been taken under the *guidance of Jehovah God,* and this statement is made particularly to put in their minds the proper conception of the Most High God.

What evil could possibly result by reason of the chief executive in the land claiming to have divine guidance and then not being guided divinely? Just this: Millions of people in the United States have put their trust in a man and, being induced to believe that he was being guided by the Almighty, they have eagerly subscribed to such things as the NRA, trusting therein to bring them out of their depression; and when it is demonstrated that the NRA is a failure, and that the acts performed thereunder have been attended with disaster and suffering, the people at once are inclined to lose confidence not only in man but in Jehovah God, because they believe that God has led the ruler in the way that has brought grief upon them. Such a result is the very thing that the adversary of Jehovah God would desire.—Jeremiah 17:5, 6; Psalm 118:8, 9.

But is it not true, as the professional religionists now claim, that God is responsible for the lack of rainfall, and that He has sent the drought and the pestilence upon the people as a punishment, and that therefore God is responsible for the threatened famine? I answer, most emphatically, NO. Jehovah the Almighty God is in no wise responsible for the present threatened famine, nor has He sent the pestilence and distress upon the peoples of the world as a punishment at this time. When Jehovah purposes to punish the people He always gives full and fair warning beforehand, that the people who trust Him may seek a place of protection and safety. (1 Kings 17:1-8; Ezekiel 3:17-21; Exodus 9:18-26) Furthermore, in some portions of North America the rainfall has been abundant and the crops are in fairly good shape, while in other parts of the land they are devastated. The people in one part of the land are no better than those in the other part, and are no worse. The rains fall upon the just and the unjust; and concerning this it is written in the Scriptures: "Your Father which is in heaven . . . maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."—Matthew 5:45.

One of the great mistakes made by men who have attempted to rule the people and to bring prosperity to them is this: They have relied upon professional religious leaders to guide them as to spiritual things and have disregarded the Word of God. Professional religious leaders stand before the legislative bodies, and in a form of words invoke the divine blessing upon the nation; but both the speakers and the hearers of those words give no heed or consideration to divine instruction set forth in the Bible. It could not be expected that God would answer prayers of those who ignore His instruction. Political leaders are blind to God's Word because they have not tried to understand it. Professional religious leaders are blind to God's Word and purpose because they have relied upon human traditions and the teachings of an organization. (Matthew 15:7-9; Jeremiah 23:18-22; Proverbs 1:28-30) The people have been

kept in ignorance of Jehovah's purpose because they have been prevented from learning the truth of God's Word. Now as an aid to the common people in this hour of perplexity, the warning is again sounded that the only sane and safe course to take is to disregard the theories of men and to learn and rely upon the Word of God. Since 1914 events have rapidly come to pass, which events, in the light of God's Word, should fully convince thoughtful persons that there is a mighty change now taking place and that the *only hope* for the people is in the kingdom of Jehovah God, which is now at hand.—Matthew 24:3-31; Luke 21:28-33.

Who, then, is responsible for the threatened famine and for the pestilences that now are devastating the land of this country and bringing great distress and perplexity upon the people? The Scriptural answer is that the one responsible therefor is God's great adversary, the Deceiver, and man's worst enemy, who is Satan the Devil. If now you will give heed I will prove this statement to the entire satisfaction of every man who really believes in divine guidance.

The Bible is an inexhaustible storehouse of knowledge, given for the instruction of everyone who desires to be guided by divine wisdom. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17) That divine record contains a superabundance of testimony proving that centuries ago Satan the Devil rebelled against Jehovah God and challenged God to put on earth men who would be faithful and true to Jehovah, Satan claiming that he could induce all men to turn away from and curse God. That challenge was accepted in order to afford an opportunity to demonstrate to all creation the supremacy of God, and in order to prove in due time that Satan's boastful challenge is entirely wrong. Therefore to Satan God said, as recorded in Exodus nine: "For this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that they [my witnesses] may proclaim my name throughout all the earth." (Exodus 9:16, *Leeser*) God fixed the time limit in which Satan would be permitted, without hindrance, to prove his boastful challenge, and which time limit marks the end of Satan's world; and that time is now here. In that long period of waiting God has permitted men to choose to either obey His Word or to follow their own devices and to fall into the snares set by Satan. That Satan the Devil is a mighty spirit creature with power to produce storms, hurricanes, floods, famines and pestilences, is abundantly proved by the Scriptures, particularly at the book of Job, and in many other places. (Job 1:12-19; Acts 27:14-44; Revelation 12:12) It was Satan who raised the storm on the sea of Galilee for the express purpose of bringing about the destruction of Jesus and His faithful associates. (Matthew 8:24) When on earth Jesus spoke a prophecy in which He declared that Satan's time limit to rule unhindered would be marked by a world war, in which nation would rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. In fulfilment of that prophecy Satan plunged the nations of "Christendom" into the war of 1914. God was not responsible for that war. That war, said Jesus, would mark the *beginning* of great sorrows upon the peoples of earth. Everybody can testify that from 1914 to this day the sorrows upon the nations have continued to increase. Among the sorrows to befall the world Jesus, in that great prophecy, said: 'In divers places there shall be famines, pestilences and terrors; and upon earth distress of nations, with perplexity, men's hearts failing them for fear of what they see coming upon the earth.' (Luke 21:11, 25, 26, *R.V.*) Satan has brought such sorrows upon the world since 1918, and many nations are now afflicted thereby. Why, then, ignore these facts and the Scriptures? and why follow the wisdom of imperfect men? Why not be diligent to ascertain the reason for these calamities, be guided by divine wisdom, and learn what course to take and what will be the result?

If you would learn the real cause for these famines and distresses take your Bible now and turn to the eleventh chapter of Revelation and there read these words, to wit: 'We thank thee, Lord God Almighty, that thou hast taken unto thee thy great power and reigned. And the nations were angry.' The facts mark 1914 as the date of the fulfilment of that great prophecy, when the World War began. At the same time there was a war in heaven between Christ and the Devil, resulting in the casting of the Devil down to the earth. The Lord gives specific warning to the peoples of the earth in these words: "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Revelation 12:12) Here is the positive and indisputable evidence that the Devil is responsible for bringing all these woes upon the peoples of the earth at the present time.

With propriety you ask, Why should the Devil want to bring these great woes upon the people? The Scriptural answer is that for centuries Satan has been endeavoring to turn all men away from God in order to prove his own wicked challenge, and Satan would prefer to see the whole world perish rather than that any man should faithfully serve Jehovah God. He knows that his time is short till the great battle of Armageddon, which will be the decisive conflict between wickedness and righteousness; and within that short time the Devil endeavors to cause all men to curse God and die. The Devil is a subtle and wily foe, and to accomplish his purposes he resorts to all manner of fraud and deception, thereby overreaching men who have good intentions but who follow human devices and avoid divine instruction.—2 Corinthians 2:11; 11:13-15; 2 Thessalonians 2:9; Revelation 12:9.

At Proverbs 29 it is written: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." The absence of an understanding or vision of God's expressed purpose lays the people open to the deceptions of Satan, and following in the blind lead of human wisdom the people come into great grief. Therefore knowledge and understanding of God's Word is now of greatest importance. In that same chapter of Proverbs it is written: "The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in Jehovah shall be safe." The president, even though with the most sincere desire to aid the people, has permitted himself to be led, not by the divine Word, but, in economic matters, by the counsel of worldly philosophers, and in spiritual matters by worldly ecclesiastics. Acting upon this unsound counsel he launched the human scheme of recovery, ignoring the Scriptural reason as to why this depression is upon the world. Congressmen have feared to oppose the scheme, and hence have blindly supported it. The people put their trust in the president because they believe in his claim of divine guidance, and the people have feared to take any other course than to rely upon the NRA, and the result is that all have fallen into the snare. Whose snare? Not the snare of any man; but they have fallen into the snare of Satan the Devil, who subtly entraps men in this time of peril. The Scriptures, at 2 Timothy 3, specifically point out that this is a time of peril and mark out what shall come to pass.

If the ecclesiastics or religious leaders know what is in the divine Word, their fear has caused them to avoid telling it. Had they believed and trusted God's Word they would have told the officials and the peoples of America, and would tell them now, that the threatened famine and the pestilence and the distress and perplexity and the terrors upon the world have not come by reason of the fault of the president, or any of his official family, nor because of the derelictions of any other political party; that they have not come upon the peoples as a punishment from God, but that they have come by reason of the fact that Satan the Devil is now attempting to turn all people away from God and drive them into destruction. These plain truths are now told as a warning and for the benefit of the people, and are certainly of the greatest public convenience and necessity at the present time.

Regardless of the honesty and good intentions of men to bring prosperity to the people by such means as the NRA, all such human schemes are doomed to certain failure. When the people are induced to believe that these human schemes of recovery have divine guidance, and when these schemes do fail, then millions of people who have heretofore thought they were Christians, and who have put their trust in men, will lose all faith in men and in God, and will say: "If God permits such calamities to come upon us and will not help us, then we do not wish to have Him for our God." That is exactly what the Devil expects to accomplish. That fact has already been accomplished in Russia and in Germany, where infidelity holds sway.

What, then, is the hope for the people? Jehovah God, at Matthew 12, gives answer to that question in these words: "Behold my servant [Christ Jesus], whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I have put my spirit upon him, and he shall show [justice] to the [nations]. . . . And in his name shall the [nations] trust." Armageddon will mark the complete end of Satan's rule of the world. Why should the people put their trust in Christ Jesus and His kingdom? The answer from God's Word is this, that Armageddon will demonstrate to all creation that Jehovah is the all-wise, just and loving God, and that His government for mankind, established with Christ Jesus as the invisible head thereof, will bring to pass that which righteous men have long desired. At Armageddon, which is but a short time in the future, Christ Jesus will completely

rid the earth of all wickedness. Then the people will be rid of oppressors and oppression, and that will mark the end of sorrows, distress and perplexities. Wars will cease, and peace and prosperity will come to stay. Concerning this it is written in God's Word, that Christ is King and the government shall be upon His shoulder; His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace; and of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end.—Psalm 2:6; Isaiah 9:6, 7.

What could be of such great interest to the people as to know now these truths and to know that in the near future God's righteous government shall take charge of the affairs of earth? Who would be attempting to keep the people in ignorance concerning that great kingdom? Only Satan and those whom he can use. It ought to be apparent to all persons who think that those opposing the proclamation of this message from God's Word are being used as instruments of Satan to accomplish his wicked purposes.—1 Thessalonians 2:18; Romans 6:16; Luke 11:52.

In this connection it is my duty to call your attention to the fact that within many states of America a strenuous effort is now being made to enact laws to prevent the freedom of speech and press and freedom of worship of Jehovah God, and this for the purpose of keeping the people in darkness concerning the great truths that they now need to know. Those who are thus opposing are playing exactly into the hands of the Devil whether they realize it or not. When I say these things I am not charging men with seeking to do injury to their fellow creatures, but I am stating most emphatically that the ecclesiastics, who have attempted to lead the people, are blind to the truth and, as Jesus declared, the blind are leading the blind, and the ditch awaits all who walk in that way. The time has come for the American people to arouse themselves and to insist upon an open and fair discussion and examination of the divine Word, in order that they might learn the way to true prosperity, life, liberty and happiness. Let them strenuously protest against any law that restricts the liberty of freedom of expression concerning God's Word. The fact that some claim that their "susceptibilities are shocked" by a declaration of Bible truths is conclusive evidence that they are not in harmony with the Bible truths.

The most perilous time the world has ever known is just ahead. The tribulations that are now upon the earth are great, but Jesus declares that the final end will witness the greatest tribulation that has ever afflicted the world; and we are rapidly approaching that day of unprecedented tribulation. (Matthew 24:14, 21, 22; Jeremiah 25:31-36; Joel 3:9-16) I appeal to the common people of America to refuse longer to be led by blind guides, but to turn their attention to the Scriptures and examine these in the light of the present-day events and thereby to learn that Satan is your worst enemy and Jehovah is your everlasting Friend. Let every man who loves righteousness and hates iniquity be of sober mind, lay aside all prejudice, and with diligence study the Word of God. Therein will he learn that the only hope for the human race is the complete destruction of Satan's organization and the complete establishment of God's kingdom under Christ. The reign of Christ will make the earth a desirable place for men to live and will give to obedient men peace and prosperity, joy, health, strength, and life everlasting.

Whether or not ecclesiastics can continue to hide behind their skirts and to induce public officials, under the forms of law, to imprison men and women who, as witnesses of Jehovah, are telling the people the truth they so much need, *or* whether these public servants of the people will cast away from them the evil influence of the ecclesiastics and demand the free and open proclamation of God's Word of truth, remains to be seen. To know the truth now is of the greatest importance to man. Therefore I appeal to the people to arm themselves, not with instruments of destruction, but with the infallible knowledge of the Word of Almighty God, that they may know the only place of protection from threatened perils, and the only way to everlasting life. God's kingdom is your refuge now. There is none other.

Earth Gradually Growing Warmer

THE United States government made a careful study of the weather as far back as the records are available, and came to the conclusion that the general trend of the temperature is upward, and on an extensive geographical scale. Following 1880 the winters, springs and falls have become definitely warmer, and the summers cooler. Granddad's old-fashioned winters averaged about three degrees colder than those that have prevailed since the seventies.

Radio Hearings Before the Commerce Committee

IT HAS pleased the great Jehovah God to provide further opportunities for His people to witness to the United States Congress regarding trespasses upon the radio rights and privileges of the American people, and means which may be taken to do justice and judgment in these matters. In no sense can this properly be construed as "going down to Egypt for help". Did Moses return to Egypt to ask any aid from Pharaoh? The facts show that he went because of a direct command from Jehovah God. His going was merely an act of obedience.

Jehovah's witnesses are not in any doubt as to where the opposition against their lawful and honorable work originates. It does not originate with the National Broadcasting Company, nor with the Columbia Broadcasting System, nor with the Roman Catholic hierarchy: it originates with Satan, the Devil, and Gog, his prime minister. But not being able to see these invisible enemies, we are often compelled in our statements to refer to these institutions of which the Devil is making, at this time, so much use.

Some of the statesmen at Washington now discern that great injustices have been done to Jehovah's witnesses, and are not content that it should be so. Prominent among these liberty-lovers is Louis T. McFadden, representing all parties in the Fifteenth District of Pennsylvania. He is generally conceded in Washington to be one of the ablest, most fearless men in public life.

Our readers are familiar with his bill H.R. 7986, and with the arguments, for and against, as set forth in the 226-page government publication, "Radio Broadcasting; Hearings Before the Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio and Fisheries, House of Representatives, Seventy-third Congress, Second Session, on H.R. 7986." Anyone may obtain this by sending 15c in money order (stamps not accepted) to Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., and describing the publication as above. (The original printing of this was exhausted, as stated in our last issue, but our present information is that this publication has been reprinted and can still be obtained.)

At one time recently there were four radio bills before the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. Two of these, H.R. 8301 in the House, and a corresponding bill in the Senate, are generally referred to as President Roosevelt's Communications Bill. The bill, now made law,* transfers radio legislation from the Merchant Marine, Radio and Fisheries Committee to the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, sometimes called the Rayburn Committee. It provides for taking over bodily the Federal Radio Commission; and therefore the friends and the enemies of H.R. 7986 were directly interested, and were given opportunities to restate their cases before the new committee. (Reports of these hearings are 20c each, not 25c as stated in our last issue.)

Congressman McFadden's Statement

Statement by L. T. McFadden, May 16, 1934, to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

As to the provisions of my bill No. 7986, to amend the Radio Act of 1927, I am now renewing my former request presented on the floor of the House March 1, 1934, that pending the putting into operation fully of the president's plan as represented by the Rayburn-Dill bill establishing a new commission of communications, consideration be given to the urgent need to include timely safeguards to prevent further encroachment of selfish interests relative to radio broadcasting.

The two bills that have been introduced at the instance of the president do not deal clearly with the question of censorship.

Much evidence has been presented in hearings held by the radio committee of the House on H.R. 7986 which shows that the two major chain broadcasting systems have a self-established censorship policy affecting politics, education and religion. In this they are wrongfully attempting to tell the people what they shall hear and what they shall not hear.

At the same time, those chain systems are carrying forward their private income-producing program without any semblance of governmental control.

By way of example, I notice that the president of the National Broadcasting Company, testifying recently before the House radio committee, stated that his company made profits during the past several years. On the other hand it has been suggested that the Federal Radio Commission might inform this committee that statements filed by that company for several years past are to the effect that the company has made no profit; that, on the contrary, it had presented its parent organization, Radio Corporation of America, every year with deficits which had to be

* The bill, as passed, calls for further study by the Committee of the subject of radio discrimination and interference, with a proviso that recommendations shall be made to the next session of Congress. This may result in yet further opportunities for testimony by Jehovah's witnesses. Who can say?

made up by RCA income from sources other than broadcasting.

It is well known that the National Broadcasting Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Radio Corporation of America. The Columbia Broadcasting System is practically owned and controlled by one man's family.

Furthermore, the Columbia Broadcasting System and the National Broadcasting Company, by their officers, have undertaken to select what the American people may or may not hear with reference to what the Bible contains. They have arbitrarily limited the use of their facilities to certain religious organizations. They have unjustly discriminated and do unjustly discriminate against all others, to the detriment of and against the expressed wishes of millions of American citizens, as represented in the huge petition recently presented to Congress relative to discrimination and interference.

More evidence will be presented to this committee, as I understand, by a representative of these millions of petitioners, to show that in addition to the harmful practices of the broadcasting chain systems certain members of the Federal Radio Commission have misused their office in furthering attempts made by a leading religious organization to advance its own interests even to the forced exclusion of others.

In my humble judgment, a serious condition is indicated by the action of two and one-half million people crying out in protest to this Congress that undue discrimination and interference exist and ought to be abolished. Those broadcasting systems, by their officers, have presumed to judge and rule upon the fitness of subject matter of which they admittedly are not qualified to judge.

Additionally, there is a mass of evidence which has been accumulating during the past year, showing the outrages that have been and are being practiced against owners of broadcasting stations. As a result, stations are being deprived of legitimate income which they may derive through broadcasting worth-while programs of wide public interest.

I submit that an obligation rests upon this Congress to see that provision is made to safeguard the steady and proper development of this marvelous means of disseminating information of public interest and value. While the Government has obligations to provide for the entertainment and amusement of the people who desire such by use of radio, it has an equal, if not a greater, obligation to provide for enlightenment of that growing class of people who desire to know about weightier matters.

The glaring abuses of the broadcasting facilities clearly show the need for a remedy to restrain the selfish interests. Such a remedy is needed now. It ought to be embodied in the pending legislation to provide for adequate safeguards. H.R. 7986 furnishes a means of protection and the proper use of such facilities that the people may hear what they desire and are entitled to hear, and that station owners may conduct their legitimate business without interference.

Statement of Jehovah's witnesses

The hearings on H.R. 8301 lasted several weeks. They were terminated abruptly on May 16, but not without granting opportunity for Jehovah's witnesses, appointed for the task by the president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, to make the following statement, which will interest all.

To the Chairman and Members of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives with reference to H.R. 8301:

In the field of radio broadcasting there is urgent need for regulation. Amendment of H.R. 8301 to insure an equitable use of existing facilities is essential. The American people have a right to hear what they desire to hear without anyone's acting as their censor or guardian. The whole public body, which more and more depends upon radio as an agency of general usefulness, expects Congressional action to eliminate the possibility of further unjust discrimination by entrenched selfish interests, and interference with the rights of individual broadcasting stations as well as the rights of listeners.

Recently extensive hearings were held by the House Committee on the Merchant Marine, Radio, and Fisheries with reference to H.R. 7986. The hearings revealed certain startling abuses in regard to broadcasting, particularly as affecting the use of broadcasting facilities by Jehovah's witnesses.

It is publicly claimed that in that hearing an organized effort was successfully projected by a combination of powerful commercial, political and religious leaders to 'effectively squelch' Congressional action to safeguard the rights of the people relative to the radio and its use for the public welfare. Such organized effort, a direct affront to at least the two and one-half million persons who have protested to their representatives in Congress, justly claims the notice of the House commerce committee and other members of Congress.

The abuses brought to light in the former hearing ought to be immediately remedied by suitably amending H.R. 8301.

Briefly summarized, the following facts appear:

FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION

While Section 29 of the Radio Act of 1927 provides no censorship, yet there IS operating in the United States an effective censorship of broadcasting. The Commission has indirectly done what it cannot do legally in a direct manner.

For example, one organization, The Watch Tower, that has sponsored programs broadcast for hire by numerous radio stations, was required to furnish the Federal Radio Commission with copy of certain of

its programs, together with a list of stations hired that had broadcast the same.

More than three months after such programs had been broadcast by hundreds of stations (and after the Commission had received the aforementioned information from The Watch Tower), the Commission directed to such stations letters requesting immediate report as to whether the programs had been in fact broadcast. The manifest purpose thereof was to support a campaign of intimidation then launched and being carried on by certain religious interests.

By the Commission's omitting to state to the stations its reason for this most unusual procedure, the effect upon the stations was intimidation. By such written communications and also oral communications by the Commission respecting the Watch Tower programs, many station managers were moved to fear loss of their license. They concluded it would be unsafe to broadcast more Watch Tower programs and have declined to broadcast until the matter should be settled.

Many stations have been deprived of legitimate income.

Millions of listeners have been deprived of programs.

According to testimony offered on March 20 before the House radio committee, the Commission's only purpose for requesting copies of those programs, and for asking the stations to certify their action in broadcasting those programs, was that the Commission might file such information for use if, as and when application should be submitted by such stations for renewal of their license.

In reality, according to the same testimony, the Commission has taken no action, although nearly a year has passed, during which time they have renewed the licenses of those stations several times. This is persuasive evidence that the real purpose of the Commission in obtaining this evidence from the stations was to intimidate them, and was in support of the campaign being carried forward by certain religious organizations.

The Federal Radio Commission has sought to justify its official inquest relative to Watch Tower programs, which inquest has in fact resulted in cancellation by many stations of lawful contracts to broadcast those programs. The proof shows that such action by the Commission has been taken and is still being taken in furtherance of a concerted attempt to prevent the people from hearing certain programs of Bible instruction.

Within the past sixty days letters purporting to have come from the Federal Radio Commission have been received by numerous radio stations, in which letters inquiry is made as to whether specified Watch Tower programs were broadcast. The effect of such inquiry, as coming from the Commission, has been to perplex and unduly disturb the stations.

Many similar cases are cited in the record of hearings on H.R. 7986.

Statements made to me and two associates by Judge Sykes of the Federal Radio Commission and by the Commission's acting general counsel, George Porter, show that Commissioner Hanley, who is biased by reason of his religious convictions, sent out letters of inquiry recently to radio stations regarding Watch Tower programs, and that Commissioner Hanley did so without the knowledge of any other member of the Commission and without the knowledge of the Commission's acting general counsel.

We submit that any member of the Federal Radio Commission is privileged to hold religious views and practice any religion that may please him, but he has no right to use his public official power to further his own religious views, or to support the interests of any particular religious organization. A public officer is a public servant, and his public office cannot be rightfully used for a private interest.

On March 20 last, when testifying before the House radio committee, the chairman of the Radio Commission either overlooked or was not aware of the fact that Henry Caravati, an executive agent of a leading religious organization, had conferences with one of the radio commissioners relative to steps that might be taken to have the broadcasting of Rutherford programs stopped. Or else Judge Sykes proceeded on the theory that Caravati is not a clergyman, technically speaking; whereas Caravati is in FACT an official executive agent for the whole United States of that certain religious organization.

In proof of this point we offer in evidence photostatic copy of a chart (A), authoritatively showing the arrangement of the organization in which Caravati acts, and which also shows the position of Caravati as an executive agent whose official acts are authorized and approved by "the administrative committee" composed of seven archbishops and bishops who are answerable to the supreme head of the organization at Vatican City.

In support of my statement that there is a concerted effort by a leading religious organization in America to prevent the people from hearing programs of wide public interest, I ask to file and to make a part of the record the following:

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(1) Photostatic copy of letter dated February 20, 1934, by Emanuel Sternheim, rabbi of Butte, Montana, transmitting to radio station KGIR resolutions signed by twenty-two clergymen, including ten Roman Catholic priests;

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(2) Original letter dated February 28, 1934, by E. B. Craney, manager of the Butte radio station, replying to each of the signers of the resolutions;

(3) Correspondence between a member of the Watch Tower organization and George B. Porter, acting general counsel of the Radio Commission.

For information of the committee, copies of the complete text of recent speeches broadcast by Judge Rutherford, entitled "World Control" and "Flee Now", and also the speech "Why World Powers Are Tottering", are offered herewith for the record, so that their value to the people may be ascertained, and that the committee may determine whether the aforementioned acts of the Federal Radio Commission can be justified as serving public convenience, interest and necessity when the effect of those acts of the Commission is indirect censorship preventing millions of listeners from hearing what they desire to hear.

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY

The leading religious organization previously referred to in this statement is the hierarchy or ruling body of the Roman Catholic church. Let it be emphasized here that the ruling group, and NOT the rank and file of the so-called lay membership of that organization, are under consideration.

On January 24, 1934, approximately two and one-half million petitions were filed with Congress by those who desire to hear the message of Jehovah God's kingdom as expressed in the Watch Tower programs, including the speeches of Judge Rutherford.

Those petitioners protested vigorously against the unjust practices of the Catholic hierarchy's agents in preventing radio stations from broadcasting that message.

For information of the committee, irrefutable evidence (D) on these points is ready for presentation by an associate of mine. In fairness to the millions of persons who signed the petitions, this committee is entitled to hear that evidence.

The proof already filed with the House radio committee shows that agents of the Roman Catholic hierarchy used threats and coercion expressed through various newspapers and other publications and various organized groups of their sympathizers, including the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the National Council of Catholic Men, the Knights of Columbus, and others, to force many station owners and managers to discontinue broadcasting Watch Tower programs;

That their official representative, acting by authority and with approval of several archbishops and bishops of the hierarchy, directly conferred on the subject with a member of the Federal Radio Commission, James H. Hanley, a Roman Catholic;

That thereafter for many weeks agents of the Catholic hierarchy openly led readers of their publications in all parts of the country to believe that their action in forcing stations to discontinue broadcasting Watch Tower programs was approved by and according to counsel received from the Federal Radio Commission.

Copies of such publications containing threats of boycott by agents of the Catholic hierarchy were freely used in many parts of the country to coerce owners and managers of broadcasting stations. Such action was taken to enforce pressure brought upon those stations by means of organized letter-writing and personal visits of individuals and groups acting under direction of the Roman Catholic clergy.

Evidence is offered herewith to show that the official representative of the National Council of Catholic Men, Henry Caravati, conferred with James H. Hanley, radio commissioner, regarding the manner in which the purpose of the hierarchy's agents to have stations discontinue Watch Tower programs might be accomplished. That conference was publicly announced as having taken place in the spring of 1933. As a result of that action and the subsequent action of the Federal Radio Commission in writing officially to hundreds of radio stations regarding the speeches of Judge Rutherford, the effect upon many stations was to cause them to break their contracts and to decline to further broadcast those programs until the matter should be settled.

Opponents of H.R. 7986 have cited excerpts from speeches of Judge Rutherford as evidence that he and his associates are "attacking" various religious organizations wrongfully. It has always been the American policy to expose error and to uncover wrongful practices in politics and religion. That policy is still pursued. Even if a statement is libelous *per se*, THE TRUTH is pleaded as justification and is a complete defense.

All statements made in Judge Rutherford's lectures that have been placed in the records for Congress are true, exposing errors and falsehoods that are detrimental to the welfare of the people. The question is whether one shall be prevented from telling the truth and be castigated for telling the truth, or whether the people shall be permitted to hear the truth and then to determine for themselves whether they wish to be governed by truth or error.

As to the provisions of the proposed amendment to assign one-fourth of the time and broadcasting facilities for religious and educational purposes, we are not asking that such provision be made.

We will be content to have an equal show with others and the undisturbed opportunity to rent time on radio stations without interference from others by means of threats, coercion or otherwise. If, however, Congress enacts a law which provides for one-fourth of the time and air facilities to be assigned to religious and educational purposes, then we shall ask the privilege of building up Radio Station WBBR to twenty-five thousand watts or more, and a reasonable channel for broadcasting our message with that power, and the additional right of buying time from other stations for broadcasting, and to be treated equally

and fairly with any other organization that wants to broadcast and to pay for the time and facilities for broadcasting. We are not asking something for nothing. We are willing to pay for what we get.

The probabilities are that if the bill allotting one-fourth of the time to educational, religious and other like organizations is passed, the Catholic hierarchy will attempt to grab the whole thing, and they ought to be required to pay for their facilities, like other people.

CHAIN BROADCASTING SYSTEMS

The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System have a virtual monopoly of effective large-scale broadcasting in the United States. This is accomplished, first, by outright ownership of certain powerful broadcasting stations, and, secondly, by what is known as preferential time contracts with independently-owned stations. These contracts provide that whenever demanded by either chain such independently-owned stations are required to yield time to the chain. Such contracts are generally made in writing, but with the NBC this monopolistic control is effected by means of a "general understanding" as between the respective independently-owned stations and NBC. This agreement is said by NBC to be not in writing in most cases.

For example, during the past six years The Watch Tower has been compelled to expend large sums of money for wire connections for chain broadcasting. This organization has spent over $250,000 more than it would have been necessary to spend had the facilities of the established chain systems been used by it. Additionally, use of its privately organized chain of many low-power stations at that much greater cost provided only a partial service to listeners in the same territory that could have been served adequately and satisfactorily had the established chain systems been available.

Furthermore, NBC arbitrarily refuses to accept certain programs of Bible instruction, particularly from an organization like The Watch Tower, including more than fifteen million people in the United States, although that organization is willing to pay the regular commercial rates for time used.

On its own authority, NBC has turned over the selection of so-called religious programs entirely to a committee of its own appointment. That committee is composed of one representative of each of three faiths, Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant. When objection is offered to any program of Bible instruction, that committee is the final arbiter as to what shall be used on the NBC networks.

Under the self-established policy of selection and censorship as enforced through that committee by NBC, and under a similar policy adopted and enforced by CBS officials, programs of Bible instruction of an organization such as The Watch Tower are definitely barred on both of the two major broadcasting chains and have been barred at all times except during one hour on NBC in 1927.

At the hearing before the House radio committee on H.R. 7986, Mr. Terry of that committee propounded to Mr. Aylesworth (NBC president) the following question:

> What would you say, Mr. Aylesworth, if Judge Rutherford's adherents filed a petition here of two million four hundred and some thousand names? That is rather an indication, certainly, that a portion of the public would like to hear the judge, is it not?

In answer thereto Mr. Aylesworth said:

> It may be, or may not; I do not know. I have had a great deal of experience in filing petitions and getting them signed. I would like to know what the heading was. If the heading was "Do you want to hear the Watch Tower programs?" and the people who signed knew what they are, I think that is an intelligent expression of sentiment. If you have at the top of the petition "Do you believe in free religious discussion, free religious programs?" I believe everybody would sign this for fear we might take off free religious programs today.

We call attention to the fact that the petition referred to specifically set forth the desire of the people to hear THIS MESSAGE. A quotation from that petition is as follows:

> The message of the true God, JEHOVAH, as expressed by Him in the prophecies of His Word (the Bible) and as now being given to the people of this nation by Judge Rutherford and others of Jehovah's witnesses, is of interest to us. When broadcast, it is convenient for us to hear it in our homes and is necessary for our welfare. We are entitled to hear and desire to hear that message.

As to the Columbia Broadcasting System, unjust discrimination and interference by that organization is unique for an agency claiming to serve the public.

A vice-president of CBS, Henry Bellows, testified March 20, 1934, before the House radio committee that substantially all CBS stock is owned and controlled by the Paley family. Like the NBC, CBS also maintains a self-established censorship, admittedly dictated by Henry Bellows.

In addition to stations owned by CBS and its subsidiaries, it controls absolutely by contract most of the time of many independently-owned stations. While its representative who testified before the House radio committee denied the existence of such control, the following excerpts from two contracts made by CBS with a certain station are offered as evidence that such absolute control in fact exists:

> Agreement entered into by and between Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York (hereinafter called "Columbia") and . . .
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> . . . It is agreed, that during the term of this contract, the Station will not permit the use of its facilities by any other broadcasting chain or network; and that it will not receive programs from or forward programs to any other station, group of stations, chain or network without the specific consent in writing of Columbia.
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> . . . It is agreed that during the term of this contract the Station will not, without the specific consent in writing of Columbia, permit the use of its facilities by any other broadcasting chain or network; that without such consent it will

not receive programs from or forward programs to any other station, group of stations, chain or network; and that without such consent it will not, directly or indirectly, through an agency, representative or otherwise, sell its facilities for use along with the facilities of any other station or stations as a group.

For consideration of the chairman of the committee, it is respectfully suggested that CBS be required to file for information of the committee a copy of its contract with stations.

A typical instance of the exercise of this absolute control by CBS over independently-owned broadcasting stations is cited. A Watch Tower program of wide public interest, featuring the speech of Judge Rutherford scheduled to be broadcast throughout the world on March 25 last, was offered to the chief officer of station WCAU (Philadelphia), and to each of several other stations. Those officials expressed willingness to broadcast that program, provided arrangements could be made to have previously scheduled programs of CBS network suspended. Consent of the sponsors of those other programs was freely given. Additionally, on suggestion offered by CBS, The Watch Tower offered to reimburse CBS for loss sustained by CBS through suspension of the previously scheduled programs for that one date. Finally, without stating any reason other than that "CBS does not consider the Watch Tower program of national interest or importance", CBS arbitrarily interfered and refused to allow the independently-owned stations mentioned to broadcast the Watch Tower program, at the last day; and this even after members of Congress had been invited to listen to one of those stations. Affidavits in proof are offered herewith for the record.

The Watch Tower programs, and particularly the speeches by Judge Rutherford, have never made any attack upon any individual. These programs have merely set forth the truth as contained in God's Word. If God's Word of truth offends the sensibilities or "religious susceptibilities" of some individuals, that is their misfortune. It may be expected, of course, that a few will be offended when the truth is widely broadcast. On the other hand, it can be confidently anticipated that every honest person, even though temporarily offended, will happily acknowledge the truth when he learns and considers *all* the FACTS.

The question is, Shall the truth be suppressed in order to avoid offending some who may hold a contrary view?

CONCLUSION

In order to get the matter here considered clearly before Congress, I strongly urge that the present bill, H.R. 8301, be amended by embodying H.R. 7986, known as the McFadden bill.

Congressmen as public servants owe a high duty to the people. The highest duty of every man, whether in public or private life, is to his Maker, Jehovah God. The faithful performance of these duties toward God and man is always consistent. God commands that the people shall study and be instructed in His Word the Bible, particularly with reference to His kingdom, which is the only hope of the nations. The free exercise of that right and the performance of that duty was the moving cause for founding the American government. The fundamental law of this nation, in harmony with God's law, guarantees to all persons freedom of thought in the examination of God's Word, freedom of speech in proclaiming His Word, and freedom in the practice of what each man conceives to be taught by Jehovah's Word.

The question now before Congress is, Shall the people be permitted to hear freely discussed and to learn of and concerning the will of Jehovah God as set forth in the Bible, OR shall certain organizations of men prevent the people from exercising these God-given rights?

Shall the fundamental law of the nation be upheld, or shall it be nullified at the behest of selfish organizations of men?

The solemn duty and obligation is laid upon this Congress to settle this question in the right way, and that obligation to God and man cannot be side-stepped or ignored. Every man upon whom that obligation is laid must render an account to Almighty God his Maker. The two and one-half million people signing this petition are not here asking any favor at the hands of this Congress, but they are here demanding that all the people be permitted to freely exercise their just rights.

The Exhibits Mentioned

The statement of the spokesman for Jehovah's witnesses refers to certain exhibits which, for the convenience of our readers, we have designated by letters in that statement, and now present, but not, generally, in facsimile form:

(A) This is a statement of facts about Catholic Action, the plan of the Roman hierarchy for taking over the United States; it has been compiled from authoritative sources and preserves some of the general appearance of the official magazine of that name.

Facts About the National Catholic Welfare Conference

The National Catholic Welfare Conference was organized in September, 1919.

The N. C. W. C. is a common agency acting under the authority of the bishops to promote the welfare of the Catholics of the country.

It has for its incorporated purposes "unifying, coordinating and organizing the Catholic people of the United States in works of education, social welfare, immigrant aid and other activities."

It comprises the following departments and bureaus:

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The N. C. C. M. maintains at its national headquarters a *Catholic Evidence Bureau* and sponsors a weekly nation-wide radio *Catholic Hour* over the network of the National Broadcasting Company.

The N. C. C. W. maintains in Washington, D.C., the *National Catholic School of Social Service.*

The Conference is conducted by an administrative committee composed of seven archbishops and bishops aided by seven assistant bishops.

Each department of the N. C. W. C. is administered by an episcopal chairman.

Through the general secretary, chief executive officer of the Conference, the reports of the departments and information on the general work of the headquarters' staff are sent regularly to the members of the administrative committee.

The administrative bishops of the Conference report annually upon their work to the Holy See.

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No official action is taken by any N. C. W. C. department without authorization of its episcopal chairman.

No official action is taken in the name of the whole Conference without authorization and approval of the administrative committee.

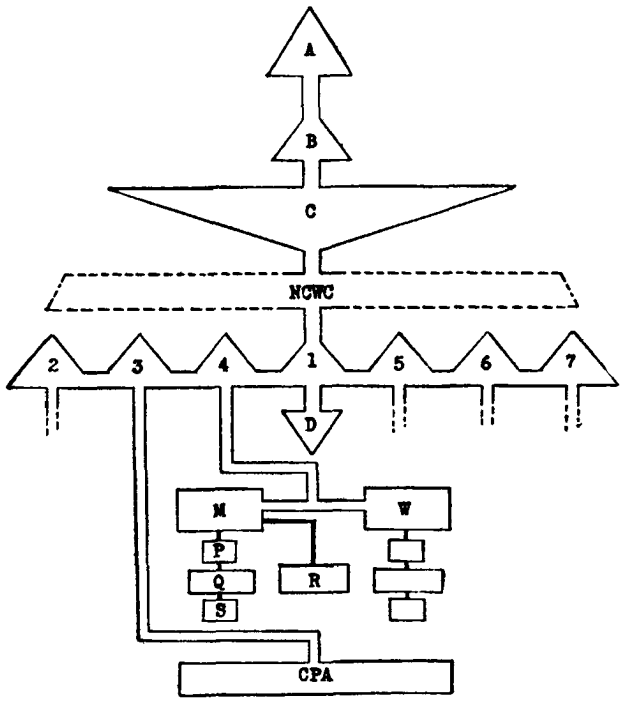
EXPLANATORY KEY TO ORGANIZATION DIAGRAM

A—Achille Ratti . . . "now gloriously reigning" as the supreme pontiff of the Roman Catholic hierarchy at Vatican City.

B—Amleto Giovanni Cicognani (archbishop) at Washington, D.C., personal representative in the United States of the supreme pontiff.

C—*Administrative Committee composed of seven archbishops and bishops who direct nation-wide activities of

NCWC—National Catholic Welfare Conference, incorporated November 29, 1920, in District of Columbia by late James Gibbons (cardinal) of Baltimore, John J. Burke, and George E. Hamilton, as National Catholic Welfare Council; name changed September 29, 1925, to National Catholic Welfare Conference; national headquarters, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D. C.



*Administrative Committee

1—Edward J. Hanna (archbishop), San Francisco; chairman of the Committee and of the Executive Department.

2—John T. McNicholas (archbishop), Cincinnati; chairman of Department of Education.

3—Hugh C. Boyle (bishop), Pittsburgh; chairman of Press Department.

4—Joseph Schrembs (bishop), Cleveland; chairman of Department of Lay Organizations.

5—John F. Noll (bishop), Fort Wayne; secretary of the Committee, and chairman of Department of Catholic Action.

6—Thomas F. Lillis (bishop), Kansas City; vice-chairman of the Committee, and chairman of Department of Social Action.

7—John G. Murray (archbishop), St. Paul; treasurer of the Committee, and chairman of Legal Department.

D—John J. Burke (priest), general secretary and chief executive officer.

M—National Council of Catholic Men.

P—President, N.C.C.M.: Dr. Thomas E. Purcell.

Q—Executive Committee, N.C.C.M., composed of ten laymen.

S—Executive secretary, N.C.C.M.: Henry L. Caravati.

R—"Catholic Hour": nation-wide chain broadcast each week by courtesy of National Broadcasting Company.

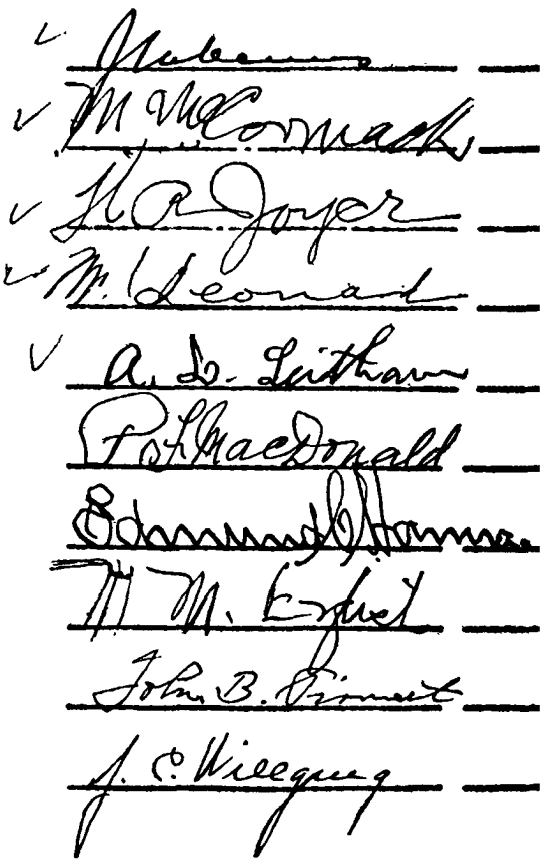
RESOLUTIO

Re Judge Rutherford's

Resolved by the Catholic, Prot of the city of Butte, Montana, ab that a joint protest be made by th of these three religious groups ag one Judge Rutherford, now being br Butte, and other radio stations.

Resolved further that in the o these addresses are inimical to th religious groups, the outstanding age, and that furthermore the atta of discrimination, against all thes ion into disrepute.

Your signatories therefore res uance of these broadcasts in the i and goodwill, and in order to prev ance as a result of the provocatio



CPA—Catholic Press Association: 310 publications in the United States.

W—National Council of Catholic Women.

(B) No one should take too seriously the letter of Emanuel Sternheim transmitting the signatures to the resolutions which precede his letter. He was merely made use of as a tool to pull the chestnuts

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Manuel Sternheim	Rabbi Congregation B'Nai Israel
R. Ashworth	St John's Episcopal Church
A. C. Gatov	Mountain View M. E. Church
S. Jones	Emanuel Lutheran
Edward Smith	Grace Methodist Episcopal
Frederick T. Spencer	Trinity Methodist Episcopal
E. Anderson	Lowell Ave Methodist Ch
A. B. Bristow	Christian (Disciples of Christ)
Wm. O. Swan	A.M.E. Church
A. A. Stewart	First Baptist Church
S. K. Lovera	Volunteers of America
E. J. Groenewold	1st Presbyterian Church

St Patrick's Church

St Joseph's Church

Sacred Heart Church

St John's Church

St Paul's Church, Anaconda

St Lawrence Church

St Helena Church

St Ann's Church

St Peter's Church, Anaconda

Immaculate Conception Church

out of the fire. The photostatic copy left with the Congressional committee shows that prior to the circulation of the resolution for general signature by the clergy of Butte, the first twelve persons on the list had been approached and had agreed to sign the statement when it was submitted to them. In other words, ten Roman Catholic priests, one Jewish rabbi, and one Episcopal rector were in the initial attempt to drive Judge Rutherford off the air in Butte. The remaining ten signers, including five Methodist clergymen and one each Lutheran, Christian, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Volunteers of America, were not in the original compact, but signed when they were approached, no doubt because others had done so.

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

EMANUEL STERNHEIM
RABBI

725 A WEST PARK ST.
BUTTE MONTANA
PHONE 5806

Feby 20. 193x.

Col. B. Cranay,
K. G. I. R. Butte.

Dear Sir
On behalf of the
Signatories to appended
Resolutions, I am forwarding
Same to You. Faithfully.

Manuel Sternheim

An Attempt to Cover Their Tracks (?)

BUTTE and Anaconda are next door to each other (only 25 miles apart) and we notice that two of the Anaconda priests were charter members of the conspiracy to crowd Judge Rutherford off the air in Butte. This makes us wonder if it was one of these priests that wrote the following silly editorial which appeared in the Anaconda (Mont.) *Standard* of April 29, 1934, and which is so completely belied by the evidence presented foregoing:

THE PLEA FOR TOLERANCE

The magnificent Tolerance and Understanding service that was held in Butte last Friday evening was a part of a national effort to bring into the minds of men a great devotion to the ideals of human brotherhood. In Butte there is and has been conspicuous support for the movement against religious intolerance and bigotry. A better understanding is permeating this whole nation. The tour over the country last winter of three noted divines representing the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant faiths has prompted in many sections a new recognition of the shame and futility of intolerance.

We may say with complete happiness and without any boastful spirit that in Butte, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant practice their various forms of worship in peace and good will. Here men are judged by their fellows and neighbors, not upon their religious faiths, but by their character and their attitude as citizens. It is a happy characteristic of our broad-visioned, whole-souled western people. The few in this section and in this land who still nurse ideas of intolerance and bigotry do so in secret and in furtive meetings. It is an acknowledgment of their weakness, a sign of ignoble motive.

But there is yet great need for the teachings of tolerance, understanding and honesty in this land aside from the considerations of strictly religious beliefs and doctrines. Our political system is paralyzed with demagogy and hypocrisy. Intolerance and blind, unreasoning, bitter demands that are growing out of the miseries of the depression, both in political and economic fields, constitute a form of intolerance and hatred that, unless checked, threaten the very existence of the nation.

We have followed many false leaders. But today that leadership which is based upon animosity, which frankly acknowledges that it has nothing to lose and which does not hesitate to spread further misery and suffering through the land in order that it may give play to its prejudices, is a leadership of intolerance, of misunderstanding and of vicious design. It can bring no lasting benefit to humankind.

It is a pity and it may become a tragedy that so many in this land can be duped by the stark madness of such empty leadership.

(C) A manly statement by E. B. Craney, manager of the Butte radio station KGIR, which must surely have given food for thought to the twenty-two clergymen who signed the aforementioned Resolution.

[Copy of KGIR answer—sent to each of 22 signers]

KGIR
Butte, Montana
February 28, 1934

I have received thru Rabbi Emanuel Sternheim a copy of a resolution containing twenty-two signatures protesting the broadcasts of talks by Judge Rutherford over KGIR, and other radio stations. I find that your signature is one of the twenty-two, so I am presenting my side of the story as a broadcaster before you and respectfully ask that you tell me what you would do if you were in my position. Of course, you realize that I am responsible only for the scheduling of the talks on KGIR and no other radio stations. Resolutions such as you signed and had sent to me and letters containing like protests, and telephone calls also of protests, not only on the Judge Rutherford broadcasts but on broadcasts of other religious organizations, are received not only at KGIR but also at other radio stations. I could sit down, as many station managers have done, and write you a letter telling you that I appreciate receiving your resolution and that in the future I will demand advance script on the Rutherford broadcasts and read it carefully to see that nothing is contained in it that might be objectionable to you. A letter such as this would probably satisfy you and you would think that your resolution had done its work and that I was a fine fellow. I have seen copies of such letters from broadcast station managers that have appeared in church publications. First, how am I to know the objections of each and every one of the twenty-two signers on this particular resolution that I am writing you about? Second, who is there who has the authority to say that this or that religious view is right and all others are wrong? Certainly the views of the twenty-two signers of the resolution in question do not agree on this question or we would have but one church, so why should I be asked to exert this authority that no one actually has?

The frequencies on which radio broadcasting stations operate are the property of the people and do not belong to any individual. For this reason all broadcasting stations should be operated for the benefit of all of the people all of the time. At the time the Radio Act of 1927, which we now operate under, became law, it was actually written into the law that if a station should allow any legally qualified candidate to use its facilities, equal opportunity should be given all other such candidates for that office. However, it is not obligatory that a station accept such broadcasts from any candidate if it wished to bar all of them. This section of the act was written in not only for the protection of

the candidates but also to point out to broadcasters that free speech MUST be maintained on the ether waves. All station managers have evidently not heeded this warning that was written into the 1927 Radio Act, because today there is a bill before the House, worded in very specific language, that makes it obligatory for any station to put on all sides of *ANY* subject discussed over its microphone, whether that subject be political, religious, charitable, educational, etc. The new bill would also make it punishable by fine and imprisonment for any person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation to attempt to interfere with or prevent the broadcasting of any radio program from any radio station just because that program might promulgate ideas that were not at that time being accepted by that particular person, persons, company, association, society or corporation. I personally am very much in favor of this new bill, as it definitely states what is expected of broadcasters and will make it much easier to maintain free speech on the radio in this country.

I do not believe that you would want me to censor any talk you might wish to give over KGIR just because your theories and ideas do not agree with mine. If I did this KGIR would become as narrow-minded as I and could never rise above my own intelligence. Many thoughts are presented daily from KGIR that I certainly do not agree with, but is it not better that ideas of many people be brought to the attention of KGIR listeners than just my own personal, limited thoughts?

I can see that no other Rutherford programs are broadcast over KGIR, but if I barred these, in fairness to our listeners I would have to bar *ALL* religious programs at the same time. We have had very few Rutherford talks in the past and have only one scheduled in the future. It would seem too bad to deprive our listeners of all religious programs because of this. In all fairness, not only to the listeners who *do* enjoy certain religious programs, but also to the person whose ideas go into such programs, I must continue to accept them. And, of course, you realize that I do this at a cost to my own company, because a broadcasting station does not "just operate itself". In the case of the national religious program, I am not only paying the cost of operating KGIR to bring our listeners these programs, but am also paying my share of the line cost from New York to Butte to make these programs available.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts and courtesy of the twenty-two signers of the resolution in bringing to my attention their views as they have done. These are views, far more mature than mine, views of those who actually shape the religious sense of our community, and there are twenty-two of them against the one of mine. It is indeed an honor to be accorded such courtesy by these gentlemen. For this reason and for the good of our listeners I would like to leave it to this group of gentlemen to form a meeting of all religious groups and organizations in Silver Bow County and allow each faith, or belief represented, one vote to determine whether KGIR should continue broadcasting religious programs or should bar them entirely from the air. I only insist on *all* groups being represented and that I may be present and have an opportunity to be heard at such a meeting.

Your further thought and reply on this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully yours,
KGIR, INC.
(signed by) E. B. Craney.

(D) As to Use of Boycott Methods to Intimidate Radio Stations

(D) The statement of one of Jehovah's witnesses respecting boycott methods used to intimidate radio stations is presented in full and will surely surprise every lover of justice and common, ordinary decency. It is a condensation of material which, if printed as originally written, would fill three issues of *The Golden Age* from cover to cover. It is material that the Congress is entitled to have and for the use of which it is answerable to Justice, which is but another name for Jehovah God.

Jehovah's message of His Kingdom, as expressed by Him in the prophecies of His Word (the sacred Scriptures) and as now being given to the people of this nation by Judge Rutherford and others of Jehovah's witnesses, is being heard and enjoyed by millions of God-fearing men and women. For many years that message has been broadcast by radio.

During the past year, and even to the present time, persistent effort has been made by certain religious leaders to prevent radio stations from broadcasting this message.

In fairness to the millions of persons who have already been deprived of hearing such broadcasts, and as a service to this Congress that bears responsibility for creating an agency to properly regulate broadcasting for the people, it is due the members of this committee to be informed specifically respecting certain unfair practices. These specific occurrences are taken from a mass of material descriptive of the arrogant and heinous conduct of agents, both clergy and laity, who act by direction of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

COLLUSION BETWEEN HIERARCHY AND FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION

The Catholic Register (Kansas City, Mo.) for June 22, 1933, contained the following:

A formal protest is to be made soon to the Federal Radio Commission requesting that Rutherford be denied the privilege of broadcasting his attacks on the clergy. The petition to the commission is to be filed through the National Council of Catholic Men. . . . Henry L. Caravati, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men, has already had an informal discussion on this subject with Mr. Hanley of the commission in Washington, D.C.

Virtually every Catholic publication, of which there are many issued each week in various parts of the United States, had this dispatch in some form. It went out marked NCWC, which means National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service. This news service is the publicity agency of the corporation of the District of Columbia designated National Catholic Welfare Council, of which the late Cardinal Gibbons was the principal incorporator. That corporation directs the activities of the National Council of Catholic Men of which Henry Caravati is executive secretary, sometimes called business secretary.

It could not be possible that Henry Caravati did not know of this dispatch which, in some form, went out to Catholic papers all over the United States, boasting of his illicit connections with the Federal Radio Commission's Roman Catholic member, James H. Hanley, yet as a witness March 20, 1934, before the House Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio, and Fisheries both Mr. Caravati and Judge Sykes of the Radio Commission denied that these boasted illicit conferences had taken place. Both these gentlemen at least concealed the truth, if they did not commit perjury.

TRUTH ABOUT SIGNATURES TO THE PETITION

On January 24, 1934, Jehovah's witnesses presented Congress with the largest Protest and Petition in history, signed by nearly two and a half million persons. For several weeks, in Catholic papers published throughout the nation, it was repeatedly emphasized that at Cleveland, Ohio, and Providence, R. I., these petitions, addressed to the representatives of the people at Washington, were investigated by agents of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, as represented by the Catholic press.

On March 20, 1934, before the House Committee on Radio, Henry Caravati as spokesman for the Catholic organization claimed that at various places such signatures were obtained by fraud, repeating the frequently published statement that the petition was represented as intended to keep a certain radio-priest on the air. That priest's name was not mentioned on the petitions, or otherwise, but Judge Rutherford's name was mentioned.

Herewith are affidavits of 82 of Jehovah's witnesses of Cleveland, Ohio; 12 of Jehovah's witnesses of Woonsocket, R. I.; 20 of Jehovah's witnesses of Pawtucket, R. I.; 18 of Jehovah's witnesses (English) of Providence, R. I., and 6 of Jehovah's witnesses (Polish) of Providence, R. I., who obtained the signatures to the petitions in the areas mentioned; and which affidavits are offered for the record in proof that the statements of the Catholic press and Henry Caravati are glaring falsehoods and that none of the persons accused employed such methods.

JAILED FOR CIRCULATING THE PETITION

At Buffalo, N. Y., the *Catholic Union and Times* repeated the tales of fraud in obtaining petition signers. Herewith affidavit of Edward Vincent Powers, of that city, that when circulating this petition to Congress for preservation of his rights, he was arrested by one Lieutenant Maloney and without cause was thrown into prison, his petitions taken from him, and these papers submitted to the *Catholic Union and Times*, which "investigated". The court dismissed Powers unconditionally and rebuked the arresting officer, a Roman Catholic, for meddling and bringing a baseless charge against Powers.

Since when did it become illegal in the United States to circulate a petition to Congress? and since when did it become necessary that congressmen or policemen should surrender or submit such petitions to the Roman Catholic hierarchy's agents?

AFFIDAVITS OF BOYCOTTING OPERATIONS

A fit subject for Congressional notice is the operation of the Roman Catholic boycott as applied to radio stations. Jehovah's witnesses desire to file with this committee the affidavit of John W. Wryn, of Great Falls, Mont., as to the threat of the Knights of Columbus of the loss of at least 1,000 Catholic accounts to the Buttery department store, Havre, Mont., associated with the radio station KFBB of Great Falls, Mont., unless that radio station would exclude Judge Rutherford programs. Affidavits of similar coercion and intimidation are herewith presented from Pueblo, Colo., Spokane, Wash., Portland, Oreg., and Seattle, Wash.

On behalf of the millions of people whose interests have been vitally affected, it is respectfully submitted that this documentary evidence of atrocious practices by agents of the Roman Catholic hierarchy deserves to be noticed and investigated by the people's representatives in Congress.

At the hearings before the House Committee on Radio, last month, Jehovah's witnesses filed affidavits of two business men of Kansas City, Mo., showing that, to save its paint business, the Cook Paint and Varnish Company, owner of radio station WHB, abruptly canceled the contract to broadcast Judge Rutherford's lectures, making void much valuable advertising of such lectures that had been done. Affidavits of similar coercion and intimidation were also filed at the same time, with the same committee, from business men in

Houston, Texas; Pueblo, Colo.; Abilene, Kans.; Topeka, Kans.; South Portland, Maine; Detroit, Mich.; Duluth, Minn.; Albany, N. Y.; Rochester, N. Y.; Youngstown, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Charleston, S. C.; Union Grove, Wis.

According to admissions made by at least one prominent Catholic press publisher, as set forth in another affidavit already filed with the House Committee on Radio, the Catholic press of the United States exists for the purpose of bringing pressure to bear upon persons or concerns that stand in the way of Roman Catholic domination of the people and government of the United States. The pressure, at present, is exerted mainly in a financial way, but is rapidly spreading out into other methods.

COERCIVE PRACTICES OF CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

At St. Louis, Mo., *The Sunday Watchman* for July 30, 1933, page 1, column 1, fourth paragraph from bottom, said:

> The Midland Chemical Laboratories of Dubuque, Iowa, whose president acknowledges on business stationery an interest in Judge Rutherford's broadcasts, manufactures soaps and other cleaning compounds. These laboratories reserve space for exhibits of their products at the conventions of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada. They solicit Catholic patronage and use money thus obtained from Catholics to finance anti-Catholic movements. We ought not long submit to this arrangement. That's all, except for the word it may not be necessary to look beyond our own city for other such proofs of so-called broad-minded gentlemen seeking Catholic business and using the profits from that business to disseminate anti-Catholic propaganda.

This is called "Catholic Action". It has the approval of the pope. The same paper on its editorial page contains the following statement accredited to the present head of the Roman Catholic hierarchy:

> "The power and influence of the Catholic press are so great that even the seemingly most insignificant activity in favor of the good press is always of great importance, because great results may come therefrom. Anything which you will do for the good press, I will consider as having been done for me personally. The Catholic press is very close to my heart and I expect much, very much, from it."

In the same St. Louis publication (August 6, 1933, page 1, column 1, 3d paragraph from bottom), boycott of the advertisers of radio station KMOX was advocated in the following language:

> Mr. Van Volkenburg of KMOX has acted in a boorish manner since Catholic individuals and organizations have registered protests against Rutherford's broadcasts. Let it be said that there has been enough of his temporizing. Let our Catholics in this trade area resolve that not one penny of their money will be spent with those firms which make Rutherford's broadcasts possible.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy is strong for free speech of just that kind, but not of the American kind. The same issue of the same journal, page 1, column 7, under the subhead "Advertisers to be Notified", has the following:

> Griffin urged Catholic laymen to do their part in fighting these anti-Catholic attacks. A resolution made by him and passed at the meeting directs that the Archdiocesan Union have copies of *The Watchman* containing editorials and news articles in reference to broadcasting of the Watch Tower programs sent to each advertiser of KMOX, and that each parish president be notified of the action being taken and advised to request at a special meeting that the members write letters of protest to KMOX and to the parent Columbia offices at New York.

EXECUTION OF JUDGMENTS OF JEHOVAH GOD

Just as surely as any man in this room breathes the breath of life, just so surely all the hopes of the enemies of Jehovah God will be dashed to pieces, and all His enemies destroyed, not by human hands, but by the invisible hosts of the King of kings, the executive officer of Almighty God.

Very probably it may have been by the judgment of Jehovah God that the paper in St. Louis, *The Sunday Watchman,* which made publication of these acts of coercion and boycott, went to the wall in December last. And in March of this year the man responsible for these boycott editorials died. He had performed other acts of boycott, even threatening an honest and faithful postal employee with loss of his job, because a Roman Catholic, James A. Farley, is the present postmaster general. In full proof of these statements the affidavit of that postal employee, W. L. Mittendorf, supporting also other assertions, was filed with the House Committee on Radio at the hearings on bill H.R. 7986.

Continuing this matter of God's judgments in the earth: It was on March 12, 1934, that Reverend P. J. Petri, Ventnor, N. J., instrumental in bringing pressure to bear on radio station WPG, Atlantic City, N. J., to exclude Jehovah's witnesses from using that station, dropped dead with a heart attack. Another remarkably similar instance is the sudden death of the bishop of Providence, R. I., last October. The activities of that bishop, William Hickey, resulted in two Providence stations, WEAN and WPRO, being closed to the Judge Rutherford programs. *The Providence Visitor,* Catholic weekly, was the organ used by Bishop Hickey to work his will. That paper continues, but the bishop, in sound health, was cut off without human hand.

In proof of the coercion practiced against these two stations of Providence, R. I., the affidavit of William B. Fowler was filed last month with the House Committee on Radio. On July 28, 1933, *The Providence Visitor* (page 4, column 2, 2d paragraph from top; also last paragraph of same editorial) said:

> The defiant attitude that is implied in the acceptance of "Judge" Joseph F. Rutherford's radio talks by the Cherry and Webb Broadcasting Company after its contemporary station, WEAN, had banned them cannot be permitted to pass unnoticed. . . . There is no more effective means for public opinion to express itself than by cards or letters. However good petitions are, it is individual communications that carry the heavier weight. And in this case, even more so than in the previous controversy, we cannot too strongly urge our readers to make known their protests to station WPRO, The Cherry & Webb Broadcasting Company, as quickly as possible.

Bishops have made it their business to see to it that trade was turned away from department stores that had radio stations attached and that did a general broadcasting business, including the broadcasting of the addresses of Judge Rutherford, which millions of people desire to hear. Such conduct marks the record of the late bishop of Providence. The Shepard Department Store and the Cherry and Webb Department Store desired to retain their business; so they dropped Judge Rutherford programs.

BOYCOTTING OPERATIONS IN MINNESOTA

At St. Paul, Minn., radio station WRHM was addressed by the *Catholic Bulletin* (June 24, 1933, page 1, column 1, 4th and 5th paragraphs from bottom) in the following words:

Leaving aside consideration of your station's duty, as a semi-public agency, to promote peace and concord and the general welfare of the community, I wish to point out that there are some 515,000 Catholic people in the state of Minnesota, and I suggest that it would be most unwise for a business depending wholly upon public good will to incur deliberately the resentment of such a large and highly respected body of opinion. I need not tell you what steps the Catholic people can take at once for their own protection from unwarranted abuse and insult, against your station and against advertisers that support your station.

In the same paper, at the top of its editorial page, appears the following statement accredited to the pope, Pius X:

"In vain will you found missions and build schools, if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapon of a loyal Catholic press."

In proof of coercion practiced against radio stations KSTP and WRHM of St. Paul, affidavits of Walter J. Granfield, of Minneapolis, and Henry B. Morrison, of St. Paul, were filed with the House Committee on Radio last month.

OPERATION OF THE CATHOLIC BOYCOTT IN OHIO

At Cincinnati, Ohio, the weekly *Catholic Telegraph* was used most vigorously to close radio station WKRC to the Judge Rutherford programs. On August 10, 1933 (page 4, column 6, 5th and 9th paragraphs from top), that paper said:

Additional protests will be made to WKRC this week, as Cincinnati Council and Archbishop Elder Council of the Knights of Columbus have directed their officers to notify WKRC that the broadcasts of Rutherford are an insult to all Catholics. The Bellarmine Society will also make protest to the station and copies of the protests will be filed with the Federal Radio Commission. . . . WKRC professes to be unable to break a contract with Rutherford. But at least one advertiser of WKRC was able to break away from the station without trouble on account of the Rutherford broadcasts. Mr. Mittendorf [manager of WKRC] may obtain details by inquiring at the *Telegraph* office.

As further evidence of the coercion practiced by agents of the Catholic hierarchy against the Cincinnati station, Jehovah's witnesses offer for the record of this committee the affidavit of August L. Hussel, of Cincinnati.

COERCION BY TELEGRAPH IN LOUISIANA

At New Orleans, radio station WDSU felt the heavy pressure of the Roman Catholic machine. The local organ of the hierarchy is called Catholic Action of the South. On January 4, 1934 (page 5, column 4), the editor, Very Reverend Peter M. H. Wynhoven, stated that on the previous Sunday night he sent to Joseph H. Uhalt, president of WDSU, Uhalt Broadcasting Company, the following telegram:

Many requests today to take up Rutherford broadcast. Will do so unless discontinued at once. Kindly advise immediately. No use discussing this matter further as to correctness of your stand. Judging by reaction of your audience you made bad investment by accepting Rutherford contract for six months.

In that same paper the Very Reverend Wynhoven said to Mr. Uhalt:

We do not think that you want to continue your defiance of the united sentiment of many prominent Catholic organizations, with over 100,000 membership.

A week later, in the same Catholic paper (page 1, column 3, and page 5, column 4), appeared a letter from Mr. Uhalt to the Very Reverend Wynhoven, in which Mr. Uhalt says:

"Indeed you have painted a picture for your readers wherein WDSU is depicted as not bowing to your beck and call as another station here has apparently done. I use this expression advisedly, because in our correspondence and verbal discussion you have led me to believe that you didn't care whether or not WDSU's policy was to allow freedom of speech to any and all persons, but that there was no argument to it: you wanted the speeches discontinued at once, contract or no contract. The speaker was personally obnoxious to you, although at that time we had received no such protests or criticisms, and according to you he was obnoxious to others. Another station had yielded to your request and that, therefore, must have established a precedent, and WDSU should do likewise. I told you some time ago that I would make a full investigation of the matter and see what could be done. It was certainly not my desire to have anything go out over WDSU that was harmful to any group of persons, and yet while making this investigation and taking the matter up with the Federal Radio Commission to ascertain if we had the right to deny the use of our facilities to any one, you send me an ultimatum in the form of a telegram saying among other things that 'it is no use discussing the matter any further' but what you want to know is are we or are we not going to discontinue Rutherford's talks. This was followed by another glaring word picture of WDSU in 'Catholic Action' and comparing it with another station here. Very naturally I am displeased. Frankly, I do not like the method you have followed and I consider it intentionally harmful. And from other things I have heard I can see only an intent on your part to do this station harm if you couldn't have your way."

In this connection Jehovah's witnesses offer for file with this committee the affidavit of Joseph L. Gundermann, of New Orleans.

A HUGE, CONSCIENCELESS RELIGIOUS RACKET

The foregoing facts are only a few of the proofs available that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is a racketeering organization. This statement is made with due regard for the millions of honest persons who have been enmeshed from infancy in the coils of that system. Completely entrapped by the Devil, the Roman church operating organization is a man-made institution that hates and defiles the pure and holy

name of the Most High God, JEHOVAH, and His Son Christ Jesus, the King of kings. That system uses its press to club into subjection any person or group of persons that dare to tell the truth about its oppressive practices. It has most of the politicians of this and other countries cowed and whipped until they dare not lift a voice or a vote. The Catholic press is the whip. The method of operation is as follows:

Through the press the Catholic population are induced to believe that the pope has been insulted by certain broadcasts of speech and, therefore, that serious wrong has been done to all Catholic persons. Further, that it is the solemn duty of every Catholic to cooperate in having the offender suppressed and silenced. The Catholic publications send forth articles concerning the method to be used by their readers and advertisers in ostracizing the undesirable person or group. The bishop or priest demands in behalf of the Catholic community that the radio station owner shall break his contract with the offender and exclude him from the station. When such request is refused, as is often the case, then the station owner is threatened that he may lose business, and immediately word is given to different Catholic societies and orders, such as the Knights of Columbus, to bring pressure on that particular station. This is done in a variety of ways, including systematic telephoning day after day and personal calls by so-called "vigilant committees".

THE PEOPLE ARE HELD AS PRISONERS BY CLERGY

The common people, whether Hebrew, Catholic or Protestant, are not protesting against the broadcasting of Watch Tower programs. It is the editors of Catholic publications (mainly priests, bishops and other clergy) that have incited these acts of lawlessness. The principal reason given by the Catholic hierarchy that Judge Rutherford shall be banned from the air is to the effect that he mentioned the doctrines of purgatory, hell-fire torment, trinity and prayers for the dead as being entirely unscriptural. Thus it is seen that we have turned back to the days of the Inquisition when no man might safely utter anything publicly against the iniquities of the most diabolical system of oppression.

In the light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted:

IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION BY CONGRESS RECOMMENDED

That these subversive activities, freely projected for a long time, have brought untold disappointment, injury and loss to a large number of American citizens.

Furthermore, it is submitted that such activities directly violate the principles of the form of government as guaranteed by the Federal Constitution. Therefore, the machine and the methods employed at the direction of the foreign sovereign who heads the Roman Catholic hierarchy to accomplish intolerant and selfish objectives are proper subjects for immediate Congressional investigation as authorized by House Resolution 198, adopted March 20, 1934.

Furthermore, that in fairness to many, it is respectfully urged that legislation be enacted immediately to prohibit the use of boycott and coercive methods to intimidate broadcasting stations.

An Affidavit That Died for Want of Courage

It had originally been intended to include with the exhibits an affidavit from the owner of a broadcasting station in the Middle West, but at the last minute the injured party declined to sign the statement of facts, on the ground that it would injure his business. The matter is of so great public importance, however, that we decide to publish the same, omitting the name, as an act of "public interest, convenience and necessity". If it is all right for the hierarchy to have such men and such methods as are here brought to light, let the matter be brought out into the open where all may have an equal opportunity to consider it.

AFFIDAVIT

———, being first duly sworn, says:

I am a resident of Washington, Pennsylvania, and owner of radio broadcasting station WNBO, which has been duly licensed and operated since February 1927.

The following statement is made for the purpose of showing that a number of political and governmental leaders and others have been and are acting with agents of a certain religious organization to interfere with the rights of a broadcasting station.

About the middle of April 1934 an associate, William Dalrymple, and I visited Washington, D.C., in the interest of station WNBO to confer with counsel relative to procedure at a hearing for WNBO before the Federal Radio Commission designated for May 8, 1934, to determine action to be taken on the station's application for renewal of license. Several requests for an extension of time of that hearing were made on divers grounds on behalf of WNBO by counsel. The Commission's acting general counsel, George B. Porter, agreed in advance with counsel for WNBO that a minimum extension of two weeks would be granted. Notwithstanding such assurance given on behalf of the Radio Commission, station WNBO was required to appear according to original notice. The hearing was held at Washington, D.C., May 8, 9, and 10, 1934, before an examiner for the Commission.

According to evidence in my possession, the following named persons have, up to the time of that hearing, acted with a common determination to wrongfully

deprive or to attempt to have me deprived of my right to continue to operate station WNBO:

Robert L. Vann, of the office of the attorney general, Washington, D.C.

Joseph F. Guffey, of Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Horace L. Lohnes, attorney, of Washington, D.C.

Stephen Stone, judge, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Charles B. Wagner, of Washington, Pa.

For the purpose of duly establishing before the Federal Radio Commission my right to continue to operate station WNBO, and to expose the wrongful attempt to deprive me of that right and privilege, the Commission was requested on behalf of WNBO to issue and did issue a subpœna to Joseph F. Guffey and to Stephen Stone to appear at its offices in Washington, D.C., May 8, 1934, to testify with respect to WNBO. Both of those subpœnas were duly served and both were utterly ignored, neither of the persons appearing. Photostatic copy of each subpœna and each affidavit of service is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

In the course of that hearing, on May 10, the Commission's acting general counsel, George B. Porter, asked me among other questions whether station WNBO had broadcast two speeches by Judge Rutherford, entitled "Way of Escape" and "Holy Year". I replied that I did not know. Thereafter, on investigating, I found that WNBO in fact did not broadcast those speeches. Under date of March 16, 1934, and of March 27, 1934, the Commission by its secretary addressed to me requests for certified copies of other speeches of Judge Rutherford which were in fact broadcast by station WNBO since January 1, 1934. I am reliably informed that the purpose of the Federal Radio Commission and of its acting general counsel in requesting information regarding Judge Rutherford programs is to enable the Commission to use that information as a ground for denying the application of a station for renewal of license.

On the evening of Tuesday, April 17, 1934, in the lobby of the Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C., Charles F. Dolle, a lawyer of Washington, D.C., and who also was a member of the executive committee of the National Council of Catholic Men, requested my associates, William Dalrymple, and me to come to his (Dolle's) room at the Willard Hotel. Pursuant to that request, Dalrymple and I went with Dolle to his room. There Dolle made to us the following statements:

1. That he is an emissary of the pope (meaning the head of the Roman Catholic church) for radio broadcasting and publicity in the United States, and that he (Dolle) controlled the "Catholic Hour" presented each week over the National Broadcasting Company's system.
2. That he (Dolle) instigated the "Catholic Hour" over the NBC system, being a close personal friend of M. H. Aylesworth, NBC president.
3. That he (Dolle) claimed credit for taking Charles E. Coughlin, a radio priest of Michigan, off the air, for the reason that Coughlin's policies were not satisfactory to the pope.
4. That he (Dolle) also claimed credit for taking W. K. Henderson, of Shreveport, Louisiana, off the air in favor of Loyola Catholic University in New Orleans.
5. That he (Dolle) was closer to the Federal Radio Commission than anybody in the United States and he displayed at the time a sheaf of letters from various members of the Radio Commission, including letters from Commissioners Thad Brown, Harold Lafount, William Starbuck and Eugene Sykes. Those various letters were laid out on the table before us, and the gist of them was a request on behalf of the Commission to Dolle for information and for his advice as to what disposition was to be made with reference to a number of independent broadcasting stations in the United States.
6. That he (Dolle) knew the reason station WHBC of Canton (Ohio) had not been taken off the air for repeated violation of the Commission's regulations, after such violations had been called to his attention by Commissioner Thad Brown, was because of influence he (Dolle) had with the Commission.
7. That he (Dolle) claimed credit for securing for station WHBC additional power and additional time.
8. That Commissioner Thad Brown and the Commission had authorized him (Dolle) to inform WHBC that the Roman Catholic priest who controls that station could take all the time he desired for WHBC, for the channel-sharing station WNBO would be thrown off the air.
9. That when that priest had leased station WHBC for $100 in violation of rules and regulations of the Commission, Commissioner Thad Brown sent for him (Dolle) and told him that the priest was in wrong again and that the Commission would have to revoke the station's license, but that he (Dolle) stated he would immediately communicate with the priest and fix the matter, which he did.
10. That Dolle then proposed to me (———) that I discharge all other counsel and employ him, Dolle, paying him a retainer of $100 to move station WNBO from Silverhaven to the Monongahela Valley and increase its power from 100 watts to 250 watts day time and 100 watts night time, with unlimited time, and that he would represent me and guarantee results.

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A CATHOLIC OF FINE PUBLIC SPIRIT

By contrast with the conduct of Mr. Dolle, Jehovah's witnesses at these second hearings at Washington could not fail to note the fine spirit of Congressman Joseph P. Monaghan, of Montana, also a Catholic, and will enjoy reading the letter to him which concludes these exhibits.

May 17, 1934

Joseph P. Monaghan,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

That you may have before you some facts as to the seriousness and reality of the misguided attempt of certain selfish interests to wrongfully interfere with the rights of the American people relative to the radio, and in amplification of the very brief answer I was permitted to give you in the course of yesterday's hearing before the House commerce committee, let me add, for your earnest consideration:

Agents of the Roman Catholic hierarchy are directly responsible for the nation-wide attempt to suppress broadcasting of Watch Tower programs. They have induced representatives of Hebrew and Protestant groups to act with them and as their spokesmen in numerous instances. This is the case at Butte, where the rabbi, Sternheim, was overreached and induced to present the resolution signed also by ten Protestant clergymen after the ten Catholic priests had signed and induced the Episcopalian rector and the rabbi to sign those resolutions that were sent to the manager of KGIR who responded so forcefully and reasonably in his letter to each of the signers, all of which papers will, as I understand, be reproduced in the record of yesterday's hearing.

There is other evidence, voluminous, that similar tactics were used at Pueblo, Denver and many other places. Some of this evidence appears in the record of hearings held on H.R. 7986, now in print. More appears in exhibits offered for the record at yesterday's hearing.

This is stated advisedly, so that no one will hastily conclude that the facts presented in the very brief synopsis entitled "As to Use of Boycott Methods to Intimidate Radio Stations" (copy enclosed) are born out of prejudice or ill will to the Catholic people.

Additionally, I offer for your unbiased consideration the brief review of the campaign of the Catholic hierarchy as set forth in the open letter of Judge Rutherford to the Catholic press of America, dated July 26, 1933. An authentic reproduction of that letter appears in *The Golden Age*, issue of February 14, 1934, herewith.

Furthermore, I invite your attention to a few of hundreds of original newspapers in our possession, which were issued by direction of the Catholic hierarchy, and which publications were used in the past year in the campaign of slander and vituperation to accomplish suppression of Watch Tower broadcasting in America.

These newspapers constitute some of the mass of evidence which the Congressional committees have not been able to allow us time to present. This latter statement is made, not disparagingly or complainingly, but in full consideration of the many and urgent claims upon the attention of members of Congress during this session.

I also cite, for your consideration, that since the first of this year a bill (designated Assembly No. 272) was introduced by a member of the Knights of Columbus, John Rafferty, in the legislature of New Jersey, purporting to be an anti-Nazi measure prepared and introduced "at the instance of and for the protection of prominent Jews"; but which is in fact a part of the campaign of the Catholic hierarchy to suppress the activities of Jehovah's witnesses and the broadcasting of Watch Tower programs in the State of New Jersey. The bill was unanimously passed by the Assembly and awaits action in the Senate at Trenton on June 4 when that body reconvenes.

This letter is yours to use as you deem fitting, even to publishing it in the record of yesterday's hearing. For your convenience, I enclose an extra copy; also a copy of the statement which was read in part during yesterday's hearing.

That your colleagues on the commerce committee may have the benefit of the information contained in this letter, I am filing a copy of the letter with the clerk of the committee.

Let me add, in conclusion, this word of genuine appreciation of the sincerity of the inquiries made on yesterday by the Congressman from Montana, and also of the fair and workmanlike manner in which he questioned the radio priest, John Harney, when that agent of the Catholic hierarchy appeared on May 9 before the House commerce committee.

Sincerely and respectfully,

A—— K——.

Can You Spare $5 or $10?

C. M. WILSON, All Saints Rectory, Baldwin, Long Island, says in a mimeographed letter: "I am a beggar for the love of God and you—Can you spare $5 or $10? This is not a joke. Your church's deficit December 31, 1933, was $206.20. January income had to be used to pay 1933 bills. February income had to be used for interest and coal. On March 1 there was a deficit of $600 and no funds. No salaries have been paid since December salaries. On March 10 the rectory gas and electricity will be cut off, unless I have a friend somewhere." Hard sledding; the way of the transient rector is hard. —Proverbs 13:15.

"The Vicar of Christ" *By Virgil Ferguson (Portugal)*

THERE can be no one more reliable to determine whether the pope of Rome is the vicar of Christ than Jesus himself; therefore we must acknowledge Him as our Master and accept what He said. Speaking to those who may become His followers, Jesus said: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." (Matthew 8:20) Surely no reasonable person would expect that the Son of God would admit anyone to act as His vicar who resides in a palace containing thousands of rooms, surrounded by every luxury that money and human ingenuity can supply.

Jesus said: "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." (Matthew 20:27, 28) Certainly no one would believe that He would have as His representative a vain, egotistical creature who maintains hundreds of servants to pay him homage, to come and go at his beck and call. To demonstrate real humbleness and give an example of what would be expected of His followers, Jesus poured "water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded" (John 13:4-10); yet a proud, arrogant fellow who pretends to be His vicar puts forth his foot demanding his dupes to kiss his big toe!

Since Jesus never carried carnal arms of any kind, and stated that "all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matthew 26:52), it is most unreasonable to suppose that He would have a vicar who keeps a battalion of 150 picked guards, in gilt-edged uniforms, well armed, besides a complete arsenal of 122 batteries of artillery, gattling guns and munitions. Jesus despised all worldly riches and said that "a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven". (Matthew 6:19, 24; 19:23; 1 Timothy 6:9, 10) Therefore it would be entirely inconsistent to think that He would appoint as His vicar him who holds a cash deposit in the bank of England of 250,000,000 francs; who has a mint where money is coined with his own effigy; who maintains a bank through which he has made millions by speculations!

Jesus said: "Love your enemies." (Matthew 5:42-44) So it is quite certain that He would never acknowledge as His vicars a class of men who teach just the opposite, who have ordered millions of persons tortured to death and burnt at the stake who were true to their convictions and would not accept the most absurd and abominable doctrines upheld by Satan's agents.

Jesus said: "Eat such things as are set before you." (Luke 10:7, 8) So it is evident that He would not appoint as His representatives men who teach that it is a terrible sin to eat meat on "Good Friday", yet pretend that by purchasing for a certain amount of money paid to the priest a bull (bulla) a person then can eat as much meat as he wants! How can anyone be so stupid as to believe such an absurdity?

Jesus said: "Search the scriptures." (John 5:39; Luke 4:17-20; 24:32) So most assuredly He would never acknowledge as His vicars a successsion of men who have always prohibited reading the Bible; when they had the power would condemn to be burnt alive at the stake anyone found reading it, and even now the priests in Portugal still advise the people to hand their Bibles over to them, to be burnt on the public square.

Jesus said: "I am the way . . . : no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) So how can we believe that He would have a vicar who is the visible head of an organization which teaches that by paying a certain amount to a priest for a mass anyone's soul can be saved from suffering in purgatory and go straight to heaven! At a Catholic funeral service here in Portugal a priest takes the lead, riding in a carriage drawn by horses all draped in black; as the coffin is lowered into the grave he repeats a Latin rigmarole and sprinkles a few drops of holy (?) water over the grave, under the false pretense that he has recommended the soul of the dead one to God. For this ceremony he receives a good sum of money; but seven days afterwards the same priest may be called to celebrate a low mass or high mass, the price of which is according to the ruffles and the width of embroidery on the nightgown that gentleman selects for the occasion, and the price is generally paid in advance (with them business is business), under the pretense that by such maneuvers the poor soul is immediately released from that imaginary place called "purgatory". So the priest is always the winner, as he receives payment to send the soul to God, but by some mistake of the switchman the unfortunate soul is shoved off into "purgatory"; but the pope's agent is always ready to save the situation for a certain monetary consideration! This

is the most lucrative item in the Catholic "business". But the priest-ridden people are so stupid and ignorant that they cannot see that they are being robbed of their hard-earned money by paying for useless ceremonies.

Just think of the untold millions of dollars which have been taken from the poor people under false pretenses by this "den of thieves"! (Matthew 21:12, 13) As the Roman Catholic church has established a list of fixed prices for their several ceremonies, such as baptisms, marriages, masses, etc., anyone can see that their religion or business is only a money-grabbing proposition. Regarding this matter, please read the following passages in the Bible: Isaiah 1: 11, 12; 56:10, 11; Micah 3:5, 11; 6:7; Zechariah 13:1-6; Romans 6:23. Entering any Catholic church we find them filled with altars, crucifixes, candles, etc. Paul wrote: "What agreement hath the temple of God with idols?" which are manufactured, sold and adored by the idolaters.—2 Corinthians 6:14-16; Revelation 21:8; Psalm 115:4-8.

The religion of Rome has introduced numerous useless ceremonies and teaches eighty-four doctrines which are not in harmony with God's inspired Word of truth. One of the most eminent Portuguese statesmen who died lately, during his last moments said: "I die a Christian, but not a Catholic." By reading his Bible he certainly realized that it is impossible for a Catholic to be a true Christian.

Many more arguments could be presented to determine the question, but the above is quite sufficient to prove to all who believe the Bible that the pope of Rome is more likely to be the vicar of the "prince of darkness" than to be the vicar of the "prince of light and peace".—John 14:30; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2; 6:12.

Neither Jesus Christ nor any of His disciples had anything to do with the establishment of the commercial organization called the "Roman Catholic church". Everyone knows that organization's head office is the Vatican, which was founded by a class of egotistical hypocrites over 500 years after Jesus and His disciples had died. It is also proved by the following words that Christ never intended that Rome should become the center whence the remission of sins should be preached and the glad tidings of God's kingdom should be proclaimed until the "earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea". (Isaiah 11:9) Jesus said that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, *beginning at Jerusalem.*"—Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8.

For your own benefit and instruction you should read *The Priest, the Woman and the Confessional.* This book was written by the ex-priest Chiniquy of Canada. It has 24 English editions of 120,000. Being a priest during 35 years, he should know of what he writes. So, for your benefit, will quote from page 233 of the Portuguese edition. Speaking of the immorality of the popes, he says: "The readers should study the history of the celebrated 'Council of Constance', which was held to put an end to the great schism between three and sometimes four popes, who daily cursed each other, mutually calling each other antichrists, demons, adulterers, sodomites, murderers, and enemies of God and man. . . . Of one of those saintly (?) popes, John XXIII, when he appeared before the council regarding his immoral conduct, it was proved by 37 witnesses, the majority of the bishops and other priests, that he had committed adultery, incest, sodomy, robbery, and murders. It was proved also that he had raped 300 nuns. His own secretary, Niem by name, testified that this pope had maintained in Bolonha, a clandestine house or brothel where more than 200 virgins had been the victims of his lasciviousness. . . . The reader should not persuade himself that the popes of the present day are any superior in their morals to those of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th centuries. They are absolutely the same, only in our present time they proceed with more caution and try to hide their orgies because they well know that in modern times the nations which have been enlightened by the Bible would not tolerate such extreme immorality as was practiced by their antecessors, but, on the contrary, they would be cast into the Tiber river if they dared to openly repeat the scenes which in the past made infamous such popes as the Alexanders, Stephens, and Johns."

At the end of this book Chiniquy presents a list of questions in Latin which the priest is allowed to ask at the confessional, but they are so lascivious and immoral that he dared not translate them. That proves the lowest depths of depravity into which the Catholic clergy have fallen.

"Queer Meeting" in Indiana

SAYS the Kokomo (Ind.) *Tribune* (and Jehovah's witnesses smiled as they read it): "Late Monday afternoon a not unduly excited but certainly deeply interested resident of Russiaville called at the *Tribune* office and reported what was to him an extremely mysterious occurrence which he happened to observe Sunday afternoon, shortly after two o'clock. He happened to be in the immediate vicinity of the crossroads a mile east of Alto, at the house mentioned, when to his amazement a number of automobiles converged on the point from east, west, north and south. He counted the cars and says there were fifty-eight in all. By evident agreement, they all arrived at the intersection at the same time, and all stopped. The Russiaville man said that men alighted from most of the cars and went about for a few minutes, conferring with occupants of the other cars. Suddenly, the men who had been doing this returned to their own conveyances, got in, and all drove away, about an equal number in each of the four directions. The *Tribune's* informant said the cars bore no banners or pennants or other labeling marks. He was not close enough to have recognized any of the occupants of the cars, had he been acquainted with them, he said. He could not tell whether there were any women in the party or not. As the observer describes the meeting and brief parley, it constituted a queer performance to be staging on a rather well-traveled intersection in the middle of a Sunday afternoon. Naturally he wonders what it was all about. So will everybody else, probably, who hears his report of the gathering."

Distortion of a Beautiful Truth

ONE of the loveliest of all truths now due is that, God's kingdom having arrived, we have also come to the days when there are millions now living who will never die. What could be more comforting? Millions, as a matter of fact, heard Judge Rutherford give that address, and several millions more read and were blessed by the lecture in printed form. A terrible travesty of the message has now been published, described as follows, in the New York *Sunday News* of April 1, 1934:

"Death Takes a Holiday. *Doctor Arnoldi,* by Tiffany Thayer (Julian Messner, $2.50). 334 pages. 'Millions now living will never die.' This slogan of the International Bible Students Association, whose founder, ex-Judge Rutherford, lives in Brooklyn, is the theme of Mr. Thayer's tenth novel, which is hardly up to the standard of some of his previous thrillers. Although *Doctor Arnoldi* starts with the usual Tiffany Thayer seduction in the first chapter, the book rapidly develops into a horror of horrors, based on a change in natural laws which conveys eternal life to everybody. Persons crushed in accidents keep on living, and have to be stored in boxes resembling coffins in huge specially constructed buildings. Soon these living dead cumber the earth and civilization goes to pieces. Fantastic and terrifying. Don't try to read yourself to sleep with this book unless you are fond of nightmares."—Orville Welsh.

British Protest Against Injustices to Jehovah's witnesses in Germany

London Bethel,
34 Craven Terrace,
London, W. 2,
8th May 1934.

Judge J. F. Rutherford,
Brooklyn, N. Y., U. S. A.

DEAR BROTHER RUTHERFORD:

On May 5 and 6 it was my privilege to serve an assembly of Jehovah's witnesses as chairman, and in that capacity I was requested to forward to you the following resolution which was proposed and unanimously adopted with great enthusiasm by the brethren present.

THE RESOLUTION

"We, Jehovah's witnesses, in attendance at the service assembly held at Brighton, England, send greetings and wish to unanimously associate ourselves in the Protest against the treatment of our brethren and fellow witnesses in Germany by the Hitler government."

I am sure you will be glad to have this expression of the love and loyalty of the brethren as they take their stand with you in this work of honor to the name of Jehovah.

It is a real pleasure for me to be the means of conveying the above message to you, and remain,

Yours in His service,
GEORGE SALTMARSH.

The Happy "Millionaire"

THE *Sunday Guest,* Polish Catholic weekly, Chicago, says: "The founder of the Bible Students, and a millionaire, Rutherford began to use the radio for the purpose of spreading his heretical teachings and the much-slandering of the Catholic church. The intelligent Catholics all through the United States have protested against him, but up to this time without any results."

Gestures of Tolerance in Plainfield

THE Plainfield (N.J.) Ministers' Association might well make some gestures of tolerance toward Jehovah's witnesses, as their town must for ever bear its shame of locking up innocent men and women for committing no offense whatever other than to proclaim the message of God's kingdom, and especially for its countenancing the machine-gun outrage of last summer against free speech by Judge Rutherford, but we have no knowledge that such gestures are coming. We do record, however, that the Ministers' Association has voted to raise $3,500 to relieve the situation of the Jews in Germany. This is intended, perhaps, to offset the fact that last summer they locked up a group of 29 women in three cells, so that they had to remain standing all night.

The Carillon at Plainfield

IN JANUARY a bill was introduced in Congress to refund to the Grace Protestant Episcopal church, Plainfield, N. J., $3,743.60, the amount of duty paid on a carillon of 23 bells imported by the rector of the church. The purpose of the bells is to clang noisily and fill the air with clamor at a time when most people welcome a little quiet. A carillon is of no possible interest or profit or pleasure to anybody, but merely a foolish, senseless extravagance.

The Ability to Snivel Well

THE ability to snivel well should not be sneezed at. In an address at Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Edward A. Steiner, professor of applied Christianity at Grinnell college, said of the ministry: "In no profession can one get by so easily with a loud voice, a good vocabulary, funny stories and weak muscles around the tear ducts . . . The atheism in Russia today is the direct result of the practical atheism of the Russian clergy."

Jonesboro Murderer Acquitted

REVEREND DALE S. CROWLEY, Jonesboro, Arkansas, who murdered the janitor of his church, because the latter was supposed to be too friendly to the former incumbent of his pulpit, was acquitted and is back on the job of making Christians like himself. The building in which the murder was committed, known as the Jonesboro Baptist Tabernacle, has been turned into a mule and horse barn.

"Religion" for Sale at 2% Gross

"RELIGION" is now for sale at 2 percent of the gross receipts. Details? The following is taken from the Tulsa *Tribune,* December 21, 1933:

"The corporation is approaching all churches in the United States, both Protestant and Catholic, and is asking that ten representatives be appointed in each church to approach the purchasers in the church and ask them to sign an agreement to purchase a certain brand of nationally advertised products. These products cover practically every field, and there is to be only one brand or make in each field. The purchaser also agrees to keep evidence of purchases, which she will give to the representatives in the church, who will turn it over to the corporation, and they in turn will send it to the manufacturer of the product. The manufacturer will then return to the corporation 3½% of the retail price, and the corporation will send 2% of the retail price to the church."

"The Holiest of the Holy"

REVEREND DR. L. MACLEAN WATT, moderator of the Church of Scotland, in an address at Edinburgh recently, said: "The men who went through the Great War, the men who gave service for others without gaining anything for themselves except suffering, are the men to be spoken of as among the holiest of the holy." (All habits of soldiers while off duty not excepted.—*Ed.*)

Better Never to Have Known

AT A book-burning of Watch Tower literature at Decatur, Illinois, some former Bible Students attended the so-called "evangelistic services" conducted by the Reverend Argyl Houser, D.D., to witness the spectacle. On the way home they were struck by a taxi and taken to a hospital, where one remained for some time. It looks as if it may have been a judgment of Jehovah God.

Food Rejected When Supplied

THE Mountain Grove (Mo.) Christian church, in a little church paper, says in one line, "Every Christian should know the Bible; it is the sword of the spirit," and then fifteen lines farther down says, "Beware of Judge Rutherford's books"; which books, we explain, would give the poor truth-hungry prisoners in the congregation the very food they need and which they can obtain in no other way.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The lecture which appears on this page is the third in the series of twelve Bible talks by Judge Rutherford which set forth in understandable and clear language the comforting and illuminating truths of the Word of Jehovah God. The talks are brief and to the point and together form a valuable compendium of important Bible themes. They will repay careful reading and will be worth saving for future reference and consideration. A knowledge of the doctrines discussed in these talks is essential to a proper understanding and appreciation of the great Creator.

Redemption *By Judge Rutherford*

JESUS is the Son of Jehovah God. He was the beginning of God's creation and thereafter God used Him as His active agent in the creation of all things. In the beginning His name was Logos. Jehovah by the exercise of His miraculous power caused the Logos to become a man and called His name *Jesus,* which means that He is the Savior of the world. The chief purpose of Jesus' being born a man and coming to earth was that He might vindicate Jehovah's name. God made Jesus His witness to the truth, meaning that Jesus must bear testimony before men of the world. When He was thirty years of age He began to go about amongst the people telling them the truth. He was hated by the Devil and the clergy because He told the truth.

The secondary purpose of Jesus' becoming a man was that He might be the Redeemer or Savior of the human race from sin and death and afford man opportunity to live. All the human family are the offspring of the imperfect Adam, but it was the perfect man Adam who violated God's law and was sentenced to death.

God must be consistent; therefore He could not reverse His judgment and annul the sentence. His law upon which the judgment was based required the life of the perfect man. God could be consistent, however, and permit another perfect man to pay the death penalty in the place and stead of Adam and to thereby provide means for Adam and all of his offspring to be released from death and the effects thereof. An angel could not redeem or buy the right to human life, because an angel is greater than a man. Nothing but a perfect man could give his life a ransom or corresponding price for perfect Adam; therefore God caused Jesus to be made a man and in the likeness of sinful man in order that He might meet the requirements of God's law in the place and stead of Adam. For this reason it was written, in Hebrews 2:9: "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour: that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." This shows that the death of Jesus may result to the benefit of every man.

Jehovah God was under no obligation to provide redemption for man, but His love for man prompted Him to do so; therefore it is written: "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 person can believe a thing until he first has some knowledge of that thing. Men must learn that Jesus is the Redeemer of mankind. In order to give this information to man God has caused the truth to be told or preached by other faithful men from the day of Jesus until now. It is the will of God that the people be told about Jesus as the Redeemer, that they might accept Him as their Savior; therefore it is written in the Scriptures: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:13, 14) It is for the benefit of the men who desire to be saved that the truth is preached to the people. If anyone claims to preach the gospel but, instead of doing so, teaches the doctrines of men and receives money therefor, he is doing a very great wrong.

Had not God made provision for the redemption of man from death and its effects the entire human race in time would perish for ever. Since nothing but the life of a perfect creature could satisfy the law of God, it follows that the one who redeems man must do so with his own life-blood; hence it is written concerning the redemption of men: "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, [such] as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ." (1 Peter 1:18, 19) Jesus Christ, by the will of

God, having purchased the human race by His own blood, the race belongs to Jesus to do with mankind according to the will of God; therefore it is written that Jehovah said of Jesus: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the [nations] for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."—Psalm 2:8.

To keep man in ignorance of redemption Satan causes many clergymen to teach that there is no value in the shed blood of Christ. Give no heed to their false teachings. A full explanation of this matter is set forth in the book *Reconciliation*. It is vital to you that you gain a knowledge of the truth as there set forth.

[The foregoing lecture is one of a series of twelve phonographic recordings prepared by Judge Rutherford for use in the home and for occasions when visitors will welcome a short discussion of some helpful topic. The set of six disc records (two lectures on each disc) is obtainable from the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., an agreeably low price having been set on them, so that everyone who has a phonograph may be able to obtain them. The records may be played on an ordinary phonograph at the usual speed of 78 revolutions per minute. Inquiries should be addressed to the Society.]

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Man's Four-footed Friend—The Dog

THE Arabs have a legend that when Adam was expelled from paradise a dog pushed his cold nose into his hands and followed at his heels as he wandered away, and ever since then has been man's most faithful and understanding friend among the lower animals. The legend may be true, because the Bible came to us from Arabian lands; but there is nothing about it in The Book.

The Scriptures do not go into ecstasies over dogs. The most honorable mention is in Jeremiah 15:3, where, referring to the weapons He would appoint against rebellious Israel, Jehovah mentions that He would employ dogs to worry or drag along those marked for captivity.

Job also used dogs as servants. Speaking in a time when the young were silent and respectful in the presence of their elders, he voiced his downheartedness quite thoroughly when he said: "But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock." —Job 30:1.

Dogs are not sanitary animals. It was in the law that flesh torn of beasts in the field was not to be eaten by humans; it was to be thrown to the dogs. They are twice referred to in the Scriptures as returning to their own vomit; three times they are mentioned as licking the sores of the wounded or slain. The Lord links them in the same verse and in the same sentence with swine. They finished Jezebel, all except her skull, the palms of her hands, and the soles of her feet.

The texts "Dogs have encompassed me", "Beware of dogs," "Without are dogs," refer to the same kind of dogs as are mentioned by Isaiah (56:10, 11) as the "dumb dogs" which "cannot bark" but are "sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber", "greedy dogs which can never have enough." But this article is not about the clergy; they have been mentioned previously, and otherwise, and will be again, no doubt. The "wages" of the dog referred to in Deuteronomy 23:18 seem to refer to the compensations given to male prostitutes engaged in the clergy business —so the textbooks at hand indicate.

The Dog an Old Animal

While foxes do not interbreed with wolves, jackals, or domestic dogs, yet all of these interbreed with each other, under captive conditions. But that does not make a dog a wolf or a jackal; he is still a dog. Quite likely there were several dogs with Adam in the garden of Eden. There is good evidence that some of the breeds are of long standing.

As late as 1875 it was a crime punishable by death to remove a Pekingese dog from the royal palace of the Chinese emperor. Someone gave one to Queen Victoria, and the rest was easy to guess. These dogs had been well known for 2,000 years, as is learned from bronzes found at the looting of the summer palace at Peking in 1860. Now the pure-bred Pekingese is almost unknown in Peiping, while excellent specimens are to be found everywhere. Pekes, when pleased or excited, emit a variety of odd noises resembling Chinese speech.

The Afghan hound was known before the fourth century B.C. and is one of the oldest domesticated breeds in existence; it is supposed to be the ancestor of the greyhound. The reference to the latter in Proverbs 30:31 is probably a mistranslation. Assyrian sculptures are extant representing the greyhound and the mastiff.

In a family grave in northeastern Arizona, believed to have been occupied for four thousand years, were the mummies of a man, his wife and child, and two dogs. The dogs were true dogs, in no way related to coyotes.

The breed of dogs represented in Egyptian hieroglyphs as the animal "sacred" to the spirit

of evil is what is now known as the wild dogs which live along the shores of the Red sea. It is no new thing for domesticated dogs to become wild and as savage as wolves. An undomesticated dog, or one that goes wild, is styled "feral". Some islands of the sea, and certain sections of Africa, are ravaged by wild dogs that denude the country of all other forms of animal life.

Ancient Roman dwellings showed a chained dog, depicted in mosaics, and the familiar words "cave canem"—beware the dog—on the threshold. Sirius, or Canicula, the "Dog Star", figures in the constellation "Canis Major" (larger dog). In the Chinese zodiacal system a dog is the sign of the month of September. Canidæ, the dog tribe, admittedly includes wolves and jackals.

A Tail-thumping Bundle of Affection

However he came by it, your true dog has to have something to love, and it seems as though the object of his affections is sometimes inanimate as well as animate. Peggy, a bird dog, at Anniston, Alabama, adopted a baby rabbit apparently about three weeks old, and growled viciously when anyone approached the kennel where her adopted baby was housed. A hound at Ashland, Kentucky, purloined three young rabbits from his master and put them in his kennel, where he watched over them jealously.

At Saranac Lake, New York, an old shepherd dog was detected carrying the bulk of its own food, day after day, to a sick mother fox and its two little ones. Old Shep kept this up until the mother fox was well and able to forage for her own family. *Our Dumb Animals* contains a fine picture of a pedigreed Alsatian and a young fox which he found wandering on the farm and adopted as his inseparable companion.

When Rose, a large Persian cat owned by Mrs. C. M. Hoopes, 712 West Grand avenue, Oklahoma City, was killed by an automobile, her lady friend, "Star Lady," fox terrier, mother of eight puppies, immediately added Rose's twin kittens to her already large family.

Mrs. H. A. Bradley, Wakarusa, Kansas, has a dog and a crow that are fast friends, cronies, conspirators in crime and buddies in a fight. They eat and sleep together, and play together throughout the day. The crow's favorite sport is to hike to the front of the house and caw loud and long. The dog comes scampering around the house to find out what the trouble is, when the crow flies over the roof to the back yard to repeat the performance, and back tears the dog.

At Bozeman, Montana, Bruno, a yellow staghound, adopted a switch engine, and for five years chased the engine all over the yard, averaging about sixty miles a day. At length he made a miscalculation and the engine he had worshiped ran over him and killed him.

Firemen's dogs are common; they learn to distinguish the number of beats in the alarm, and, when their number is called, spring on the back step of the engine and away they go. At Sixty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue, New York, the little Dalmatian was asleep across the street when the alarm sounded. Rushing across the street to his coveted place on the back step, he was killed by an automobile.

The Dog's Love for Humanity

At the fire-house last mentioned, two years later there was another fire-house pet, a Dalmatian called Pooch, whose affection went out to driver Murphy, and when Murphy's leg was crushed and he was taken to the hospital, Pooch lay whimpering under his vacant cot and lost ten or twelve pounds in two weeks. In Murphy's absence Pooch refused to ride to the fires and refused to eat.

At Oakland, California, a man beat up his landlady and she had him sent to jail for thirty days. After he had been locked up two days she came and begged his release on the ground that his police dog was grieving himself to death and would not eat.

Magistrate Delagi, of New York, drove to court in his automobile, a forty-five–minute run from his home. His son's St. Bernard dog arrived as he did himself, having followed the car all the way.

A dog attached himself to the Beach Street police station. Four times the police telephoned to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to come and get the dog. Each time, the dog conveniently disappeared until after the wagon had gone. At length the policemen of the station chipped in and bought him a muzzle and paid for his license. They could not get rid of him, and so they adopted him.

At Yukon, Oklahoma, a three-month-old puppy dragged to the door of a home the sweater of one of two boys, suffocated in the sand when their playhouse caved in on them. He then showed the bereaved parents where they would find the bodies.

At Richmond, Kentucky, a dog several times entered a church building, located his master, whined and wagged his tail. Each time he tried to tell, as best he could, that the man's house was afire, but the man did not understand. When the congregation awoke to the fact that a house was afire, and rushed to the scene, the roof had fallen in and three little girls and their brother had burned to death. The dog was running up and down in front of the blazing house, barking.

Only Ulysses' Dog Remembered Him

When Ulysses returned in beggar rags, after twenty-years of wanderings, even his own wife Penelope did not recognize him; but his hound did, wagged his tail, dropped his ears, and died of joy. It is not uncommon for dogs to die either of joy or of grief. In March, 1934, a valuable female police dog died of grief when her mistress was taken to the hospital. In two weeks' time the dog's whole being was so convulsed with grief that she lost the power of locomotion and could not even swallow her food.

The affection is not merely one-sided. A physician, whose pet was run over by a railway train, confided that if his dog is not to be resurrected, then he does not wish himself to be resurrected. Extreme, of course, and unreasonable as well as unscriptural, but it shows how he felt.

Little Morton Alan Susskind, of Philadelphia, was just learning to write. He saw in the papers that the War department had not been able to send a surplus baby to a little girl out west. He thought it might be different about dogs; so he wrote to them and asked for a little dog, one that would not bite and that would like him a lot; and do you know that that letter did the trick? The army officers fixed it up between them, and a pup was delivered in an official army car. At the other end of the chain was a major of the Cavalry Reserve Corps in full uniform. The major in his report said it was worth a million dollars to see the boy's face when he said he had been directed to give him the pup from the assistant secretary of war.

A little nine-year-old boy in New York was summoned to bring his dog into court because it was in the streets unmuzzled. When his case came up he had his dog in his arms and was weeping; he said it was a good dog and did not need any muzzle. He was afraid the police would take it away from him. His older brother paid for the license and muzzle and he went out a happy boy.

It is observed by owners of statuary that fondness for dogs is so general and so widespread that people who come near to statues of these four-footed friends instinctively stroke and caress them.

This Scamp of a Gregory

To offset the foregoing we reprint a portion of an article by a scamp by the name of Eliot Gregory. It is in the *Golden Book* for March, 1930, condensed in *Current Reading* for April, 1930. It is just as well for him that we don't have the whole article handy, and that some dog-lovers on our list are left in blissful ignorance as to how to get their hands on him. The article is entitled "Domestic Despots"; the portion which we have reads:

> Those who walk through the well-to-do quarters of the city a little enviously do not reflect that in almost every one of these apparently happy homes a pitiless tyrant reigns. Sometimes this incubus takes the form of a pug, sometimes a poodle, or simply a bastard cur admitted in a moment of unreflecting pity; size and pedigree are of no importance; the result is always the same. Peace and independence desert that roof.
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> The animal kingdom is divided in three divisions: wild beasts which hustle for themselves; laboring and producing animals for which man provides because they are useful to him—and dogs! Of all the created things canines have the softest 'snap'. We neglect or slaughter wild things and exact toil from domesticated animals. Dogs alone live in idle comfort at man's expense.
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> When the little party in Eden broke up and forced our first parents to work for a living, the original dog hit on the idea of posing as champion of the disgraced couple, and attached himself to Adam and Eve, simply because he foresaw that if he made himself companionable he would be asked to stay to dinner. From that day on, with the exception of an occasional sheep-watching or house-guarding—a lazy occupation—and a little light carting in Belgium, no canine has raised a paw to do an honest day's work nor been known to voluntarily perform a useful act.
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> How then did the myth originate that dog was the friend of man? Dogs had discovered that to live in luxury it was necessary only to assume an exaggerated affection for some wealthy mortal, and have since proved themselves past masters in an art in which few men succeed. Facts such as these have not overthrown the great dog myth. Children's books are full of tales of canine intelligence and devotion. My tender youth was saddened by a story of one dog that refused to leave his master's grave and was found frozen at his post. I suspect that dog of trotting home from a funeral with the most prosperous neighbor, and, after a substantial meal, of going to sleep by the fire. He

must have been a clever dog to get all that advertising free, so probably strolled out to his master's grave the next noon, when people were about to hear him, and howled a bit to keep up appearances.

I know a house where two elderly virgins are held in bondage by a Minotaur no bigger than your two fists. They have a taste for traveling, but change of climate disagrees with their tyrant. They dislike housekeeping and would prefer hotel life, but they keep up an establishment with a retinue of servants, because their satrap exacts a back yard where he can walk. These loving sisters no longer go about together, Caligula's shaken nerves being upset by solitude. He would sooner die than be left alone with a servant because his bad temper and absurd airs have made him dangerous enemies below . . . and he knows it!

Another household in this city revolves around two brainless, goggle-eyed beasts, imported at much expense from the slopes of Fujiyama. The care that is lavished on those heathen monsters passes belief. Maids are employed to carry them up and downstairs, and men are called in the night to hurry for a doctor when Chi has overeaten or Fu developed colic; yet their devoted mistress tells me, tearfully, that in spite of this care, when she takes her darlings for a walk they do not know her from the first stranger that passes, and will follow any boy who whistles to them in the street.

What revolts me is that, not content with escaping the responsibilities of the struggle for existence, these four-legged Pecksniffs have made for themselves a fallacious reputation for honesty and devotion. For example, those Saint Bernards, models of integrity and devotion, have fallen into the habit of carrying their flasks of brandy, provided for the succor of snowbound travelers, to the neighboring hamlets and exchanging the contents for—chops!

Will the world ever realize that most family pets are consummate hypocrites? Innocent? Pshaw! Their pretty affectionate ways are unadulterated guile; their ostentatious devotion a clever maneuver to excite interest and obtain praise. It is useless to hope that things will change. So long as this world goes on, so long shall we continue to confound an attractive bearing with a sweet disposition and disheveled hair and eccentric appearance for brains. Even in the Orient, where dogs have been granted immunity from other labor, on the condition that they organize an effective street-cleaning department, they have been false to their trust and have evaded their contracts quite as if they were Tammany braves, like whom they pass their days in slumber and their nights in settling private disputes, while the city remains uncleaned.

Instances of Faithfulness

In Australia a small retriever dog went with a nurse to have a baby carriage repaired. The repairer was busy; so the vehicle was left. The dog stayed behind and watched over that carriage day and night, for three days, until the job was done. When the carriage was delivered he went home with it, and straight to his kennel.

At a lonely power line station some miles out of Tonopah, Nevada, it was necessary to leave a collie alone for five weeks until his master returned. Ranchers reached him a few times and fed him some of the supplies kept in the cabin, but for the most part he shifted for himself, living on the rabbits which he caught and the waters flowing from melting snows.

At Chelsea, Massachusetts, a terrier guarded his dead mistress for several days. Near Stamford, Connecticut, an old man became lost on a hunting trip and died from exposure. He had two terriers with him. One of these remained by his side for several days while the other ran from farmhouse to farmhouse barking, refusing food, and running back and forth toward the wood lot where the body had fallen, until finally the searchers for the old gentleman understood the dog's language and followed him to the object of their quest.

An old Negro died at 149 Madison street, New York city. His companions were two terrier dogs and their two puppies. They stood watch over his body for a week, and when a policeman finally entered the premises they resented his intrusion so much that one of them bit him. One of these dogs died from the effects of the long vigil without food or warmth. The survivors were adopted by a wealthy family; 48 families offered homes to these dogs.

At Albuquerque, New Mexico, a tiny nondescript cur guarded the body of a boy for nine days, and showed fight when discovered. The boy perished in a mountain snowstorm, and the dog stood over him until staggering from exhaustion.

Between Terre Haute and Sullivan, Indiana, a little white dog was killed by an interurban car. His body was guarded for an entire day by a friend, a part collie, that had to be driven away by force before interment of the object of his affections could be accomplished.

The Greenwich *Journal* tells of a lady who always has her two dogs with her when she engages additional help for her large establishment. She claims to be guided wisely by the attitude the dogs show toward the candidates for employment, and to have never found their sagacity at fault.

An odd custom prevails at Thiers, France. Following an old practice no longer used in cutlery establishments elsewhere, the workmen do their grinding lying on their stomachs, holding the knife blades against stones turned by water power. In winter they are cold but for the fact that for generations they have provided big woolly dogs wherewith to warm themselves while at their work. The dogs understand what is required and render their help faithfully day in and day out.

Humans love to tell of the Roman sentry that remained at his post when Pompeii and Herculaneum were buried in the ashes of Vesuvius. C. Herbert Bell, Devon, Pennsylvania, owned a bird dog that froze to death on point. European sculptors place a dog at the feet of effigies of married women upon sepulchers, as an emblem of fidelity and loyalty.

Dogs as Life-Savers

It is an important thing to save a human life, for even a little while. Do you not think so? Many dogs have done that. We give numerous illustrations. Sometimes it was the dog's nose that was used, sometimes it was his eyes, sometimes his memory, sometimes his sense of direction, etc.

At 680 North Eighth street, Brooklyn, a gas cock on the kitchen stove became opened in some manner, flooding the apartment with gas during the night. A brown fox terrier howled and barked until a policeman came and found a man, his wife and three children, and two boarders, all unconscious, but alive. As soon as the policeman took charge the dog disappeared with his tail between his legs, and has not been seen since.

Two similar incidents occurred at Rochester, New York, where in a single night three pet dogs saved eight persons, six of them children, from asphyxiation. One of these dogs was a German shepherd. A similar incident took place at Sunbury, Pennsylvania, where again eight persons, a father and mother and six children, were involved.

At Cuba, New York, a dog appeared at a pool room unaccompanied by his master. His uneasy manner led to an investigation, whereupon his master, Byron Potter, was found unconscious from carbon monoxide fumes at his home in a chair before a gas heater. A total of 24 lives to the credit of six dogs' noses and their ability and willingness to bark and howl at the right time. There is a time to keep still and a time to bark.

At Chicago, some young lady learning to smoke cigarettes, or some other equally hopeless fool who had already learned, set fire to an apartment house. Rin, police dog, leaped upon the bed of Mrs. Mary Ebersol, awaking her in the middle of the night. She aroused her three children and six persons in the flat above and all escaped. The dog saved the ten lives that the beautiful "Miss America" of the signboards would have cheerfully sacrificed.

At 152 West 63d street, New York, Gilbert Kirkwood, plasterer, dropped to sleep with a lighted cigarette between his lips. The cigarette set fire to the bedding. His police dog dragged the burning blanket off his bed and out into the kitchen. The man, overcome by the smoke, slept on, when the dog in desperation grabbed him and dragged him out also into the kitchen, which was now burning, as well as the bedroom. Firemen broke in the doors and saved both the man and his dog.

At Orrville, New York, fire broke out in the attic of the home of Fred Kinne. At three o'clock in the morning the family dog ran upstairs and aroused Kinne, his wife and his brother, all of whom barely escaped with their lives.

At Anawalt, West Virginia, Jack, the family dog, after giving the alarm that saved the lives of Mrs. W. A. Lester and her three children, rushed back into the burning building, seeking one of the little children that was away with her father at the time, without his knowledge. His charred body was found in the remains of the fire. Total, eighteen persons saved from burning to death by four four-legged firemen; casualties, one four-legged fireman dies at the post of duty.

(Since the foregoing was written we learn of additional lives saved by dogs. First, there is Bob of Carmel, who gives exhibitions of balancing a glass of water on his head. On one occasion he pulled the boss from a blazing motor car; and in another, held on to his coat tails to save him from falling over a cliff.

At Greenwich, Connecticut, Keto, a Pekingese, is credited with saving the lives of a father, mother and four children when fire broke out in their apartment. At Palmer Hill, Connecticut, Gotha saved the life of the caretaker of the premises, but himself perished in the flames.

Sixteen miles out of Sudbury, Ontario, Nip-

per, a police dog, roused his master from the burning shack in time to save his life, but not in time to save boots, mitts, coat or hat, all of which were consumed. The owner, Albert Davis, is alleged to have said, when he arrived in town after walking sixteen miles without boots, mitts, coat or hat, in weather 45 degrees below zero: "Last summer the dog bit a woman, and a magistrate told me to shoot him. If he had bit a man I would have; but I wouldn't shoot him for biting a woman, and it is a good thing I didn't." Makes you wonder why the dog aroused him.

At Richfield Center, Michigan, Uno, a pet fox terrier, saved Mr. and Mrs. Dietering and their two daughters, when the house burned in the early hours of the morning. He jumped upon his master's bed, pulled at the covers and barked until he got some action, and then ran to the door of the girls' room and barked until they also responded.

At Warren, New South Wales, Australia, Edward Boss, a youth of seventeen, fell in the wilderness and broke his thigh. He tied his hat around his dog's neck and sent him for help. The dog ran for miles, located Edward's brother, and piloted him back to the scene of the accident.)

Other Equally Surprising Rescues

At Holbrook, Massachusetts, Ileane Depson, golden-haired, blue-eyed, and two years of age, wandered away from home and did not have any better sense than to go and sit on the railroad track. Her dog Prince went along just to see that nothing serious happened. A train came along; Prince tried to bark it to a standstill, but when he saw that did not work he grabbed Ileane by the back of her dress and rolled her over and over twenty feet into the meadow. He tore her dress, but now he wears a silver collar presented by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and a medal, too. He was a tramp collie when the Depsons adopted him.

At Wadena, Iowa, G. C. Clark, farmer, was overcome by a heart attack and fell unconscious between the rails of the C. M. & St. P. railroad. He was accompanied by Treve, a white collie, and Freckles, a coach dog. The partners took charge. Treve squatted down by his prostrate master, while Freckles barked and yelped so effectively that the fireman of an oncoming passenger train saw and heard him and the engineer applied the brakes just in time. When the train came to a stop a few feet from their charge Freckles leaped upon the pilot of the engine, barking and wagging his tail; and the engineer says that he smiled. (But, then, the engineer may have been a dog-lover and imagined it. One has to watch these dog-lovers.)

At Milford, Connecticut, John F. Smith, business man, collapsed on the porch of his home, in the absence of his family. His collie ran out into the street and around and around a truck until the driver slowed up and followed him to the porch. The driver summoned a physician, and, it is supposed, saved Mr. Smith's life.

At Somerville, New Jersey, Thomas Molumby, 78 years of age, fell through the ice into seven feet of water. His dog Prince raced home and whined until several members of the family came to the aged man's rescue.

On the Job in Time of Danger

Dominick, last name unknown, has a string of eel pots off the coast of Barren Island, Jamaica Bay, Long Island. He went out to see after his eels; the tide turned; he stuck in the mud. His dog raced to shore and barked and moaned until he persuaded a storekeeper to row out half a mile. When he did he found Dominick buried to his shoulders in the mud and with his head just above the waves. He was unconscious when saved.

At Grassland, Alberta, Frances Sutto, 16, became lost in a treacherous swamp. Three times she fell exhausted in creek beds, and three times her dog dragged her out. She floundered around an entire night. With the morning light the dog guided her to a farm home on the edge of the bad lands.

At Duluth, Minnesota, at ten o'clock in the morning, little three-year-old Betty Winters went out with a penny in her fist to buy a stick of candy. A snow came on, and she lost her way. At eight o'clock at night she was found asleep in a hedge. Searchers were drawn to her by her faithful dog Midnight that had kept her warm and watched over her slumbers until some two-legged caretaker should arrive. She was found by a guide familiar with the adage that when children are lost they always go to the west.

At an unnamed place in France a motor car fell over a precipice but was held by a tree. Rescue of the two English tourists aboard was accomplished by helping a dog out of a window.

He climbed to the road from which they had fallen, and attracted the attention of passing travelers. After the rescue the dog was almost uncontrollable with joy.

At Willows, California, thirteen-year-old Virginia Sparrow was attacked by a rattlesnake, but a wire-haired terrier interposed and took the bite intended for his mistress; the dog lived, but the snake didn't. Biting a dog is bad business.

At Golden City, Missouri, Spot, fox terrier, had one of his hind legs cut off by a mower and was sentenced to die. Her owner, Mrs. Floyd Cook, saw one of her little pigs out of the pen. She ran and picked it up; the mother sow saw and heard, tore through a gate in the fence, plunged straight for Mrs. Cook and dragged her to the ground. Then Spot saved his own life and hers too. He grabbed the sow by the hind leg, enabling Mrs. Cook to get away and run for aid.

At 531 East 144th street, New York city, Peter Schiefly, 46 years of age, painter, single, was starving to death because he had no work. His two dogs, poodles, did not see the wisdom of starving without at least saying something about it; so they whined and whined until police broke down his barricades and rescued and fed all three.

Some Men Are as Good as Some Dogs

Some men are as good as some dogs; and so we read of rescues the other way around, where dogs get into trouble and would die but for men coming to their relief.

On the train, on the way to Richmond, J. F. Windsor, of Connecticut avenue, Washington, saw a collie dog marooned on a cake of ice in the Potomac river. Arrived at his destination he wired his son in Washington of the dog's plight. A rescue party was formed, and the dog, which turned out to be a fine pedigreed animal, was brought safely home to his master.

A similar rescue of a small black mongrel from a cake of ice in the Delaware river, is estimated to have cost the city of Philadelphia $250. One of the seventeen cops aboard the police boat lost his footing and got an icy bath, but the dog was rescued.

When a brown-and-white fox terrier fell through the ice in a pond in Central park, a police radio car, a park department truck, and at least 150 full-grown men stood around and offered advice and encouragement to the terrier and to each other until a frontiersman who knew how to do it made and threw a lasso that enabled him to pull the pup ashore.

At Niagara Falls, Ontario, a German police dog got too gay and fell over a precipice. She landed on a ledge and remained there three weeks, unable to get up or down. At length, at the risk of their lives, two men succeeded in lassoing her, and though she bit her rescuers, and tore their clothing (women sometimes misunderstand men), they finally dragged her to the surface, with no worse casualties than a broken paw.

At Springfield, Massachusetts, two men rowed out through the ice packs of the rushing Connecticut river, on a February day, to save an Airedale terrier from a cake of ice.

At Woodruff, South Carolina, hundreds of men worked day and night for six days to sink a shaft forty feet into an old fox den where Ring, a famous foxhound, was caught between two rocks far underground. A similar effort was made at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, to rescue Bingo from a like plight.

Near the Fiftieth Street elevated station of the West End subway line in Brooklyn a foreman and crew of trackmen spent twenty minutes to rescue a mongrel dog, shocked by the third rail into a state of semi-paralysis.

At a kennel fire in Freehold, New Jersey, bystanders worked over six suffocated dogs giving them artificial respiration until they regained consciousness.

At Urbana, Illinois, while attempting to rescue a pet dog which had wandered on a state road, Allen Busey was struck by an automobile and killed.

At Waukegan, Illinois, a dog that had been chloroformed because she was ill was left with a blanket over her because the ground was frozen too hard to dig up. After a week, when the blanket was removed, the dog blinked and got up, and her master, instead of finishing her, sent for a veterinary.

At Portland, Oregon, a dog strayed from his master's car and was lost for three years, refusing all proffered homes, but making his own way in a strange city. At length his master, whose home is in Seattle, heard of him, he was located and captured by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and a happy reunion followed. The dog, homesick and heartsick, had been feared and accused of having a wolf gleam in his eyes. So little can some people tell what is going on in a dog's mind.

Rescue of Dogs by Dogs

Near Pueblo, Colorado, out on the prairie, several miles from home, the thoroughbred police dog Fritz caught his foot in a coyote trap. His playmate and comrade Don refused to leave him, and both lay waiting for rescue or death. Found after three days, they were nearly famished for food and water when rescued.

In the McLean wood, Belmont, Massachusetts, a New Hampshire hound was similarly caught in a hunter's trap. His comrade, an Airedale, fed him for eight days, bringing him meat and food scraps from refuse pails. All attempts to corral the dogs failed, until the scouts succeeded in catching the exhausted hound when his companion was off on a foraging trip.

At Baltimore, Maryland, Ming Toy was sentenced to death for biting two children. A stay was granted to permit her to nurse her six puppies. While still under suspended sentence she gnawed her leather harness, jumped a six-foot corral, and served notice that the barns and kennels were afire. By this act she saved seventeen other dogs, the sentence against her was revoked, and she was decorated with a silver medal by the New York Anti-Vivisection Society.

At Niagara Falls, New York, Prince, a pedigreed police dog, was playing with three other dogs on the shore ice when a section broke away and started floating down stream. All the dogs escaped but one; he became confused or did not realize his danger. Prince swam to the floe, then fifteen feet out in the stream, seized his pal with his teeth and dragged him into the water, when both swam safely to shore.

Dog Martyrs, Suicides and Murderers

At Neshanic, New Jersey, Betty, an Airedale, set to watch the baby, in the carriage in the garage, while the mother washed the windows of the new home, witnessed the garage catch fire, could not rescue the baby, but tried to shield him from the flames, and died while using her own body as a screen.

On a dock at the foot of Duncan street, Jersey City, the shack of James McKane, watchman, took fire, with McKane in it. His terrier was outside when the fire started; he barked a warning in vain, and when all hope of rescue was lost he leaped in through the window and died beside his master.

In front of 1115 Decatur street, Brooklyn, Skippy saved the life of his nine-year-old mistress, Doris Brinsley, when a front tire of a bus blew out and the driver lost control of the car; but it was too late for Skippy himself, for when the car went over the curb he lost his life.

At Asbury Park, New Jersey, the residence of Ralph J. Ritchie took fire in the cellar, in which was confined a Pekingese spaniel. The barking of the dog aroused the household and was responsible for the rescue of five persons, but the dog perished.

At 1070 Faile street, Bronx, New York, Vol, a police dog, was on the roof and heard his name called. Swift to obey, and not taking time to look, he leaped a three-foot parapet and fell five stories, killing himself instantly. In this instance the suicide was unpremeditated, the result of a misunderstanding on the part of the dog as to the whereabouts of his mistress.

At Hastings, Sussex, England, 1,000 persons saw a large retriever deliberately swim out to sea and end his life. It was revealed that his owners had moved from a large house to a flat and the dog had been pining away at the loss of the garden in which he romped with the children. He thought life not worth living without his garden, and decided to end it all.

At Middletown, New York, Lindy, a valuable bull terrier that had been accustomed to airplane rides with his master Alec Gale, leaped from the roof of a four-story building and was instantly killed. Very probably he misunderstood what would happen when he launched out into the air.

To escape capture, a big police dog leaped into the water just above the American Falls, at Niagara, went over the falls, and escaped uninjured. Only one woman and two men are known to have survived similar experience.

At London, England, Kenneth Horler, a schoolboy, fell from his bicycle and was killed in the street. After visiting the boy's grave his little black-and-tan terrier stretched himself out on the hearthrug in front of the fire, gave several faint sobs and died, a victim of his own emotions.

At Quitman, Georgia, a nine-month-old English bull terrier died of a broken heart in ten days after the death of her master. Until he was taken ill they had been constant companions. From the day of his death her whole manner changed, she no longer played, or paid the slightest attention to efforts of others to console her. She refused food and water, curled up in a corner, sank into melancholy, and died, though there was no indication that she was ill in any way.

At Kingswinford, Staffordshire, England, Nell, a terrier, ran half a mile for help when her master went bathing and sank in a disused sandpit. Nell seized the clothing of a man she well knew and dragged him toward the sandpit. When it transpired that her master was dead she refused to eat or drink for several days, and may have suicided in so doing, for aught we know.

Creatures that can love so well can hate, too. At Chicago Mrs. Mary Loretta Watson died of wounds inflicted by a pet bulldog when she undertook to take a bone from him. In Buffalo Phyllis E. Gottschalk, aged 4, was killed by a year-old police dog with which she had been accustomed to play. It is not known what she did to incur the dog's anger.

Dogs bear great pain silently. If a dog breaks a leg he will cry at first, but soon will walk about, carrying the injured member off the ground, looking wistful but not complaining.

Know Where to Go for Surgical Aid

In the year 1887 two fox terriers, belonging to a Mr. Hunt, a well known bookseller of the vicinity, brought a collie to King's College Hospital, London, for treatment. The incident is well authenticated. Pictures of the event were taken and are on exhibition in the hospital itself.

John J. Shaw, M.D., surgeon of Plymouth, Massachusetts, on returning home from his round of professional calls, found stretched on his front porch a large black dog which, upon examination, he found had a hind leg broken. His leg was set. He went away on three legs and returned next day with the splints a little out of place. On his next call, several days later, the plaster cast was removed and everything found in place and the leg doing well. The dog belonged to a poor colored woman not far away.

At Hoquiam, Washington, a dog with a broken leg appeared in front of a hospital, hanging around as if he knew what he wanted, and occasionally wailing faintly. He was put on the operating table and his leg set, and came back the next day to have it dressed.

Near Muskegon, Michigan, seven persons broke through the ice and were drowned. A police dog tried in vain to save them. When he failed, cut and bleeding from the ice, he ran some distance up a hill to a home, seized a lady by the dress, and led her to the edge of the lake.

A little dog at Lewisham, England, revealed the suicide of his master. He ran and jumped about a pedestrian so curiously that the man followed him to where the body was hanging.

The Dog "Fellow"

Jacob Herbert, of Detroit, was the owner and trainer of the German shepherd dog Fellow that at five years of age had learned five hundred words and was calculated to have the intelligence of a child of eight years. For an hour, in the presence of Prof. C. H. Warden, of Columbia University, and seventy-five spectators, the dog manifested complete comprehension of all that was said to him.

Statements or commands which included the words he had been taught were acted upon instantly. When he was ordered, "Go to that lady in the back row and put your head in her lap," there was not the slightest hesitation. "Suppose you go to the door and wait there"; "Never mind"; "Stand up against the wall"; "Do it again"; "Go to the window and look out"; "Put your feet on the radiator"; "Step back"; "Go over and get on the table"; "Jump off it"; "Turn around"; "Sit down"; these are but a few of hundreds of commands made to him, all of which he understood and obeyed without delay or error.

The dog was introduced to several members of the psychology class. Afterwards he was asked, one by one, in different order, to go and place his head in their laps, and did so without error. It would have been hard for some folks we know, not mentioning any names. The commands were obeyed as quickly when given in a low tone through a keyhole as when spoken in a louder tone in the dog's immediate presence. His obedience was perfect.

He was able, in an office building, to locate the elevators, and to distinguish between the right and the left one; in a home he at once went to the kitchen when asked to find the cook; he could tell the difference between collar and dollar. Mr. Herbert, the trainer, was convinced that Fellow and other dogs can and do smell human emotions, and thus, if one is afraid of them, they know it, or if not afraid, they are equally aware.

Circumstances made it necessary for Mr. Herbert to be away from his dog for several weeks, with the result that might have been anticipated. The dog had become so attached to his master that he could not live without him,

and died of a broken heart at six years of age—a matter of public regret.

Other Examples of Intelligence

The late M. Clemenceau, French statesman, had a fox terrier which used to go for long walks. When tired it would jump into a taxicab and sit down. When turned out it jumped back in until the driver examined its collar and drove it home, anticipating the liberal tip always forthcoming.

H. M. Jackson, editor of the Marianna (Ark.) *Courier-Index,* is credited with having a dog that he had trained to go for 10c worth of fresh meat for himself, at the butcher's, whenever he wanted it, and when he cut down on his extravagance the dog switched his affection to the butcher himself and kept it until his death. He narrates an incident where his dog, having been robbed of his meat on one occasion, went and secured the assistance of a four-footed friend, like himself a pointer, and between the two pointers they licked the offending bulldog to a finish. Jackson may have been "stringing" his readers on all this, and, if he was, he strung *The Literary Digest* (which is not so hard).

Albert W. Litchfield raises dogs to sell. One day a man came to the Litchfield kennels for a puppy. A mother dog and her family were in the next room, but by the time a basket had been provided, and a blanket warmed, the puppies had disappeared; the mother had hidden her babies under the straw.

Mr. Litchfield has a dog Frieda that at a word of command will wind the wall clock by pulling down the weights, lower the window shades, get her pillow and lie on it; that is, she will if the family house cat is in for the night. Otherwise, she sits up, uneasy, until the prowler returns. Frieda held at bay an insane man who first attempted to come in through a door and afterwards a window, and finally led a posse to where they found him. Litchfield thinks that mixed breeds are more intelligent than thoroughbreds.

A Denver theater man has a dog that acts as a sandwich man. At Montserrat, Spain, a dog acts as guard of a railroad crossing. When he hears a train approaching, he jumps up and stands on his hind legs, bearing between one of his paws and his breast a red flag which signals road passengers to stop. At Gonwick, Minnesota, a ten-year-old boy has trained his dog to dig potatoes, and he does it perfectly. The boy merely pulls the tops.

A writer in the Manchester *Guardian* trained a dog to pick up cigarette wrappers, bits of paper, burned matches, etc. The dog cleaned up his master's place and then went and cleaned up the whole neighborhood. He even tried to paw up a new white line which the traffic overseers had painted on the pavement.

What Number, Please?

A dog by the name of Express was shut up in an office in the Bronx, New York city. He knocked over the telephone, barked into it, and succeeded in getting the fire department, police department and salvage corps to let him out.

At 577 Greenwich street, New York, a similar incident occurred. A police dog was watching a huge loft; the steam had been turned off; it was winter; it was dark and it was cold; and it was Sunday. Angry barking in a telephone brought emergency squad Number 1, which ran a ladder to the second floor and released the dog.

At Philadelphia, Mrs. Mabel Henry was conversing with a friend over the telephone, when a masked man entered and attacked her. In the struggle which ensued she became unconscious, but her two Boston terriers bit and chewed the intruder and barked so savagely that he was glad to retreat; and when help arrived, as a result of the barking over the telephone, the dogs were in full charge of the premises.

At Denver, a six-month-old terrier fell asleep under the counter of a jewelry store while his master was making a purchase. He slept on, and when the store was closed for the night he was still there. At length he awoke to find himself alone and the place in darkness; he jerked the telephone to the floor, barked in the receiver, and the result was that a riot squad hastened to the scene and let him out.

Dogs Trained to Guide the Blind

When church members engage in the merry sport of murdering one another wholesale, the game is called "war". It inevitably results in thousands of them going without eyes for the rest of their lives. In Germany there are thousands of dogs trained to act as caretakers of sightless men. America has a few of these. It takes three to four months to train them.

Elmo von La Salle, one of these true aristocrats, is the caretaker of Mr. Christensen, a Los Angeles business man. They go for long walks together, and travel at a rapid pace. Twelve feet before reaching a curb Elmo slackens his

pace. At the crossing he sits upon his haunches while the master ascertains with his cane the length of the step he must take. If danger is in the way, the dog sits down until it is removed, or he may carefully pass around it. While at work he pays no attention to other dogs. If annoyed by them a deep rumble in his throat serves fair warning.

Mrs. Blanche Eddy, Berkeley, California, totally blind, is guided about by Beda. Beda is as much of a lady as Elmo is a gentleman. Females are generally preferred for this work, as they are less easily distracted than males. Her methods of protecting her charge are the same. She guides around open cellar doors, holes in the pavement, construction work, or any other obstacles. She was trained at the American "School of the Seeing Eye", Nashville, Tennessee, where such dogs learn.*

United States Senator Thomas D. Schall, of Minnesota, who is blind, has a very intelligent police dog that acts as his guide in Washington. Once when the senator called with his dog at the White House President Coolidge patted him on the head and said the dog was the first visitor in eight years that did not want something. At Pittsburgh a dog led a blind man from a burning building to safety. Dogs leading the blind should not be patted, fed, molested, lured away or specially noticed by strangers. Their honest and useful work should not be interfered with in any way.

A blind collie developed an almost abnormally keen sense of protection of his twelve-year-old mistress; he never got it through his head that she could see and he could not.

Mary E. Woolley, president of Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, has two collies, one of them blind from birth. The seeing dog takes perfect care of his sightless brother, and entertains him constantly. Tug of war is the favorite game, but they race at full tilt, the seeing dog with his jaws on the other one's coat, to steer him away from all harm.

* For further specific information address the New York Association for the Blind, 111 East 59th St., New York, N. Y., which has kennels for similar training at Josef Weber's, Princeton, N. J., and in Michigan and Minnesota. The institution at Nashville is headed by Mrs. Harrison Eustis, under the auspices of Morris Frank, wealthy southerner, and himself totally blind. Mr. Frank, who went to Lausanne, for his first dog, and spent six weeks learning what the dog already knew, says: "My dog has changed me from a blind and helpless human into one who can see again. I know what the dog means to me, and no matter what obstacle may arise, it will not prevent me from seeing that the blind of America should be given this opportunity to enjoy the freedom of motion."

Jacqueline, Boulderwall, and Snoozer

The French bulldog, Princess Jacqueline, owned by Mrs. Mabel Robinson, Bangor, Maine, is reputed to say "Hello", "I won't," "Out," and "Elevator", and to have spelled out the word "Bangor". She took the Eastern Dog Show, at Boston, by storm.

Boulderwall, a large, gentle, mouse-colored Great Dane, owned by J. Stuart Tompkins, New York lawyer, 101 West 85th street, New York city, is reputed to say "How do you do?" "Thank you," "I won't," "I want to go out," "Hello, Henrietta," "I want Willard," "I want water," etc. Henrietta and Willard are members of the family. This dog, not allowed to bark, gradually taught herself certain words from hearing them spoken often. At first her words were imperfectly formed, but of late years are much better.

Snoozer is dead. He was owned by Mrs. A. Richare, 67 Riverside drive, New York city, and as a talking dog was alleged to have an earning capacity of $1,000 a week. Mrs. Richare says that Snoozer could hum a tune so beautifully as to bring tears to the eyes, and that his last words were, "More lamb, mama." A police dog in Pensacola, Florida, by name Pittsburgh, also says, "Mama."

Ludwig Finian, Hungary, owned and trained "Sambo, the Singing Dog", alleged to be worth $10,000. The dog was shot as a trespasser by Count Francis Esterhazy, wealthiest man in the country. After deliberating for two years nine Hungarian judges decided that he must pay $800 for the dog. As he was the wealthiest man in the country, it is surprising that the verdict was for more than 8c.

Dr. Frederick A. Lucas, of the American Museum of Natural History, states that dogs laugh much as do humans, and that horses, monkeys, hyenas, donkeys and cows do the same. Dogs learn vowels with entire ease; the long-drawn howl is always on a vowel sound. Tests show that dogs are mostly heedless of consonants.

Dogs as Timekeepers

Bob, a shaggy-haired dog, part Airedale, is said never to fail to meet the Baltimore & Ohio's Capital Limited when it arrives at Deshler, Ohio, at 7:28 p.m. on its way east. On the rare occasions when the train is late he paces up and down the platform much like an impatient passenger.

(*To be continued*)

Jonadabs Among the Indians

A FRIEND in British Columbia writes enclosing a letter from a full-blooded Indian who had come into possession of a copy of Judge Rutherford's book *Deliverance*. The Indian said: "There is good news for you. Yesterday 'Father' Alard make fun with us: he fight woman for money: so her husband try to protect wife and he fight him too. I came in time to make peace. I said to him, 'You belong up in the air.' There was no more fight then. The woman's neck was all bruised and bleeding. Last Christmas he said to the people not to give less than $200: so the poor people gave what they had and now they have nothing to live on. I did not give one cent. I got a good book that shows me everything he said. As he was going away I said to him, 'Give back the money to Indians before you go, or I will send the mountie (mounted police) after you.' He said nothing about going away. This is Sunday morning and I do not go to church. I go to my own church: that means ours, you and me. Please will you send this good news to newspaper (*Watchtower* or *Golden Age*), to enter my subscription back to the first one, and let your head man know I join, too."

An Interesting Exchange of Letters

A LETTER, from a subscriber, to the service department of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society:

May 19, 1934

Dear Brethren in the Lord's Service:

Enclosed find a money order of two hundred dollars to be used to furnish two transcription machines to be used in the Lord's service.

Please see that they will be placed where they will be well used in carrying the Kingdom message and where they will be used often.

Yours for Jehovah's kingdom,

(Signed)

The reply from the Watch Tower office:

May 21, 1934

Dear Fellow Witness:

This is to acknowledge receipt of two money orders for $100.00 each that you sent as payment in full for two new spring-wound transcription record machines to be used in the service of Jehovah in carrying the message of the Kingdom to the people.

In the name of the Lord we desire to thank you for this generous gift, and in harmony with your suggestions we will place these two machines in the hands of active pioneers who have been unable to buy any of their own but who will make good use of them in connection with their house-to-house work. We are sure the Lord will give the increase or prosperity that He has promised in His Word.

We thought it would be nice to send you one of the earlier sets of 78-r.p.m. records which the Society is now putting out. Possibly you have a small phonograph which you can use to play these for the instruction and edification of your friends and neighbors. The Society is glad to send you this set gratis in view of your generous provision to arrange for two portable transcription machines to be used by brethren in the field preaching the Kingdom message.

The transcription branch of the service is being wonderfully used of the Lord, not only throughout the United States, but also throughout the English-speaking world. The Kingdom message is carried to the remote parts of Australia, Canada, South America and in West and East Africa in a most remarkable way by this agency.

May the Lord bless and direct you as you use your faculties to the praise of His name and to the furtherance of the Kingdom interests.

Your brethren in Kingdom service,

(Signed)

The next letter from the subscriber:

June 2, 1934

Dear Brethren:

Enclosed find money orders amounting to two hundred dollars to be used to furnish two transcription machines to be used in the Lord's service. Please see that they are placed in hands that will use them often in broadcasting the Lord's kingdom message; and many thanks for the phonograph records. They are sure grand and they are good and plain on the old phonograph. We are glad now that we kept our old phonograph. It will serve its purpose well.

Yours for the Lord's kingdom,

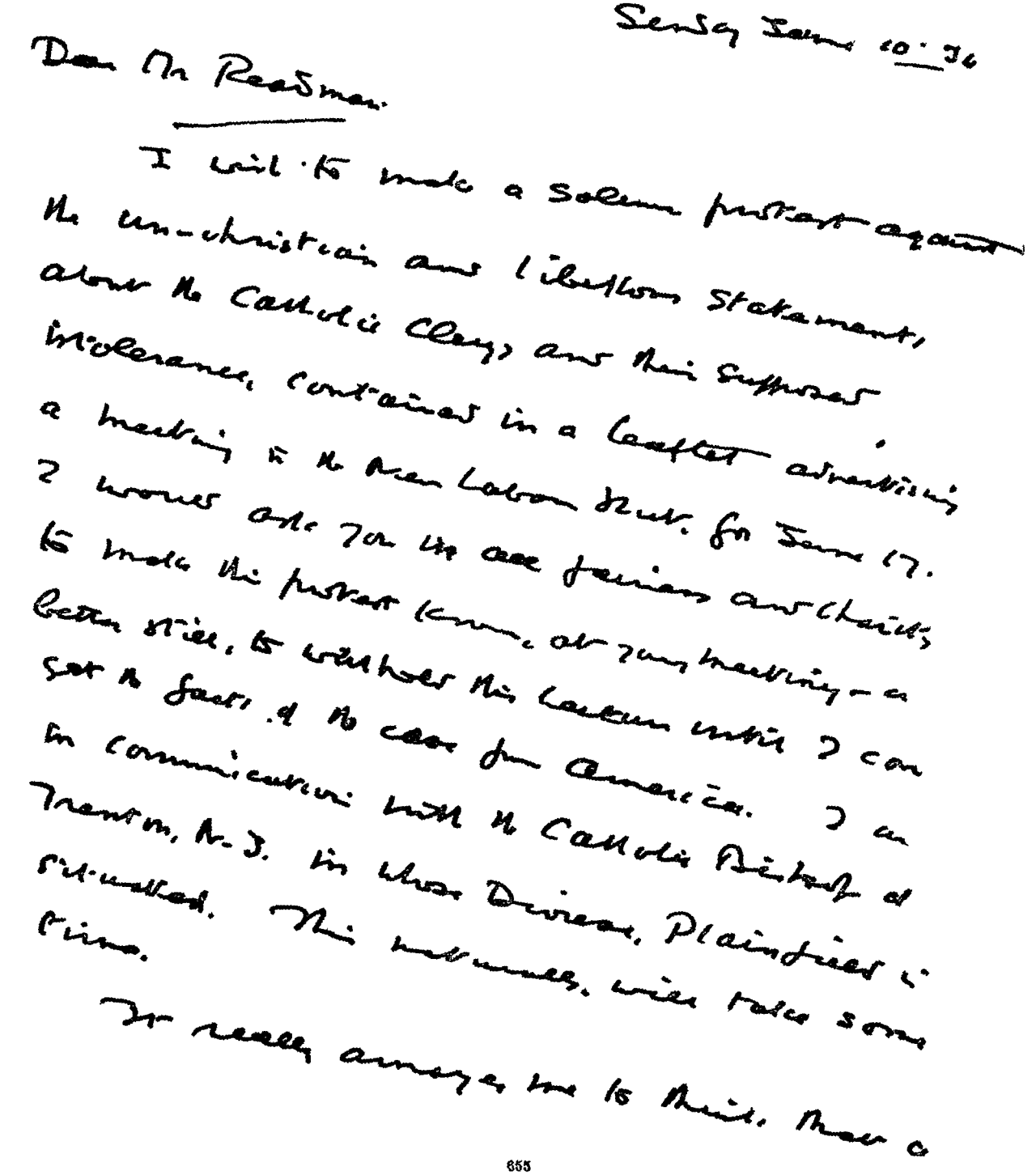
(Signed)

Heywood Broun on Mother's Day

HEYWOOD BROUN says he does not see how anybody can fail to gag when, on Mother's Day, a gentleman with a sob in his voice begins with a tribute to motherhood and ends by suggesting that every dutiful son and daughter send home a can of beauty lotion, cold cream or breakfast food; and that if he were a mother he would feel like kicking an advertiser in the eye whom he found using him as a crying point to break down sales resistance. Mr. Broun must have been reading Judge Rutherford's book, *Vindication* I, pages 158-160, to good advantage.

How the Roman Clergy Everywhere Work Together

THE two letters reproduced herewith are written by a Catholic priest of Guisborough, Yorkshire, England (ascertained from his embossed letterhead), to Mr. Readman, a town clerk of an adjacent municipality, and show that the Catholic priests in England are working hand in glove with the Catholic bishop in Trenton, N. J. No further comment is necessary. The Catholic church in the United States is not merely a religious organization, but a part of a powerful foreign political institution whose headquarters are located in a small state near Rome, Italy, and which is essentially pagan in antecedents and action.



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I am writing to you under the impression,
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of these meetings. If not, will you be so
kind as to hand this protest over to the
proper quarter.

I am, yours sincerely,

Arthur F. Mercer.

As I am the only Catholic priest in this town
this statement affects me, you understand.

(COPY)

ST. PAULINUS,
GUISBOROUGH,
YORKS.

Sunday June 10, '34

DEAR MR. READMAN.

I wish to make a solemn protest against the unchristian and libellous statement, about the Catholic clergy and their supposed intolerance, contained in a leaflet advertising a meeting in the New Labor Hut, for June 17. I would ask you in all fairness and charity to make this protest known at your meeting—or better still, to withhold this lecture until I can get the facts of the case from America. I am in communication with the Catholic bishop of Trenton, N. J., in whose diocese Plainfield is situated. This naturally will take some time.

It really amazes me to think that a man of your integrity should be mixed up in this frightful perversion of truth. I am writing to you under the impression, of course, that you are more or less in charge of these meetings. If not, will you be so kind as to hand this protest over to the proper quarter.

I am, yours sincerely,
(signed) ARTHUR F. MERCER.

As I am the only Catholic priest in this town this statement affects me, you understand.

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ST. PAULINUS,
GUISBOROUGH,
YORKS.

June 16, '34

DEAR MR. READMAN.

As I have had no acknowledgment of my solemn protest of last Sunday, I am again writing, so that

June 16. '34

Dear Mr. Readmon.

As I have had the misfortune of my solemn Protest of last Sunday, I am again writing, so that there shall be no mistake. The leaflet and the proposed 'Lecture' are both an unwarrantable attack on a world-wide body of men who have dedicated their life's work to the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ—and, to make it the more hypocritical,—does so in the name of "Christian". These particular men are on the other side of the world and cannot be present to speak for themselves. It is also an uncalled for and unprovoked attack—in the name of "Christian people" on myself as the only representative of the Catholic clergy in this town. If this continues, I must in self-defense, take steps to inform the public as to the true facts of the case. I do not like this religious controversy but you are driving me into it. In justice to myself as a Catholic priest, and to all Catholics who are being attacked when their priests are attacked, I must defend our sacred cause.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) ARTHUR F. MERCER.

P.S. I send this to you as the only representative known to me.

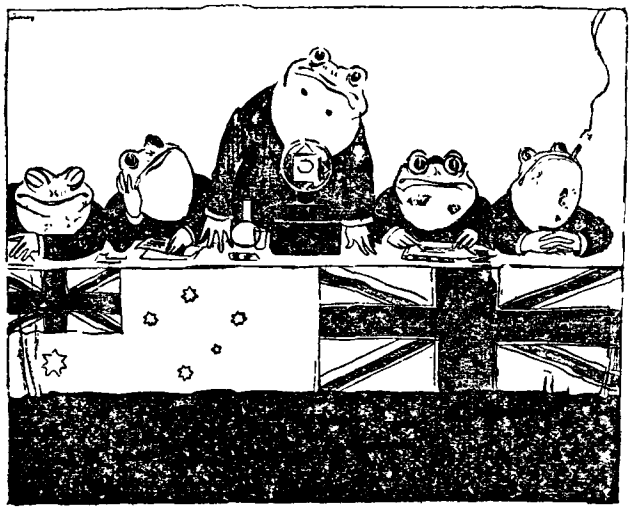
Big Business Department

$707.96 to the Bad

AN ILLINOIS couple write in that they had a $3,000 mortgage on their place, were paying it off at $40 a month, and thought to make smaller monthly payments by switching to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation. When they investigated they discovered that the Home Loan bonds were selling at a discount and they would have to take out a new loan for $3,707.96 to pay off their $3,000 mortgage. This is a pretty faithful picture of about the way every plan for ameliorating the condition of the common people works out. The original holder of the mortgage in this instance was most happy to have the home owner take a loss of $707.96, being assured that he would get back his principal and interest, and besides that would rake in the difference in the price of the bonds.

American Chamber of Commerce in Australia

UNTIL we saw this likeness in the Sydney (Australia) *Wireless Weekly,* we did not know that the American Chamber of Commerce had recently been on a trip to Australia, and even now the evidence is all circumstantial. Granted that the picture was likely taken in Australia, because it appeared in an Australian paper, and the British Union Jack appears in



"THE ECONOMIC SITUATION . . . ."

two places in the drapings of the speaker's table, it yet remains that the likenesses of the speaker and listeners are so truly representative of American Big Business that the conclusions are fully justified. No doubt the Australians were greatly edified by the message which only Big Business, and American Big Business at that, could bring to them at this time.

International Council of Religious Education

JUST what the connection is between the International council of religious education and the American federation of utility investors would be hard to understand, were it not for the fact that Reverend Doctor Hugh S. Magill is secretary of the one and president of the other. Just why the Power Trust should help the religious education experts bear their financial burdens would be a problem if we did not already know so much about the methods the Power Trust uses to accomplish its ends. Buddhists get salvation by saying "Buddha" just so many times; Mariolatrists get theirs by saying "Mary" so many times; but it remains for Protestants to get theirs at so much per kilowatt.

Why Corporations Pay Large Salaries

IN 1929 the Paramount-Publix Corporation paid 9 of its executives $3,795,000 in salaries, and in 1933 it failed and did not pay them anything. If it be asked why the officers were in such a hurry to pay themselves so much money if the concern was so near going on the rocks, the answer is that like all the other apostles of Big Business they felt it a duty to get both feet into the trough so that the employees of the company would not get too large a share of it and be tempted to go Bolshevik. The only flaw in this explanation is why a man who is getting good wages should wish to go Bolshevik; but when one hears of such wages as those executives paid themselves, then everybody feels like going Bolshevik.

Railways Investing in Automobiles

THE New York Central urges automobile owners to leave their cars at home and take advantage of arrangements they have made for "Drive Yourself" service in the 31 principal cities reached by their lines. It is not time to tear up the tracks yet, but it looks as if it were being cogitated.

Bridging of the Irrawaddy

INDIA and Burmah are now joined by a bridge across the Irrawaddy river, one of the greatest bridges ever built in Asia. Highways are carried on each side of the railway bridge, the construction of which makes possible through-land traffic for the first time. The cost of the bridge was £1,125,000.

How to Make Yogurt

MRS. HELEN GROZESCU, of Michigan, familiar with its preparation, says that the best and finest yogurt is made of sheep's milk, but good results can be obtained with cow's milk also, especially if it is rich and fresh. She wonders that, in America, sheep are not raised for their milk. She gives the recipe for making yogurt, as follows: "To start with, one needs a little yogurt, the bacteria that causes the fermentation. This can be secured at almost any Slav-Balkan restaurant for as little as 10c a jar. Take the desired quantity of milk, if possible add some cream to it, and bring it to a boil on a slow fire; then let it cool off till lukewarm. Take two or three tablespoons of yogurt to a quart of milk and mix in well with about one teaspoon of flour. Pour it into a glass or porcelain jar or deep dish. Cover the dish, bundle with blankets and place in moderately warm place until it sets like junket, in from three to four hours. Then cool off, and it is ready to serve. Last but not least, be sure that you leave a little, to have a starter for the next time. This can be kept in a cold place four to five days. After that it will spoil. Hope you will all enjoy it."

How to Make Kumiss

H. S. CHRISHOP, of British Columbia, gives the following recipe for making kumiss, sometimes called milk beer: "Into one quart of new milk put one gill to one pint of fresh buttermilk and three or four lumps of white sugar. Mix well and see that sugar is dissolved. Put in warm place for ten hours, when it will become thick. Pour from one vessel to another until it becomes smooth and uniform in consistency. Bottle and keep in a warm place for twenty-four hours; it may take thirty-six hours in winter. The bottles must be tightly corked and corks tied down. Shake well five minutes before opening. It makes a very agreeable drink, which is especially recommended for persons who do not assimilate their food, and for young children may be drunk as freely as milk. The richer your milk (which should be unskimmed), the better will be your kumiss."

A Chatty Letter from Nova Scotia

SAYS Mrs. M. MacLean, of Nova Scotia: "We have been enjoying *The Golden Age* for twelve years now, and every issue is just a little better than the last one. The household hints are of great interest to us housekeepers, especially. Perhaps you would publish this recipe for coffee substitute sometime; we find it nice for breakfast, and very inexpensive, and simple to make. Just mix a quantity of bran or whole-wheat flour and molasses and roast slowly in oven until crisp, stirring often. Then store in a jar, and steep as needed. This is similar to postum.

"I am enclosing an article against vaccination, which came out in a Halifax paper recently. Vaccination is getting pretty unpopular around here, and we have no trouble in getting a paper of exemption each year; so our children have never been vaccinated, and as a result are exceptionally robust children and seldom develop even a cold.

"Needless to say, they are not eating out of aluminum, either. When working from door to door, carrying the message of good cheer, we never fail to speak of aluminum's being dangerous, if we have an opportunity.

"The long articles on different countries, etc., are very educational, both for adults and children, and, of course, Brother Rutherford's articles are appreciated by all.

"Those news items are gems, and keep us up to date on world events, all right. In short, we would rather do without almost anything else than *The Golden Age*. I was rather disappointed that you did not publish another article about Christmas lately. What a relief to be clear of that pest! Others envy us but have not the courage to break away from it.

"I hope to hear lots more through *The Golden Age* in the months to come."

(The reason why we publish this letter is that it is written in such a guileless, manifestly sincere manner. If it had been written with a view to publication, then it would not go in. If you honestly think *The Golden Age* is the best all-round magazine in print, there is no objection to your saying so, to anybody, but if you say it to somebody else than us you are more likely to get some new subscribers, as we already take it.—*Ed.*)

For Those Who Prefer Hot Bread

MRS. JOSEPH LEVENS, pioneer, says: "Those who prefer to use 'hot bread' and use cream of tartar and soda, or baking powder, instead of yeast, may do so in the following manner: First let the bread cool off to allow the carboniferous gas to escape, and then reheat in oven. This advice was given by a friend in the medical profession."

Tolerance of Catholic Church

IN AN address over radio station KFAC in Los Angeles, in March, the Reverend Joseph A. Vaughan, S.J., of Loyola University, that city, said: "I am bold enough to assert that the Catholic church, far from being the bigoted, intolerant organization she is often painted, is the most tolerant and kindly of churches." Six months previously this same Reverend Vaughan in a dispatch, sent to Catholic papers all over the country by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, was quoted as saying: "For four years I was privileged to broadcast Catholic lectures over Station KOY. Rutherford held forth on the same station, but when I explained to Mr. Earl Nielson, a Lutheran and manager of the station, the nature of the broadcasts going out over his station he immediately and merely on my word called in the program manager and ordered the contract with Rutherford's agent to be canceled at once." Mr. Vaughan, it should be explained, is a Jesuit. The Jesuits have been expelled from numerous countries, and the order was at one time interdicted by one of the more decent of the popes, for reasons which Mr. Vaughan's conduct makes perfectly clear.

"The Depression as We Have Known It"

SAYS *Our Sunday Visitor:* "At various intervals during the past four years statesmen, economists and others have prophesied an early end of the depression, and things only went from bad to worse! But in proclaiming the Holy Year last winter, at a time when there were no evidences of returning prosperity, the Holy Father declared that the year 1933 would see the end of the depression as we have known it. The experience of the last three months has proved that he is the only true prophet."

Golden Age readers will want a little more proof. Many of them have read that the Roman pope recently cut the pay of his employees at Vatican City from ten to fifteen percent. Evidently he is now beginning to know the depression in a way he has not "known it" before.

When the pay-cuts were announced there went up a great howl, which the papers thoughtfully described as a "wave of unhappiness". In fact, the "unhappiness" was so great that it was decided to put off the inevitable for a week or two. Perhaps this was just to get them used to "knowing" the depression better.

Then, on top of that, a duty was levied on the tobacco shipped into "the Vatican state". The pope may be doing this just to feel more like a real honest-to-goodness king, but we have an idea that he needs the money, inasmuch as 1933 has seen the end of the depression as he has "known it".

The pope's separated brethren are also getting acquainted with the depression in a way they have not "known it" before. Some months ago the Federal Council of Churches in America was sending out appeals, begging for two hundred people to come forward with $5 apiece —only $5. No doubt there was a secret hope that this modest appeal, and 'intensely human document', would pry bills of larger denominations loose from a larger number than just two hundred.

The clergy business is drawing to a close. The end is near; for the financial support is being gradually dried up, and "no money, no clergy". When the depression as we have known it ends, the clergy business will end with it; and that's something.

In Anticipation of Good Profits

PRAVDA (Truth), Russian paper of Philadelphia, is alleged to have said that the Vatican has bought 45 million Czechoslovakian crowns' worth of shares from an Italian corporation which manufactures chemical war material, especially poison gases. An investment of this size indicates a hunch that business is expected to be good. *Pravda* does not see anything very Christlike in such an investment; it does not yet realize that "organized religion" is merely the Devil's wit and humor department, and never intended by him to be anything more than a travesty and mockery of true Christianity, and a dishonor to Jehovah's name.

$25 for a Few Minutes' Work

A YOUNG man at Yonkers, New York, made $25 in a few minutes. He called on two priests, telling each of them his desire to purchase a mass for the repose of his mother's soul. To Reverend Sarubbi he said his mother's name had been Rogano before her marriage; to Reverend Dworzak he said her name had been Yablonski. In each case he tendered a $35 check for the mass, accepting $10 change in the first instance and $15 in the second. With the $25 in his pocket he was able to move on to other fields.

Value of Indulgenced Ejaculations

FROM certain advertising matter put out by The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, 93d avenue and 220th street, Queens Village, Long Island, N. Y., Reverend B. J. Reilly, rector, we learn that for just saying "Mary!" there are 25 days, each time, but for saying "Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation!" there are 300 days, each time. Now it appears that there are two syllables in the first ejaculation, so that salvation or deliverance from the fires of purgatory in that case is at the rate of 12½ days per syllable. In the latter case there are 10 syllables; so the relief is at the rate of 30 days per syllable. At least that would be the case were it not for the fact that "Mary" occurs in this second ejaculation, and it is already established that there are but 25 days for the two syllables. So it appears that for the 8 remaining syllables there are 275 days' relief. This is at the rate of 34.375 days per syllable, as against 12.5 days per syllable for the "Mary!" ejaculation, and one wonders why the one that made up this time table should have thus discriminated against Mary, and what can be done about it.

A Shepherd of the Devil

(Translated from the Portuguese weekly *Linha Geral*)

DURING a conference at Maçãs de D. Maria a priest by name of Costa Fonseca made the following remarks, which should make him celebrated:

"It is by God's will that we become sick. To attempt to cure said sickness is to go contrary to the Creator's will, who may send us something more severe."

"Although all of you may practice the Catholic religion, even if there is one who does not practice it that is sufficient for God to send in justice and in great vengeance and destroy every thing in the community!"

"Anyone who does not practice the Catholic religion, has no right to exist."

(Editor's comments)

"This priest is a beautiful sample! Just to think that such silly fellows still conduct the people in many localities!"

In Catholic New York

MORNING paper of May 28, 1934. It seems there was some disorder on May 26 at the Department of Welfare office. At court the next day somebody booed and jeered a magistrate when he was hearing the case, and he ordered the courtroom cleared. The police proceeded to comply. A teacher and his wife were pushed across a street. The husband objected when one of the policemen struck his wife. This resulted in his having his head knocked against a wall, while the wife was knocked down by a blow in the face, and several policemen kicked her while she was down. The husband was then knocked unconscious, and was also kicked while he was down. Two reporters who protested were punched. The Roman Catholic hierarchy is quite proud of the fact that most of the police of the world's greatest city are subjects of the monarch of Vatican City. Once or twice a year there are special masses in which the police are present by the thousands. It is claimed that the police of London are the most courteous and the most capable in the world.

The Devil Selling Out

A YEAR ago we published the good news that Ambrose was getting rid of his gambling stock in the Monte Carlo outfit. Not sure if the British publisher who was after it, or supposed to be after it, got it or not. Now we have word that the Anglican clergy pension board has decided to part with its investment of $50,000 in the armament firm of Vickers, Limited. Shares in whisky distilleries will go next, and the first thing you know the clergy won't have any income at all. Suppose now that Ambrose should see the essential crookedness in this purgatory scheme. Who would want to pay out good money for any of his other stuff? Nobody; absolutely nobody.

Activities of Holy Name Societies

HERE is an item, that 6,000 Roman Catholic policemen in New York city, members of the Holy Name Society, have made a pledge that they will never take God's name in vain; here is another item (in *The Catholic News* of March 3), that one thousand members of the New York Post Office Holy Name Society attended the annual memorial mass for the deceased members of the postal service, and adjoining it is an item, that three thousand Catholic lawyers will go into retreat at Mount Manresa, Staten Island. Protestants believe in staying apart; Catholics believe in sticking together.

The Latest News from Belgrade

HELLO! What's this? The *South Slav Herald,* published in Belgrade. It takes us back to the glad wild ways of school-boy days when we learned:

> An Austrian Army Awfully Arrayed
> Bold By Battery Besieged Belgrade

and so on down through the alphabet. Belgrade, Yugoslavia, is a good way from here. The Turks had it, off and on, from 1521 to 1867. We say "off and on", because Austrians had it away from them four times meanwhile. It is an interesting paper. Here is a four-column account of how Sigmund Ruud, Norwegian ski jumper, made the world's record ski jump of 95 meters at Planica, Yugoslavia, on Palm Sunday, April 15, but fell, and so lost credit for it, while his own brother, Birger Ruud, jumped 92½ meters, and managed to keep his feet, despite a stiff knee. The hill was kept in condition by artificial freezing, on a huge scale.

Another item, still more interesting. It says:

The End of the World. After the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Mormon Mission, the Y.M.C.A. and the Salvation Army, the list of Anglo-American religious undertakings settled in Belgrade has been swelled by the advent of disciples of the famous Judge Rutherford of Brooklyn. "Advent" is indeed the appropriate word, for the Rutherford movement is one of those based on the belief that a Second Advent is either at hand or has already taken place, and that the end of the world must be looked for in our own lifetime. From his "Watch Tower" in Adams Street, Brooklyn, U.S.A., Judge Rutherford has brooded over modern conditions, and, in the light of the writings of the prophet Isaiah (especially chapter 43, verses 8-12), he has decided that the world actually ended in 1914, and that we are living today in that unhappy interim when it is given to the Powers of Darkness to have sway. The Watch Tower movement, it is stated, reserves judgment on the N.R.A. in America, though it is more definite about the U.S.S.R. One finds something attractive and courageous in the way Judge Rutherford applies his apocalyptic vision to the world as he finds it, shirking no current problem, unlike the supiner attitude of established Anglo-Saxon religion which, in a world calling for crusades, offers a Revised Prayer Book and a round of afternoon teas. Indeed, when Judge Rutherford declares that the world ended in 1914, he is perfectly right, for that date was undoubtedly the end of an epoch that will never return. And there is originality, too, in his breakaway from the old conception of a world ending by flood and earthquake, the clash of planets and sidereal fire. "The world has ended," declares Judge Rutherford, "and people do not know it." And now his movement has come to Belgrade where it has established at Visegradska 15, its depot and headquarters, stocked with Bibles, books and pamphlets, not unlike the larger Bible Society premises in the Knez Mihailova. The representative of Judge Rutherford here is Mr. Djamonja, whose activities will be watched with interest. Incidentally, it is stated that the 'Watch Tower' books and pamphlets have been translated into 60 languages and more than 100 million have been published.

How McCart Saved His Soul

THOMAS MCCART, of Washington, sent us the following moving appeal for an extra copy of *The Golden Age* which, under the circumstances, we were more than glad we could supply. He said:

"I have denied myself many things and have resisted many temptations, and feel as though I should be permitted to enter the pearly gate, owing to the righteous, virtuous and industrious life I have led. At the present writing I could look St. Peter straight in the eye, and say, 'If you know all, open the gate; I have obeyed the law.' But if I fail to receive a copy of your issue of April 12, 1933, my soul is lost. It is this way: A friend of mine loaned me an issue of the above-mentioned date with the express understanding that I would return it. I fell in love with the paper, so much so that I shall be tempted to lie and tell my good friend the paper was lost. If 5c is not enough, I am willing to pay more, as I am sure it will be less expensive than calling on a priest to have my sins forgiven and save my soul from hell."

A Junior Witness for Jehovah

WILLIAM M. YOCUM, of Philadelphia, relates that during the recent Thanksgiving Period, March 24 to April 1, a policeman stopped a lad of 15, small of stature, thinking he might be a violator of the child labor laws. The following conversation ensued: "For whom are you working?" "Jehovah." "Do you get any pay?" "Yes." "How much?" "A blessing." The policeman smiled and walked on.

An Editor's Protest

MORTON ALEXANDER, editor of *Humanity*, says: "I protest. Labor is a law of life. It is the necessary condition not only of abundance but of existence upon earth, but I protest that the few shall revel in idleness while the many toil; that the few waste while the many want; that the few shall be masters while the many serve. I protest that the toilers of the earth shall be the poor and the idlers the rich."

ANNOUNCEMENT

On this page appears the fourth in a series of twelve lectures by Judge Rutherford which, covering each a separate Scriptural theme, form a comprehensive digest of important Bible teachings. Adhering closely to the Scriptures and following the lead therein given, these brief talks point to the only secure basis for faith and conduct on the part of everyone who would live right and have God's approval. Jehovah is the God of truth, and His Word is the only infallible guide for man.

Life *By J. F. Rutherford*

A CREATURE that breathes, moves, is conscious, and thinks, is properly said to live. Death is the very opposite of life, because a dead man does not breathe, cannot move, he is entirely unconscious, and knows not anything. (Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10) If a creature possessed the right to live he might live for ever. Adam had the right to life, but he lost it because of his disobedience to God, and in due time he entirely lost life. No one can get life except by the will of God; therefore it is written: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) This text shows that life and death are exactly opposite to each other. God suffers or permits men to have a small measure of life, even though they do not have the right thereto, but in due time every man dies; hence it is written: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."—1 Corinthians 15:22.

Jesus gave up His life as a man that mankind might have an opportunity to live, and God raised up Jesus to life as a divine spirit and clothed Him with authority to give life to man. When on earth Jesus said: 'I am come that the people might have life.' (John 10:10) He also said that He came to give His life a ransom for many, that is to say, as many as would accept life on the terms offered. (Matthew 20:28) There is no possible way for any man to get everlasting life except by faith in the shed blood of Christ Jesus. (Acts 4:12) Since Jesus gave His life as a man for the redemption of mankind, it is the will of God that all men shall hear the truth and thus be given an opportunity to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and obey His righteous law and live.

Satan is bent on turning all mankind away from God and to cause their eternal destruction; hence he keeps the people in ignorance concerning the truth. For that reason Satan has caused so many confusing doctrines to be preached to the people. Such false doctrines do not find support in the Bible, but they are the teachings of men and they originate with Satan. The only place to find the truth is in the Bible. Jesus said: "Thy word is truth." (John 17:17) The sin of the first man Adam brought death upon all the human race, and the precious blood of Jesus provided the way for all men to have an opportunity for life. It is written, in Romans 5:18: "Therefore, as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

In order to accept Jehovah's gracious gift of life man must learn of the provision therefor. Although the Devil has for centuries attempted to keep all men from a knowledge of the truth, yet there have at all times been a few men on earth who have believed on and obeyed God. Since the days of the apostles of Jesus there have been comparatively a small number of men and women who have become true followers of Christ Jesus and who have been faithful unto God. To such the promise is made: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Revelation 2:10) That means that such faithful ones will receive the highest element of life, which is existence in happiness in a divine state.

The great mass of mankind, however, have died in total ignorance of the truth, and hence have had no opportunity to accept Jesus as their Savior. It is written in the Scriptures that all of such shall be brought forth from the graves and be given a knowledge of the truth, that they may have opportunity to obey and live. There are now millions of persons on earth who are hearing the truth, and those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and who obey Jehovah God's righteous law, shall live and shall not die. Concerning such Jesus said: "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death."—John 8:51.

Life in happiness is what all creatures desire. It would be of no profit to you to gain all the

wealth of the earth and fail to get life. The Bible points out the way to everlasting life; and where to find the text, and the explanation thereof, is set out in the book *Reconciliation.* You should acquire this correct knowledge and be diligent to teach the same to your children and to your friends. God made the earth for man to live on, and now is the time for you to learn how you may live for ever on the earth in peace and prosperity with those whom you love.

[The twelve brief talks, of which the above is one, are obtainable in the form of phonograph records, six in all (two talks on each disk). This unique, instructive and helpful set of records is issued by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., and constitutes a splendid means of refreshing one's mind on important and comforting Bible truths and an opportunity to share their helpful influence with neighbors and friends. The records may be played on an ordinary phonograph at the standard speed of 78 revolutions per minute. Inquiries about these records should be addressed to the Society.]

This Blasphemy Speaks for Itself

TO *The Golden Age:*

The following is an excerpt from a letter received by me in my office, to wit:

Last Friday's newspaper, the *National-Zeitung* of Basel, contains an article "Christianity in Conflict". The article tells about the trouble of the Protestant church in Germany and about the movement of the "German Christians". The "German Christians" have stated: "We, German Christians, are the S.A. police of God"; and now the others are protesting against this betrayal of the Gospel and of the Word of God. The "German Christians" had a conference, and the Bishop Koch was present. A candidate of theology, Mr. Kunze, gave a discourse and he chose as his text the first words of the first chapter of the Gospel of John, but he changed the text to read as follows:

"In the beginning were the people and the people were with God and God was the people, and the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by the people and without them nothing was made."

Moreover, a book was published in Germany ten years ago, by Franz von Wendrin, *The Discovery of Paradise,* with 43 pictures and 2 maps. He goes back into German mythology and claims that the paradise was in the province of Pommern, in northern Germany, near the Baltic sea. He further claims that the name "Jews" should not apply to the Hebrews. He claims that the Hebrews have falsified the Bible, and he further says that Jesus was not a Hebrew, but that Jesus was one of the Germanic gods who helped to chase the Hebrews out of paradise with the iron rod. He further says that "man" means a mixture or bastard (page 162), and then comes to the very blasphemous statement: "For this reason it is wrong if we Germans call ourselves 'men' as long as we do not consider ourselves bastards and are no bastards; for we Germans are no 'mulattoes', and we are no 'Creoles', and, in spite of such defilement, we are no Hebrews, and therefore we may not call ourselves 'men'. We are gods (Goths, good ones, children of God); we have built all cultures."

J. F. RUTHERFORD.

Transcription Meeting at Germiston

JEHOVAH'S witnesses at Germiston, South African Republic, ran a five-inch double-column advertisement in the Germiston *Advocate* that Judge Rutherford would be heard at the Radio Theatre in a recorded talk entitled "Can the World Be Recovered? If So, How?" The advertisement was nicely gotten up and was accompanied by a good news story of about five inches. Every home in the town (20,000 population) was covered with the literature. The result was that the theater, with a seating capacity of 450, was crowded out and the addresses "His Organization" and "Requirements" were put over from another machine to an overflow of 150 on the street outside. This was followed by a tiptop write-up, a column long, containing carefully selected paragraphs from the talks, published in the next issue of the *Advocate.* In the house-to-house effort 2,000 pieces of literature were placed, and 165 more at the meeting. The memorandum conveying this information says briefly: "The work with the transcription machines is now getting well under way; February, 89 meetings, 2,374 attendance; March, 122 meetings, 5,230 attendance."

Obedience Made Ready God's Vindicator

THE most important question that will ever be settled, at any time or in any place, is the question that will be settled at Armageddon, Who is God? This question we now see is the dominant question back of all the Holy Scriptures "written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope".

The theological questions that have perplexed everybody, including ourselves, will all be cleared up at Armageddon, in the vindication of Jehovah's name. It can be said that the word "vindication" and the word "vindicator" are not in the Scriptures (except in the *Rotherham* translation, at Psalms 37:6; 82:3; 103:6; Daniel 8:14; Zechariah 9:9; Deuteronomy 10:17, 18; Isaiah 1:17; 40:27; 49:4; etc.); and it can also be said that the thought of Jehovah's vindication and of Christ Jesus, the Vindicator, are on every page of Holy Writ, and that is true.

Here is a text that is familiar to us all, Hebrews 5:8, 9: "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." The thing that is stressed in this text is obedience. That salvation for some results from that obedience is merely a secondary matter, and, as a matter of fact, that salvation does not come to them unless they also learn obedience; for so the text states. The salvation is to all them that *obey* Him.

The text speaks about Jesus' learning obedience and being made perfect. Was He not always obedient? Yes! When the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world, is there any hint that there was the least hesitation on His part? None whatever. Though "all things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made", yet He laid aside the glory that He had with the Father before the world was, and took upon Him the nature of man, and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the tree. Is there any hint, anywhere, that at any stage of that great transaction Jesus was anything less than obedient? None at all.

Let Us Try to Get the Setting

Let us try to get the setting and to see what it was that Jesus learned and in what sense He became perfect. We cannot get this without bringing the Devil into the picture, for the history of Jesus and that of Lucifer are inextricably woven together. Without doubt these were the first works of creation: without doubt they were the two "morning stars" which sang together when the earth was made and all the sons of God shouted for joy.—Job 38:7.

Lucifer must have been witness of nearly all of the stupendous works of creation that fill the heavens visible, and must have known that these and all the invisible things of creation were the work of The Logos. Under instructions as to what to do and how to do it, he may even have had some share in some of these creative works.

It was when he was left as caretaker of the earthly works of the Lord's hands that he deliberately permitted the jealousy which is a part of every perfect creature to outgrow its proper function of zeal and loyalty to the Most High, and make him determine to have a kingdom of his own. It was there that he said in his heart, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the Most High."—Isaiah 14:14.

Lucifer, who then became Satan, must have known that The Logos remained true and faithful to Jehovah God. When, with two of the faithful angels, The Logos appeared to faithful Abraham, Satan no doubt knew of it, but the powers of the true and faithful Son of the Most High were such that he could do Him no harm. At other times, no doubt, and especially on the march from Egypt to the Promised Land, The Logos was present with the Israelites, as the Angel of Jehovah's presence. Satan knew of this, and resented it, but knew of no way to give play to his jealousy and rage.

Knowledge of a Coming Vindicator

It is certain that the Devil knew there would sometime come a vindicator of Jehovah's name. We know this, because the plain notice was served on him at the time of his deflection: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." —Genesis 3:15.

About four thousand years Satan had to wait before the holy angels of God broadcast the good news, "Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Jehovah does nothing by stealth. He had centuries previously shown where Jesus would be born and that He would be born of a

virgin. Satan tried to have Mary stoned to death as a harlot before Jesus ever came to birth. As soon as He was born Satan stirred up the magicians of the east and provided the false star to lure them to the place where Jesus was to be found. The object was to get Herod to kill Him. In these instances Jehovah, using His holy angels as messengers, did for the babe what the babe was unable to do for himself.

But a great change came when Jesus had reached His majority, thirty years of age, according to the Hebrew law, and had presented himself to John for baptism. Immediately the holy spirit descended upon Him, assuring John that this one was the Messiah, the coming Vindicator. Be assured that the Devil, too, knew it.

Now was his chance; and so, in Luke 4:1, 2, we read: "And Jesus, being full of the holy [spirit], returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil." In every way that he could think of, the Devil tried to kill Him.

If Jesus had fallen in worship before him He would have violated God's law and could have been put to death as a malefactor; if He had jumped from the pinnacle of the temple, that would have killed Him; if He had selfishly used for His own comfort the powers conferred upon Him as the coming Vindicator, that would also have demonstrated that He was not obedient and not worthy of the high honor now His.

"Then the Devil Leaveth Him"

The account says that "when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season". The heavenly Father does allow His chosen ones to be tempted, but He does not permit them to be tried above that they are able to bear. Jesus had made a declaration of war against the Devil, and the Father gave Him what help He needed to have in order to begin the conflict. The account says that "angels came and ministered unto him". He girded up His loins for the conflict that He knew was on.

Jesus' first miracle was performed at a wedding. There, much to the anger of the prohibitionists of that day and every day, He turned water into wine, and His inquiry of His mother, "Woman, what have I to do with thee?" was probably the beginning of a stress in the human relationships which culminated in the fact that, as recorded, even His brethren "believed not on him". The Devil made use of every item.

Jesus' next step was to visit Jerusalem and to throw out of the temple the principal of the flock who used their church connections for the making of money. He referred to the whole outfit as a den of robbers, and the record is that when the chief priests and scribes heard of it they sought how they might destroy Him. The Devil was getting results.

On the way back to Nazareth He stopped and preached to one poor fallen woman, and immediately lost caste with the Devil's crowd. As a result many of the Samaritans believed on Him. This was still worse, for the Samaritans were a lot of nobodies, neither one thing nor the other. The Jews had no use for the Samaritans. No doubt the Devil was well pleased to see the kind of people that were accepting the truth. He could say to the chief priests, 'You see the kind of people that are taking stock in this man, publicans, harlots, Samaritans, and such like. You will be greatly honoring God if you have Him put out of the way.'

Back to the Old Home Town

Jesus came back to the old home town, stood up in the synagogue, and announced himself as the Messiah. The whole town turned against Him. They cast Him out of the synagogue and hustled Him to the top of a cliff, intending to kill Him; but His hour was not yet come.

He went from Nazareth down to Capernaum and there again went into the synagogue to teach, as was His right. The Devil was taking note of all He said, and on this occasion one of the Devil's comrades in the spirit world came into a man and used the man's tongue to say, "What have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God." Of course, he knew who Jesus is, had known it right along, for thousands or perhaps millions of years, and was now right on the job to do everything possible to prevent Him from doing the vindication work which he rightly foresaw would mean his own destruction.

Then Jesus healed many sick, and the account says that "devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God". They hoped that in some way they could start a riot, a tumult, anything at all, that would operate to Jesus' disadvantage and get the people down on Him, and perchance result in His destruction.

At this time He healed the palsied man, let

down through the roof; and because He told the poor man that his sins had been forgiven the scribes and Pharisees began to reason that He was a blasphemer, and therefore worthy of death under the law.

He went and dined with Matthew, a tax collector. The Jews did not like the tax collectors any better then than they do now, and that is little enough. The Pharisees and scribes threw this up against Him, and Jesus explained that He came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. They were so good that they were good for nothing: He was looking for people who knew at the start that they are "no good", and who could, if they would, be obedient. And that is all anybody can be.

Pharisees Getting More and More Bitter

The Pharisees perceived that as a result of Jesus' teachings the people were rapidly finding out that they were a bunch of hypocrites, and so they did all they could to get Him in wrong with the people. They pointed out that they fasted but He and His disciples did not. To their chagrin Jesus explained that He was there as the heavenly bridegroom and it would be quite out of order for His disciples to fast while He was there with them.

The next we hear of Jesus He is again at Jerusalem, this time healing the sick man by the pool, and on the sabbath at that. This roused His antagonists to a frenzy. The account says that they sought the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the sabbath, but also called God His own Father.

The sabbath question began to loom. It was about the same time that Jesus and the disciples went through the fields on the sabbath day, and ate a few grains of wheat as they went along, which was their right under the law. But the Pharisees were 'too holy' to do a thing like that: they considered that He and His disciples were harvesting and winnowing grain. They knew their complaint was all a fake.

The same chapter tells that He went into a synagogue, also on the sabbath, and healed a man with a withered hand. Were the Pharisees glad because this man with the withered hand was now able to use it? If they were, they had a strange way of showing it; for it says that "the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him". Meantime, the men with unclean spirits ceased not to fall down before Him and cry out, saying, "Thou art the Son of God."

Enter Herodias and Salome

So far the women had kept out of it pretty well; but the Devil knows that to really start something it is always desirable to have some women mixed up in it, so he got two crooked women, Herodias and Salome, to cause the imprisonment of John the Baptist. John was Jesus' own cousin, and His own dear friend, and, in point of greatness, the greatest of all the prophets.

The only effect this had upon Jesus was to cause Him to say in His first recorded sermon: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

Jesus seems to have already discerned that the Pharisees and scribes had lined up on the Devil's side and against Jehovah God; for in the same sermon He said: "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

In the same sermon He went after the hypocrites: "When thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward."

He gave them another shot on this matter of putting on a false front. "Moreover, when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward."

He landed on the covetous and avaricious: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal."

He went after the people that are always misconstruing the motives of the pure in heart: "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged."

He paid His respects to the "dogs" and "swine", the false prophets that are ravening wolves inwardly but come in sheep's clothing, and to the loud and eloquent prayers and boasters that would lose out because they did not

have at heart the doing of the will of the Father in heaven.

Rejecting the Counsel of God

John the Baptist was about to die, and Jesus knew it. He knew that the publicans and harlots had been baptized by John, but that the Pharisees and lawyers had rejected for themselves the counsel of God, because they had refused his baptism of repentance and said instead that John had a devil. Jesus knew that this crowd that sought John's life would also seek His, but He went straight on with the work which the Father had assigned to Him to do at that time.

He let a poor woman of the street bathe His feet with tears and wipe them with the hair of her head, and let her kiss them and anoint them with perfume. It was a marvelous act of contrition and love on her part, but Simon the Pharisee, in whose house the incident occurred, was so pious in his own sight that he could see nothing in it but a woman of the street and a prophet that, in his own eyes, was very much beneath himself. Jesus called him down off his high horse, and probably Simon was offended because He did so; but it made no difference to Jesus, none at all.

Jesus then healed one who was possessed with a devil, and because of it was blind and dumb. Would you not think that anybody would rejoice over such an act of mercy? When the Pharisees heard of it they said that Jesus had done this through the power of Beelzebub, the prince of the devils.

Having already seen all of these marvels of God's grace the scribes and Pharisees then came to Jesus and wanted Him to show, for their own private satisfaction, some evidences that the power of God was with Him. He would do nothing of the sort. Again they were offended.

His Own Brethren Offended

Jesus' family thought He was going too far with His teachings. They sought to estop Him, and some came to Him saying, 'Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, seeking to speak to thee.' Jesus then and there explained that His real mother and His real brethren were those that do the will of His Father which is in heaven. Here again was a chance for His earthly relatives to take their stand on the wrong side.

He followed this by saying to His chosen disciples that He spoke to them plainly, but to others only in parables, so that others might not understand. Here again was an excuse for many to turn away from Him. Jesus was not trying to save any tares. They belong to the Devil, and he is welcome to them all.

Then Jesus told His disciples that if the children of the Devil had called the master of the house Beelzebub, they would call the members of His household still worse things. Mentioning this, and having it get around among the friends of the Devil, would make them still more angry with Jesus and also with His followers. Jesus explained that a natural sequence, and one which we have seen, would be that His followers would be brought before synagogues and councils and before kings and rulers, for a testimony against them.

Resorting to Other Tactics

When the Devil cannot swerve one by persecutions he resorts to the opposite extreme: he tries prosperity. When Jesus fed the five thousand they wanted to take Him by force and make Him a king. The Devil put them up to that, and it resulted in Jesus' going apart into a mountain and spending the night alone in prayer, so that He might have the strength to go on in His way of obedience unto death. Many have been overthrown entirely by prosperity who would not have been affected at all by trouble.

Pharisees came up from Jerusalem to find fault with Jesus because His disciples ate without the usual ceremonial washing of their hands. Jesus rebuked them and taught a great lesson when He said it is not what enters into a man that defiles him, but what comes out of his heart. The Pharisees were greatly offended when they heard this saying.

Again both Pharisees and Sadducees came to Him demanding a sign from heaven. This Jesus declined to give, but told all His followers to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees and the leaven of Herod. He was thus pointing out those whom He knew would line up on the Devil's side. From that time on Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed.

A little later came the vision on the mount of transfiguration, and even while it was going on the demons were waiting for Him in the person of the poor epileptic boy, thrown by them first into the fire and then into the water. This demon, too powerful for the apostles to cast out, had

taken away both the speech and the hearing of this poor boy. His probable motive was to show that Jesus could not cast him out, and thus he could indirectly bring some dishonor to Jehovah's name.

Efforts to Apprehend Him

We next hear of Christ at Jerusalem itself, where the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to take Him, but the officers had more sense than the religionists and refused to take Him into custody. It is often so today. The priests and other religionists would be glad to kill all of Jehovah's witnesses, but, while some of the officers would like to comply, some of them would not be willing to have any part in what they can see is an entirely illegal and ungodly thing.

Jesus then said to His critics, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do." Their reply was, "Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?"

About this time a scribe wanted to get into the witness work. Jesus told him plainly that if he did so he would not have where to lay his head. Another wanted to take care of his father until the old gentleman died of old age. Jesus told him to let somebody else do that, but to give his own attention to the Kingdom work then in hand. No doubt both of these occurrences made additional enemies.

In the parable of "the good Samaritan" He represented a priest and a Levite as passing by, while one of the disesteemed Samaritans rendered aid. This answer to a lawyer helped to put the lawyers into a position where Jesus could and did say to them, "Woe unto you, lawyers!"

The Pharisees were offended at Jesus because He opened the eyes of one that had been born blind. They said, "This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath." When He gave the parable of "the good shepherd" some of them said, "He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?"

As Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath day He healed a poor woman who had been ill for eighteen years. The ruler of the synagogue, the old hypocrite, was moved with indignation, not against Satan for having bound the poor woman this long, but against the One who had released her from her bonds.

The Desire to Kill Him

About this time some Pharisees came to Him and told Him to depart in a hurry, for Herod wished to kill Him. Whether this was true or not there is no means of knowing. What the Devil wanted was to get Him to remain silent. The Devil never wants anybody to say anything against him or his.

The parable of "the prodigal son" was originally told as a rebuke to the Pharisees and scribes who murmured against Him because He received sinners and ate with them. The parable of "the unjust steward" is a direct reproof of these evil and selfish men.

It was the raising of Lazarus from the dead that caused the chief priests and the Pharisees to come together formally into council to determine to find some way to put an end to Jesus. Their argument was, "If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him." Poor fools! That is just what is going to happen, in God's due time.

About this time Jesus told the story of the Pharisee who trusted in himself that he was righteous, and the poor publican who would not so much as lift his eyes to heaven, but smote upon his breast and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

The Pharisees tried to get Him into trouble on the divorce question. They tried to kill Him for His second cleansing of the temple. The chief priests and elders came to Him as He was teaching in the temple and demanded to know by what authority He was doing what He did. Jesus told them plainly that the publicans and harlots would go into the kingdom ahead of them.

The parable of 'the man who planted a vineyard and let it out to husbandmen who proved to be traitors', the scribes and Pharisees saw was a reflection upon them and made them determine the more to kill Him. The question, "Is it lawful to give tribute to Cæsar?" was a definite plot on the part of the Pharisees and the Herodians to entrap Jesus.

The Sadducees Take a Hand

The Sadducees, who denied the resurrection, were quite as eager as the Pharisees to get Jesus out of the way. It was they that raised the question about the woman who had seven brothers in succession as her husband. They hoped to get Jesus confused, or to entrap Him in some way.

When Christ had put the Sadducees to silence and the Pharisees heard of it they made another

attempt, asking Him which is the great commandment under the law. One of the scribes had the manhood to admit that Jesus' answers were impregnable, and it says that after that nobody dared ask Him any questions.

All these experiences led Jesus up to the place where He gave His denunciations against the scribes and Pharisees, the most terrible and the most pointed statements against the clergy that have ever been made. Whoever has failed to read the twenty-third chapter of Matthew has failed to understand the full bitterness of the scribes and Pharisees, and their determination to put Jesus out of the way even though it meant annihilation for themselves. Whether they knew it or not, they had fully placed themselves on Satan's side.

How odd that the very language that Jesus used against the clergy of His own day can be used today without changing a word! Today these men bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and will not lift so much as a finger; today all their works they do to be seen of men; today they love the chief place at feasts and the chief seats in the churches, and salutations in the market places, and to be called of men Rabbi, Reverend, or Father, as the case may be.

Today, as then, these hypocrites devour widows' houses and make long prayers as a pretense; today they shut others out of the kingdom of heaven and refuse to enter themselves; today they compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made he is twofold more the child of hell than he was in the first place; today, like whited sepulchers, they appear beautiful outwardly, but inwardly are full of all uncleanness; today they appear righteous unto men, but inwardly are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Obedient unto Death

You all know what followed: that when the passover drew nigh the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might put Him to death and finally fixed it up with Judas Iscariot to deliver Him into their hands. The details of the hours thereafter are familiar to all.

What must be very apparent from the examination we have made is that in order to be approved as the Vindicator of Jehovah's name Jesus had to be obedient in the face of persistent, strenuous, unprincipled and malicious efforts on the part of the Devil and the Devil's agents to get Him to discontinue His course.

This obedience to God cost Him something: the wrath of the Devil and of the demons who are his companions and assistants, the unbelief of his brethren, the disesteem of His fellow citizens, the hatred of scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians and lawyers, chief priests, elders and the principal of their flock, including Herod.

If He had been willing to step on the soft pedal He could have had all these as His friends and comrades. As it was, His chief friends were among the poor and lowly, publicans, fishermen, harlots, and the like.

Though He was innocent of any crime, He had to hear himself branded as the chief of all the devils, a Samaritan, an insane man, a man who was not fit to live. The cleverest men in the land were constantly trying to get Him to put His head in some noose, so that they could have legal excuse for placing Him behind bars or cause Him to be put to death.

It is not pleasant, when one's intentions are of the very best, toward both God and man, to have opposers constantly standing athwart one's path, bent only on retarding or discouraging what they have no right and no reason to oppose. All this caused Jesus conscious suffering, but it was the price which He paid for unbending obedience to the Most High God, His Father and ours. "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect [as Jehovah's Vindicator], he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" and like Him are 'obedient even unto death', no matter what the kind and no matter when it comes.

Throughout the ages before He became man Jesus honored the name of His Father. During the days of His flesh He continued to honor that holy name, and now the time approaches when He will for ever vindicate that name before all creation and manifest that Jehovah is worthy to be honored and loved, and that to Him all majesty, blessing, power and might must be ascribed.

Exalted as the Vindicator of the name of the Eternal God, Jehovah, the obedient Son receives the tribute of earth and heaven. His own name is for ever joined with the name of His Father, whose honor He so faithfully maintained. Earth and heaven will unite in the song of praise, saying, "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

Last but Not Least

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"The Wrong Church"

THE "Interboro Review" recently said editorially: "The Bergenfield mayor and council and heads of the police and fire departments, as is their wont to do occasionally, went to church in a body last Sunday, worshiping this time in the First Baptist church. But, alas, it was to the wrong church. It was at the Clinton Avenue Reformed church last Sunday that the pastor asserted that if Christ were to visit Bergenfield today He would be well pleased with a well-governed municipality." Bergenfield, it should be explained, is a place famous in all New Jersey for the repeated arrest and imprisonment of Jehovah's witnesses for faithfully following their Lord and Master and Head, Christ Jesus, in His work of vindicating the name of Jehovah God and proving to all men that the clergy are absolutely the biggest hypocrites that ever lived.

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America's Popular Jobmaster General

MANY people in America believe that Fascism is bound to come in this country, that when it comes it will be papal Fascism of the brand that overwhelmed Austria, and that the most likely man to be at the head of it when it comes will be one of the most popular politicians of our day, America's popular jobmaster general, James A. Farley.

We must all acknowledge that there is a big difference between popularity and honesty. Even the enemies of Charles Evans Hughes and of Al Smith accredit them with a good degree of honesty, yet they were both defeated when they ran for president. Nobody questions the general popularity of Hitler and Mussolini in the countries where they live, yet Americans do not wish to live in Germany or Italy, because they do not have faith in the honesty of these men.

About the only time that Christ was popular was when He fed the 5,000 and the 4,000. It often happened that various ones were offended because He taught the truth. He refused to receive honors from men. He inquired, "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another?" He said, "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you!" When He was apprehended, all forsook Him and fled. The visible results of His ministry were about five hundred brethren.

There is no doubt about the popularity of Postmaster General Farley in his own home town. It is a thing readily ascertained, and makes a pleasant half-day's variety in the routine of getting suitable provender for the truth-hungry readers of *The Golden Age*.

A glance at the *Congressional Directory* discloses that Mr. Farley is 46 years of age, that he was born at Grassy Point, New York, and is a graduate of the Stony Point (New York) high school. The centers of the two places are but a mile apart, in Rockland county, New York. Presumably they are in the same township. One is on one side of the West Shore Railroad, and the other on the other.

So, up the next morning a little earlier than usual. The 5:40 train which stops at Stony Point has gone. The next train goes at 6:50, but it is an express and does not stop between Haverstraw and West Point. That's easily fixed. An appeal to the train dispatcher at Weehawken does the trick, and in an hour the train slows up at the little station with its marble slab indicating that it was "Erected 1887", the year before James Aloysius Farley came into the world.

Among the Lovable Irish

The train pulls out, and as it disappears around the bend a little cottage comes into view a hundred yards away, and a pleasant-faced old Irishman working in his garden. "Good morning!" "Good morning to ye." "It is a morning to make you glad you are alive." "So it is that." "Who do you think is going to be the next president?" "I dunno." "How about Jim Farley?" A bright smile overspreads his countenance and Pat Mulhall manifestly voices his honest convictions when he says, "Jim would make a damned good one." That opens the conversation and in a few minutes the morning's work is all planned; for Pat is loyal to the Irish and has lived in that one house 25 years, and knows everybody for miles around. "Jim was born down at the Point; yes, this is the road."

If ever a man was born in a beauty spot on earth and grew to manhood among ideal surroundings calculated to bring out the best there is in him, Jim is the man. Grassy Point is a blunt-nosed peninsula projecting out into Haverstraw bay at a point 35 miles above New York city, where the majestic Hudson river, here called the Tappaan Zee, is at its best. At this point the river is five miles wide. The hills, clothed with beautiful fields and forests sloping

back from the river's edge, give it all the effect of a sizable lake, while the traffic up and down the Hudson puts life into the picture.

Strolling down toward the Point the next life-long friend of Jim to engage in conversation was Matt Kelly. He did not think there is any chance that Jim could ever be president: that the second time he ran for the Assembly he could not get any votes at all, and that he could not get any votes in this town now: that he has gone as far as he can go: that when Roosevelt is through Jim will be through: that now is the time for him to feather his nest, and that if he doesn't do it he will be a fool: that his present burst of popularity is like a streak of luck in Wall Street: some young fellows who go into the Street think they will never have any end to their luck: they put in all their savings, and all their inheritance, and in the end they lose it all. "I have seen them do it many a time."

Then Matt went on to tell of his own perplexities: he had lived here fifty years and never saw conditions as they are now, when there is no work to be had for anybody unless he belongs to a union; that the union men do not welcome additions to their ranks; that they insist on business relations only with those that are in the unions; that even the union men have work but a few days a week, and when the poor non-union men get a few days' work on the roads the union men forget all about their union rules and come and take the jobs away from them, so that the non-union man has almost nothing at all to live on. Matt had lived to be about 70 and found these last years hard-going.

"Butch" Feeney Tells a Lot

In his saloon "Butch" Feeney did not have root beer, but did have ginger ale, and was friendly and communicative. "Stretch" Farley was his intimate personal friend; here was a picture when they were on the same ball team, a group of fine-looking young Irish lads. "Stretch," called that because he is 6 feet 3 inches tall, and could catch balls far above his head by merely reaching out for them, was one of the best-looking ones of the lot. He had a good head of hair then, but has little now.

The first time Jim ran for office was for town clerk; he was legitimately beaten by 14 votes, but the election commissioners stuffed the ballot boxes enough that he was nominally elected by 34 votes. Jim knows all about it. He was then working as a teamster for $1.75 a day; he was a good fellow, and self-made; he might get to be governor, but could never make the grade to be president: the reason is on account of his religion, for he is a Catholic; no Catholic has ever been able to get into the presidential chair, and none ever will.

"Butch" had done a flourishing business all through the so-called "prohibition" era. Sometimes on a Sunday he had sold a hundred cases of beer. He showed the contrivance by which the cases were lifted from the cellar and slid along under the bar, two at a time. It was necessary to keep a man in the cellar all the while.

"Stretch" Farley's father was killed at a railroad crossing at Haverstraw. Thereafter his mother had run a saloon for years and "Stretch" and all his brothers had taken their turns tending bar until they got big enough to go to work. Yes, it was true, "Stretch" himself neither drank nor smoked, but he did chew gum to beat the band and helped Wrigley to build up his business.

Joseph Osman, Storekeeper

Joseph Osman, storekeeper down at the Point, was born there and lived there all of his 77 years. He laughingly claims that he knew Jim Farley before he was born; he thinks Jim might be governor some day. He admits that of the several hundred citizens at the Point there are but four Protestant families, of which his is one. Up the other side of the track they are all Protestants. He has seen the Point go up and come down at least six times. Now the brick business is done for, and even in Haverstraw they run only one yard, and that but spasmodically. Times were never so bad.

Yes, Jim was born in the big brick house next to the post office. It is vacant now. Afterwards they lived for many years in the big double house across from the Catholic church, the only church at the Point. The Farleys owned one side of the house, and the O'Grady's the other. Jim had been town commissioner three times; then he went to the Assembly once, and then Al Smith made him boxing commissioner; after that his work was in New York. When he had first married he went to live up in Stony Point (across the tracks), then to Haverstraw, and finally to New York city itself.

Up Across the Tracks

'Stony-Point-on-the-Hudson,' up across the tracks, the scene of "Mad Anthony" Wayne's victory over the British, is a most beautiful

place of trees and lawns and fine homes. As luck would have it, one of these fine homes where a call was made was that of the Lilburnes, warm Protestant friends of the Farleys. When the Farleys first went to housekeeping, in the little white cottage on Wood street, the Lilburnes were near neighbors, kept their youngsters later when they wanted to go out in the evening, and the youngsters still delight to be with Aunty Lilburne, as they call her, and to go with her occasionally to the Protestant church which that very fine-looking young woman attends. She wanted it distinctly understood that she is a friend of the Farleys, and they of hers, and that they are coming in a few days to pay them a visit, repaying one they recently made to the Farleys in Washington, at which time all hands were guests of Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House.

Then there was Matthew Hurd, of the school board, now about 70, but enterprising and alert. He had shoved Jim Farley off the rostrum at the high school, the night of his graduation, and told him to go and make a name for himself, and Jim had done it. He was a self-made man, a natural politician. When Jim commuted to New York, which he did for years, he never got up and left the train, but always went through the length of it, and knew everybody and spoke to everybody, and was liked by everybody, including the informant. He had been unable to come and speak at this spring's commencement exercises, but had been invited.

Another prominent citizen of Stony Point commented on the efforts which had been made from Albany to get Catholics on the teaching staff of the high school, but Stony Point preferred to run its own school. The very school they were trying to get a chance to control had been the making of the community's most prominent citizen, Hon. J. A. Farley, postmaster general, recently made an LL.D. by one of the colleges.

Mr. Farley was thought to have been very unwise recently in virtually ordering the supervisors to dismiss their capable civic engineer, Calvin T. Allison, and to put a man of his choice in his place; Mr. Allison, even with the facts before him, could not believe it, saying, "Why, Mr. Farley is my neighbor and my friend."

The Reason for This Survey

The reason for this survey is that it is important at this stage to know something about the man who has more power in his grasp than any other man in the country, and that at a time when the conditions are very different from what they have ever before been.

Never before have we had a government wrestling with the problem of what to do with 11,000,000 Americans out of work; never before have we had in office a man who literally made a president (for it is universally admitted by those who know the facts that it was Mr. Farley who put Mr. Roosevelt in), and at one and the same time is the Democratic national chairman, the New York state chairman, the postmaster general, and the dispenser of jobs for the administration and disburser to those needing relief. No king ever had as much power.

Some great and powerful organization, it would seem, must have provided Mr. Farley with detailed information as to just whom to go to see, in the days when he was racing back and forth across the United States in the interests of Franklin D. Roosevelt. He knew just who would be ideal delegates to the Chicago convention of the Democratic party, and those delegates were named and elected for the express purpose of nominating Mr. Roosevelt.

It is not hard to guess the name of the organization that told Mr. Farley where to look for delegates. One of Mr. Roosevelt's uncles, so the genealogies reveal, is a bishop in the Roman Catholic church, and it was no doubt well understood in Rome before he was nominated that when he was in office, and the "Holy Year" got under way, Mr. Roosevelt would give Mr. Farley and the Roman church a free hand, and they have had it, and do have it, and it might be as well to add that the American people do not relish being governed from Vatican City, or looking in that direction when they want jobs to keep them alive.

"Holy Year" Planned Long in Advance

The "Holy Year" that was to lift America out of the depression was planned long before it started; the depression itself was no small part of that plan. It suited Vatican City extremely well to have Mr. Hoover make as big a failure as he could make, and to help it along.

For many years the systematizers of the 'pope' have been carefully charting and planning the entire political structure of the United States. They know where every job is and what it pays and of what it consists. Maps, card indexes, and all the latest office devices, according

to those who have seen the plans, enable a man like James Aloysius Farley, endowed with a friendly manner, an imperturbable smile, and a prodigious memory, to do more in a few months in turning the control of America over to the Vatican than all the rest of them have been able to do in a lifetime. It is a matter of putting the right Roman Catholics in the right jobs.

It is said that of the first 220 postmasters appointed by Mr. Farley, 200 were Roman Catholics. That shows that Mr. Farley rightly assesses the control of the United States post office department as no light affair. It is easy to criticize his sudden breaking of the air mail contracts, but a careful investigation shows he had good reason to believe the government was being robbed.

Something is wrong somewhere when $40 invested in an airplane engine company will yield the investor a value of $6,000,000 in two years' time, when $207 will make another man worth $25,000,000, and $2,530 make another man worth $35,000,000. The way the air mail subsidy worked out prior to the time Mr. Farley canceled all the contracts was that 97 percent of it went to four concerns. The companies claim they were entitled to a trial before cancellation of their contracts. Granted, but they had something like eight months in which to furnish adequate answers to the questionnaire which called for a full statement of proceedings held illegal.

In this matter Mr. Farley had the law on his side. It called for competitive bidding, but, instead of that, a group of men met in Washington and parceled out the air mail business of the United States among themselves, to their huge advantage, but not to that of the taxpayers.

Thirteen dead aviators among the army fliers turned public sympathy in the direction of the civil aviators who had built up the flying business of the United States from nothing until it was the best in the world, and Mr. Farley was glad to restore the air mail to private hands. When he did so the average bid was 30c per mile, against the old figure of 42c, and the government will pay out $9,000,000 a year for its air mail service, as against $20,000,000 for 1933 and $14,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934. We mention these items to Mr. Farley's credit, because he needs them.

Plenty of Work as Postmaster General

Mr. Farley would have plenty to do if he faithfully discharged his duties as postmaster general and dropped all other activities. It is stated that on the very day that the president of the United States urged on the nation's business leaders that they increase wages and reduce hours of work Mr. Farley announced a four-day payless furlough for 270,000 postal workers, and also announced his intention to save another $9,000,000 by lengthening the hours of work. He will not give work to any who are not enthusiastic about President Roosevelt's New Deal, yet he makes that New Deal run on three legs.

Some odd things happened in June. The Leviathan, an American ship, was ready to sail, but at the last minute 840 sacks of mail were taken out of her hold and distributed among French and British vessels. Four days later the President Harding, another American vessel, left with almost no mail, while on the same day 3,000 sacks of U. S. mail were diverted to a German boat. The public would like to know why such things are done.

The Post Office department claims payroll economies during 1933-34 fiscal year amounting to $80,000,000. That is a good deal of money to take out of the postal workers in a year, and it is a question of how much real benefit the public in general gets out of such a reduction. $22,000,000 of this saving was attributable to the policy of not filling normal vacancies. In other words, whenever a postal worker dies it is the present policy of the government to make those who live on do their own work and his too. At that rate, in forty or fifty years we would have a half dozen men doing all the postal business for perhaps 200,000,000 people. It doesn't seem any too sensible as a policy, especially when the government is borrowing $10,000,000 a day to keep the hunger mobs off the streets. What they need is employment.

The Duties of a Jobmaster

It is a big job, being jobmaster of the United States, but James Aloysius Farley comes nearer being that than any other man that ever lived. He has systematized the work. He successfully backed a bill to open every job paying more than $5,000 to political appointment. Nobody can be squeezed into any of those jobs without his approval and consent.

Do the senators and representatives want to hand out jobs to their constituents? There is a list of those that have backed the president on everything, a "white list". Those not on the

white list are out of luck. There is an F.R.B.C. list. That means those that were for Roosevelt before the Chicago convention at which he was nominated. Those that are on that list are in better luck than those not on it. Mr. Farley has everything about jobs at his finger ends. He tries to put men where they will strengthen, not weaken, his organization. Give him credit for that. He is not looking for loafers or fools.

Mr. Farley is very much of an Irishman, and proud of it, which is his right. He wears green socks, green ties, a handkerchief with a green border, and always corrects his letters in green ink and signs them himself with ink of the same color. It is claimed that his speeches, like those of at least two of his predecessors in the postmaster general's office, are composed for him by Ike Gregg, a former New York *Sun* man.

He is not to be blamed because of his elaborate office suite at Washington. It was prepared by his predecessor. There is a reception room that will comfortably hold 350 office-seekers, a private office 25 by 50 feet, twice the size of the president's office at the White House, and a bath room fit for the 'pope' himself.

And That Brings Us Back to the Pope

And that brings us back to the 'pope', and that is where the shoe pinches about Mr. Farley. Brought up in an American town, with every advantage of other American lads, and such advantages as he could get in no Roman Catholic country or community on earth, there is a well-defined feeling that James Aloysius Farley is not true to the people that made him what he is, but is selling out the whole country to the crafty old man at the Vatican.

It does not set well to read that he has made two trips to Rome, apparently to get instructions on how to deliver this country and everything in it to a group of men that have proved that they hate republics and are ever on the alert to work their ruin. We refer to the 'pope' and the priests of the Roman Catholic church.

It does not set well at this juncture for Americans to be told that the N.I.R.A. is not Mr. Roosevelt's plan, but the 'pope's' plan, and none can have failed to note that though others have been skeptical the Rome-controlled press, the same press that was a unit in its un-American and unmanly attempts to force Judge Rutherford off the air, has also at all times been of one accord in boosting the Roosevelt policies. It is perfectly apparent that the "Holy Year" was intended to be a "Holy Year" for Roman Catholics, regardless of what it might be to others.

It is charged that on his last visit to Rome Mr. Farley had up the question of planting papal representatives in the American embassy at Moscow, where under the protection of the American flag they could work for the overthrow of the Soviet system. If that is true, it was a sorry errand for an American, and shows, just what we would expect, that the Vatican will gladly use anybody to pull her chestnuts out of the fire, even at the cost of a world conflagration.

"Stretch" Farley from Stony Point

Here are a couple of items from the New York *Times*. The first is from its issue of January 12, 1933. By this time "Stretch" knew that he was to have the place of Mr. Brown, the man who had *"trouble with his hat"* and who, as postmaster general, made himself the laughingstock of the entire United States. The item says:

James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic national committee, and Mrs. Farley, gave a private dinner last night for the president-elect, and his eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, at their home, 3 East 84th street. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and Cardinal Hayes the guests were secretary of state and Mrs. Edw. Flinn, and the Very Reverend Mgr. Robert Keegan, secretary of charities to the cardinal.

The next citation from the *Times* is from its issue of April 17, 1933, after the lad that got to be town clerk at Stony Point had finally come to be a president-maker, and had delivered the goods, not to America, and not to the Lord, but to the 'pope', and that means to the Devil, his master, and it speaks for itself:

Cardinal Hayes celebrated pontifical Easter mass in St. Patrick's cathedral yesterday morning and afterwards imparted the papal benediction upon a kneeling throng that filled the edifice. . . . In the front pew to the right, facing the high altar, were James A. Farley, postmaster general, and Mrs. Farley, and in the front pew to the left were former governor and Mrs. Alfred E. Smith. . . . Just after Cardinal Hayes had left the sanctuary, walking at the end of the long recessional, Owen J. McCormack, sexton of the cathedral, came from the ambulatory, *carrying the high silk hat* and overcoat of Mr. Farley. The congregation stood until Mr. and Mrs. Farley and Mr. and Mrs. Smith started to leave. Followed by Mr. and Mrs. Mulrooney, they were escorted into the small vesting room of Cardinal Hayes, where the cardinal gave them individually his special Easter blessing as they knelt and kissed his episcopal ring.

The Inquisition is only a few jumps away. Let it come.

Beastly Persecutions in Germany *By Judge J. F. Rutherford*

THE beastly manner in which the Hitler government treats Christian people who are faithful witnesses for Jehovah is indicated by the translation from the German of the letter that follows, written by a man who has been confined in the concentration camp or prison.

It smacks of the Roman influence and indicates that this policy of persecution against true Christians is now being pursued at the instance of Rome, even though a camouflage is put on it by the press saying that the Catholics are not properly treated in Germany. The facts are that only Catholics are permitted the freedom to practice their religion within the borders of Germany.

The whole thing is a political move led by Gog, the chief instrument of the Devil, to destroy those who are faithful to Jehovah. These terrific persecutions are but a further evidence that the conspiracy mentioned in the 83d Psalm is being carried out by the Devil's crowd. In due time it will reach a climax, when Jehovah, through Christ Jesus, His Chief Executive Officer, will take a hand and clear these wicked ones out of the universe.

Let those who are followers of Christ Jesus rejoice that they are privileged to suffer for righteousness' sake, having in mind the words of Jesus, who said to His immediate followers then, and for the benefit of those who are yet His followers: "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." —Matthew 5: 10-12.

It would be difficult to believe that such persecutions could be carried on in this twentieth century were it not for the fact that the Lord foretold exactly these conditions would prevail just preceding the battle of the great day of God Almighty. Those who are true and faithful to Jehovah and who follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the early apostles may look forward with joy to their deliverance and participation in the glorious kingdom of Jehovah under Christ. The letter above referred to follows:

(TRANSLATION)

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:

Today I have the opportunity to make a visit to Brother W., and I use this to write you something about my experiences in the concentration camp.

On December 14 there was second time house-searching in my house. The SS found nothing, and they wanted then to take with them my Bibles (divers translations) and also the concordance. I admonished the gentlemen to the words of Luther, "Where is no Bible, there it is desolate." I further said that Hitler received 20 Bibles on his birthday, which proves that the Bible is a general good. On my energetic statement that I would go at once to Berlin and protest against this doing, they let the Bibles here.

I was going on my work, and when I came back in the evening the neighbors told me that second time a policeman and two SS-men were in my house and have grumbled that I am not at home. They said I should come to the police in the evening. At 9 o'clock I came back from my work and then I was going to police. After waiting some time, I was called to phone, and the commissioner said: "Now, Mr. L., you know, today was a house-searching, and there was found in the house of Mrs. M. a paper 'Obedience' (this was a leading article of *The Watchtower*), and she said that she has the paper from you; is this true?" I said: "Yes, she has asked me for it, because she wanted to know and follow the obedience towards God as a true Christian and witness of Jehovah." He asked: "Where-from you have this paper?" I said, "I have received it without order by the post." The commissioner said: "When this is true the matter is done, but you must come again tomorrow; I must make a report, it needs not much time, you can go on your work tomorrow."

In the next morning eight o'clock I was going to the police and waited till nine o'clock till the commissioner came. He then said that he must make report also of the three fellow-defendants and I must wait till one o'clock. Meantime came my family and brought me something to eat. At two o'clock a.m. the report was made, and on this occasion I saw in secret letter thereby that my warrant of the apprehension was already signed on the day before, that also the calming on the evening before was a coward saying by the commissioner. At three o'clock was said to the other brethren: "Mr. K., you are happy that you are sick, you must not in 'Schutzhaft'" (that means "in prison"). He had a medical attest. To the other: "Mr. W., the state police take consideration of your five children" (really he was only suspected because of the paper). To Sister M.: "You come to the Regional court." It was said in a sanctimonious and regretting way that I must go in "Schutzhaft". Now I was prepared. At four o'clock a policeman made ready his firearm, showed me the guns, and said: "This you will have, when you flee." I said I will go alone in the prison, and he laughed sarcastically. With the auto-car we now were going to the concentration camp. I shuddered when I was brought to the S.A. guard. I never was punished, I never was in prison; and so now the

two-meter-thick walls, the darkened lamps and the word of the SA, a real terror. Besides the pushings I heard sayings like: "Also an idiot of Jehovah," "such a disciple of Jehovah," "traitor," "evildoer," "parasite of the state," etc.

After the announcing I must stand on the wall and see silent an hour to the wall. Each, passing, of course, made his mockery. I sent many sighs to the Lord. Then I was guided to the hall. Five brethren present there let me know to be silent and showed me the plates: "Speaking forbidden." As a new I must sit down alone. In the evening my bed-neighbor asked whispering: "Have you already your good beating?" I told him what happened; and then I must hear that the official beating follows in the next morning. In quiet in this night, and without appetite, I awaited in the morning the destiny. Finally cried a guard-man: "The new-brought Bible Student to the guard-room." A man of 22-25 years said: "Jehovah has written us a letter that you miserable creature shall be shooted"; and thereby he played with his firearm. For the gun you must pay ten pfennig, because you are not worthy anything. When I stand unfearful, he said: "You dog, have not any fear?" I replied: "Christ is my life, and dying my gain." Then I was kicked out by the door. The brethren reported that one brother was boxed on the ears that his ears are sick till now. Meantime were brought four more brethren from R., which had also a miserable fate. Together we must go to the guard-room and sing "You, you Jehovah". Then we should sing "Deutschland, Deutschland über alles", but this we refused and were boxed on the ears. Then we should sing one of our hymns. We said that the Association is forbidden long time and we had no hymn-books; but this helps nothing, and then we sang No. 299: "To the Work." After repeating we must march through the hall and sing it also to the others in the hall; also in public rooms on Sundays when we were brought out. During the 14 days the Bible Students were the stupid fellows for the guard-men. In the dining-hall we were recommended to eat *The Golden Age* and the books. To the visitors said the guard-men: "These traitors must be walled in and die by hunger."

Then we came 14 days to Sachsenburg. This concentration camp was especially made for the foreigners and we could have there a little recovery from the depression; but the separating from the family made us unhappy.

The last markstone was Hohnstein. In snowstorm we came to Schandau, and must stand one hour on the platform. Then we must march through 20-cm-high snow to Hohnstein. I was sick on the joints and have had damages and could not exercise one week. After this training we must work in building streets. I must work together with ten prisoners, work on a carriage and pair. Without any question the hairs were cut like a convict. What is further at Hohnstein is known enough among the people.

My business is broken; further four weeks' prison. There is no room to write the peculiars. But I am satisfied that the Lord has revealed now also this matter. May come on the German brethren whatever, the witness by radio and *Golden Age* is more worth than sufferings.

With hearty greetings, joined with you,

Your brother

J. L.

Air Mail Contracts All Right After All

IT SEEMS that the air mail contracts were all right after all! Postmaster General Farley, in an address in New York city, said: "A lot of people have the impression politicians are not to be trusted. I have been active in politics better than twenty-odd years and I find more honesty and truth-telling among politicians than any other class." Or maybe Mr. Farley meant that Democratic politicians are more honest than Republicans. In this event one wonders just where the New Jersey judge would stand who paid $25,000 into the Republican campaign fund for his original appointment, but was reappointed by a Democrat. The issues are confused and need straightening out in the minds of the "lot of people" Mr. Farley mentions.

$100,000,000 Saved by Post Office Department

BY MEANS of postal wage-cuts and suspended service the Post Office department effected a saving of $100,000,000 during the first fiscal year of the present administration. It is calculated that $80,000,000 of this amount came out of the pay envelopes of postal workers. If it had gone out to them it would have come back in a thousand ways in increased business for everybody.

Psychiatrists Taken Too Seriously

DR. FREDERICK WERTHAM, instructor in New York University, and former psychiatrist of Bellevue Hospital, recently testified in a murder trial in New York that 99 percent of the testimony by psychiatrists is bunk. This seems borne out by the ease with which many of them can be engaged to testify on either side of a given case.

Mob Violence in the United States

SINCE 1885 the number of persons lynched in the United States totals 4,146, of whom one-fourth were white men and women. The lynchers are almost entirely confined to native Americans.

Man's Four-footed Friend—the Dog

(Part 2)

A COUPLE at Merion, Pa., had a dog that ran away from home regularly a little after nine in the morning and returned about noon. It came out at last that he had been stealing rides to Philadelphia on a certain train, and coming back with the crew on their next run. The crew had got to know him and he felt as though he was one of them.

London claims a dog that knows so well when his master is due to arrive that he jumps up and rushes to the door ten minutes ahead of time, and stands there waiting for him. The tale alleges, to its hurt, that if the master is late in coming the dog does not bestir himself until ten minutes before the time he actually arrives. Untrue, maybe; vibrations, maybe; demonized, maybe. How little we actually know!

And Speaking of Travel

If there is anything a dog likes to do, it is to travel. Some dogs cry out with keenest delight when taken for a ride in an automobile, even though they be unsafely and ignominiously given no better place to ride than the running board. An inexpensive device can be attached to a running board which will make it a quite safe place for a dog to ride.

Bal, a German police dog in Denver, visits his master daily at his office. He knows how to operate the automatic elevator, and occasionally uses it to make visits to other tenants in the building. He pushes the button with his nose, and goes from floor to floor unattended.

Nellie, fifteen years old, adopted the Paoli yards of the Philadelphia Terminal Division as her property. Her job, to which she pays strictest attention, is to keep all rats off the property. She will not allow another dog in the yards.

A dog almost caused a war between Greece and Bulgaria. He ran away from his Greek master across the Bulgarian line. The Greek ran after him. Ordered by a sentry to stop, he kept right on and was slain. The Greek troops advanced; the Bulgarians wisely withdrew their lines. If they had held their ground there would have been a war. All cooled off, after a bit.

A Pomeranian ran for two miles on the I.R.T. tracks between Astoria, L.I., and Broadway, and the motorman slowed down the train rather than kill him. He was going in the direction in which he had seen his master go. A little white terrier puppy on the Philadelphia elevated ran first one way and then another, and tied up two trains, until finally two motormen and three conductors succeeded in catching him.

The late Henry C. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, at his farm at Des Moines, Iowa, had a collie, Shagbark, that took it into his head every day, at the same hour, to leap into a poultry yard and patiently nose the Rhode Island Reds to one side of the yard and the White Wyandottes to the other. To do this he had to leap through a window into a barn.

Snip, a Cairn terrier belonging to the king of England, is a runaway. He recently deserted Windsor Castle and was captured in a stationer's shop.

Last winter, a mile out on Lake Erie, north of Cleveland, an Airedale terrier sat down and froze solidly to the ice. He could not get away. Another dog was keeping him company by running around him in a circle. Two men went out with iron bars and finally dug him out.

Bosco, a Doberman Pinscher pup, that should have known better, stuck his head into an open leader pipe on the roof of the six-story apartment house at 437 East 156th street, New York. He skidded and clawed his way down seven stories and was caught by a hard-working police emergency squad in the basement just as he was slipping past. His next stop would have been the Harlem river. Who does the little fool think is going to pay that plumbing bill?

Two dogs that went astray! The first was sent to a passenger making a trip to the Mediterranean, and was rejected by her. As a result "Biddy" made a round trip to Egypt, but finally found a good home in her native city. The other dog was sent by a friend to a filling station employee in Sarasota, Florida. On arrival in Sarasota the dog escaped from the express office and was later found at the filling station where it was to be delivered, and was found in the care of the one to whom it had been sent.

A Dog's Sense of Direction

Far up in Ontario a young trapper accidentally shot himself. He tied a note to his dog's collar and told him to go to the nearest camp for help. The dog ran through three miles of brush, swam a river, reached the camp, and brought the aid desired.

Nemo made love to the Newark municipal airport. Twice he was given a good home, once eight miles away, and once twenty-five miles away. In a few hours he was back at the airport, wagging his tail, happy to be back with friends. The men at the airport surrendered after that, built him a doghouse, got him a license, and made arrangements to feed him regularly.

Smut traveled between 300 and 400 miles, all the way from Dauphin, Manitoba, to Regina, Saskatchewan, so that he could be among old friends in the place where he used to live.

Equally remarkable was the journey of Curly, a dog owned by Ben S. Plumer, of Bassano, Alberta: Taken 400 miles north, away up into the Lesser Slave Lake country, he managed to find his way back home. It took him several weeks to make the trip.

Tony, an Airedale, belonging to the Samples family of Minden, Nebraska, strayed from the family car at Bricelyn, Minnesota, 500 miles away from home. The dog was given up for lost, but after nine months trotted up to the door whining and barking joyously. He had probably traveled thousands of miles.

Bud, a collie, took eight months to get from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the girl he loved at Fort Scott, Kansas, 956 miles away. He had given his affection to the young woman; he did not know that he belonged to her brother-in-law. He arrived at her door, thin, sore and bleeding, but deliriously happy to be back with the one he loved.

An Iowa dog was taken to Florida in a closed box car, a distance of fifteen hundred miles. Several weeks later he was found on the porch of the old home in Iowa. Some humans have a keen sense of direction, but none as keen as this.

Most surprising of all is the case of a dog lost in the East, and given up for good, which after three months appeared at his old home in the capital of Oregon, a staggering skeleton, to be sure, but he was there.

Dogs Like to Play and Like to Fight

Dogs are like boys in that they like to play and like to fight; the margin between the two is sometimes not very large. What starts one way may wind up the other. Blackie, Brooklyn dog, was a good ball-player. He was run over by an auto. His young master ran to his side to pick him up and got bitten four times on the hands; the dog thought the game was getting too rough; and it was, for the four-footed playmate died.

Miss Peggy Tyson, Winchmore Hill, England, waved three bank notes playfully before her pet terrier. He accepted the challenge, and chewed them to pieces. Miss Tyson got her money back eventually from the government, because enough pieces were saved to make it possible, but she learned something.

Andrew Pelton, 320 West Twenty-ninth street, New York, was playing with his police dog Buster, and just for fun made a face, growled and snapped his teeth as the dog poked his nose in his face. The dog took the challenge, and nearly bit his nose off. Some dogs, like some men, are low on humor.

Three ice men got into a fight in East Ninth street, Brooklyn, in which two of the trio were stabbed, while all three were bitten by a neighbor's dog that seemed to enjoy the fight and was trying to spur it on. Everybody got arrested but the dog, quite as guilty as the other three.

The Egyptian Gazette, Cairo, Egypt, tells of a police dog in Victorville, California, that killed twelve snakes in one year. The item is interesting in Egypt, and maybe back in America. A dog likes to romp and likes a fight, imaginary or real.

Some Bad Four-legged Citizens

Some of the four-legged citizens are not all that they ought to be. The ghastliest wolf stories of Poland and Rumania have been traced to domestic dogs grown wild. A mysterious killer of sheep in the Austrian Alps turned out to be a dog that nobody would have suspected. He never attacked fowls or other animals at the farm. Indeed, a "killer" dog never slaughters sheep of his own flocks. In Kansas two dogs killed a hundred sheep in one night.

Little red-haired wild dogs in the Congo are reported as bringing lions, tigers and even elephants down with the fury of their onslaught. In Central India the Bunjara dogs eat one another with impunity. Wild dogs have roamed New England and Arkansas in recent years, and here in New York city Spotty and Sheik, ash scow dogs, were put to death for destroying nineteen suckling pigs on Riker's island, at the city pig farms.

In Kentucky the governor of the state, in a 500-word message, granted a full pardon to the German shepherd dog Patsy, convicted of sheep killing. It was proved that she had led an exemplary life until she fell into bad company, and it was acknowledged for her that she would for

evermore be a good dog and shun evil companions. All politics.

Many of the wild dogs are the result of the hard times and hard hearts of their owners. People with no hearts make use of dogs for their protection in the summer, and, when fall comes, abandon them by the hundred. In the city the destitute are forced, in self-defense, to part with their live stock, not being able to feed it. It costs something to keep a dog.

A city is no place for a dog; it is hard on the dog and hard on the people who want to use the sidewalks. The streets of Brooklyn have become as filthy as barnyards. Not only are there frequent rabies scares, but attacks upon humans are frequent and sometimes fatal.

France reports more than 3,500,000 dogs; New York state, something over 400,000. Animals killed by dogs in New York state in one year are listed as 2 horses, 169 cattle, 158 swine, 12,605 sheep or lambs, 73 goats, 1,235 hares or rabbits and 18,703 fowls. To justify such destructiveness in one state would be rather hard, we think. The future does not look bright for the dogs, or at least for many of them.

Some Dogs Trained in Duplicity

Some dogs are like some humans: they are well trained in duplicity. The New York *Times* tells editorially of two bulldogs that assisted their master in a flagrant swindle, and wound up by giving vigorous chase to their victim after he had handed over his $120.

At Lynbrook, Long Island, Kipp, a collie, strayed away from his master, a physician, and got into bad company. His new master taught him to participate in holdups. The last heard of him he had been sent home to his original owner, with a reprimand.

Lenox, Massachusetts, has a dog that has betrayed a fondness for right-hand gloves. He has stolen several of these and brought them home to his master. Left-hand gloves do not interest him, but no right-hand glove is safe anywhere within several miles.

At Coffeyville, Kansas, Mrs. Mabel Wilder is training a dog for the ministry. She has taught her little tan terrier to catch a coin in his mouth after a piece of money has been placed on his nose. Now, no doubt, as any other well-trained penny-snatcher should do, he runs around town with his collar on backwards and a collection basket always under his nose, sniffing for what he can get.

Rin Tin Tin, movie dog, in his life earned $300,000 for his master. Many dogs learn to play dead, to open doors, to play ball, and to perform a great variety of errands. When Lord Halifax died his dog Gyp survived him only four weeks; nobody told the dog his master was dead; he just knew it.

Some dogs are demonized; their minds are so clever and impressionable that the demons can and do use them for playgrounds; but, as this article is about dogs, and not about demons, we ignore at this time manifestations of intelligence which have no natural rational explanation.

"Beware of Dogs"

Lawyers and judges have always had to pay considerable attention to dogs. Birmingham, England, has a law that they must be off the streets after dark. An English judge has ruled that a dog has a perfect right to the streets and it is the duty of motorists to avoid him. At Bloomsburg, Pa., a pooch went to sleep in the middle of a busy highway and 400 motorists detoured around him.

In New Jersey, where they imprison women for taking the message of God's kingdom from door to door, and crowd them into cells, so tightly wedged that they have to stand all night, a judge has decided that a dog has a perfect right to bark at night, and annoy people who wish to sleep. Sixty-six persons testified in the dog's behalf, led by the mayor of the town.

At White Plains, New York, it was decided that a dog that is on the property of its mistress has a right to bite a child that trespasses. A Connecticut court has decided that a dog on the property of its owner may bite a peddler, and that means, of course, that it may bite *anybody*. Manifestly a person who knowingly keeps a vicious dog does not deserve to have the truth brought to his door, and would spurn it if it came. Such place may as well be omitted.

The Public Utility Commission of New Jersey has ruled that if a dog keeps meter readers away the companies supplying water, gas or electricity are justified in discontinuing service.

We give some headlines such as often appear in the public press: "Dog Shot Once, He Saves It; Elizabeth, N. J., Man Agrees to Pay Hospital Bill of Child It Bit"; "Dog Attacks Unamuno; Spanish Writer Has Arm Broken and Hand Torn in Beating Off Animal"; "Dog Bites Boy at School; Floral Park Police Chief Orders

Round-up of Unmuzzled Animals"; "Police Dog Bites Mail Carrier"; "Saves Son from Dog; Mother Chokes Animal till It Lets Go of Child's Face"; "Dog Attacks a Horse; Mothers and Passers-by Flee; Policeman Kills It"; "Neighbors Save Boy Attacked by a Dog; Brooklyn Lad in Hospital from Bites by Animal Said to Have Been Unmuzzled in Yard; Screams Rouse District; Baseball Bat Routs the Dog, Which Later Springs at Policeman; Rabies Test to Be Made"; "Dog Bites Child in Fifth Avenue; Roped by Policeman in Chase."

"Two Alsatians Attack Woman; Dogs That She Was Exercising"; "Man Attacked by Five Dogs Wins Battle with His Cane"; "Boy Bitten Twenty Times by Pack of Six Dogs; North Bergen Pupil Attacked on Way Home from School; Saved by Passers-by"; "Four Dogs Die by Poison Needle for Crippling Upstate Girl"; "Dog Attacks Policeman; Patrolman Is Bitten by Animal While Protecting Children"; "Dog Bites Detective as He Tries to Stop Fight."

"Terrier Dog Attacks Two Children; Kings Girls Escape Without Being Bitten; Policeman Kills Pet"; "Dog Attacks Two; Dies of Excitement; Sulky Chow Bites Master and Latter's Stepdaughter During Tussle; Captured with Lasso; Policeman Makes for Station with Recalcitrant Prize but Dog Succumbs on Way."

"Wild German Police Dog Resists Shots and Tear Gas; Bites Three in Jersey City, Then Withstands Police Fire Two Hours in a Garage; Eleventh Bullet Kills It; Patrolmen, Themselves Routed by Bomb Fumes, Smash Window to Train Guns on Animal"; "Dog (Black Nondescript) on Rampage Bites Three; Animal Captured by the Police After Bedford Avenue Chase"; "Dog Bites Three Children; Collie Attacks Group Leaving a Brooklyn School"; "Three Bitten by a Large Police Dog; Disappears After It Attacks Man in Bronx Street"; "Stray Airedale Dog Bites Three Children; Animal Visits Same District Twice and Is Killed"; "Dog Pack Runs Wild; Leader of Pack of Mongrels, a Big Black Dog, Bites Three; Big Animal Shot by Police After Brooklyn Chase; Children Are Attacked While at Play."

"Save Children from Dog; Women Herd Family in Room While Police Kill Rabid Animal"; "Dog Bites Four Children; Two Attacked at Coney Island Trying to Save Others; Animal Shot"; "Dog Bites Woman and Three Children; Cries Fill Flatbush Neighborhood and Police Are Called as Terrier Goes on Rampage"; "Dog Attacks Four in White Plains; Health Department Employee Is Bitten Trying to Capture Animal"; "Hundreds Routed as Mad Dog Bites Four; Three Boys and Father of One Are Victims as Reserves Are Called Out in Kings; Men Capture Animal; Mongrel Taken to Miller Avenue Police Station to Await Action by the Board of Health"; "Dog Bites Five in New York Crowd; Patrolman Finally Corners Animal and Shoots It"; "Defend Pupils Against Dog; Women Teachers, Janitor and Two Children Bitten by Rabid Animal at Birmingham, Alabama"; "Crazed Dog (Large German Shepherd) Bites Three on Ferryboat; Passengers from Weehawken Are Thrown into Uproar as Animal Races About Cabin; Craft Tied Up an Hour; Policeman Fires Nine Shots Before Killing Intruder; It Had Hurt Three Others in New Jersey."

In New York city alone, in a single year, six thousand persons are bitten by dogs. In one instance thirteen persons were bitten by a single dog. Two dogs at the White House bit visitors to the president. Does it not seem that all this is unnecessary, inexcusable, and will not be permitted under the reign of earth's rightful Ruler? But now—

Something on the Other Side

Because of their general intelligence, and their desire for the approval of their masters, and particularly because of their astonishing olfactory power, dogs can be trained to assist in the execution or the breaking of laws. They have no consciousness of the moral or immoral quality of their acts.

Wigger von Blaisenberg, of Lausanne, Switzerland, has aided the police of the Canton of Vaud in no less than forty difficult cases, thirty-two of which he successfully solved. Solution of suicide cases, prevention of attempted murders, apprehension of escaped lunatics, tracking of robbers, are some of his achievements. He traced a suicide all over his farm and finally stopped at the edge of the lake where the body was found; he found a woman who had been lost in the mountains for three days; he found a farmer's wallet in a freshly plowed field, six inches deep under the furrow. He knows to apprehend persons not walking on the regular paths, and knows to give warning when a window is open on the ground floor or when smoke is coming out of a window or out of the side of a house.

Near White Plains, New York, a police dog was allowed to sniff at the blankets of two escaped prisoners. He followed them 23 miles and stood at bay at the barn where they were found sleeping.

At Auburn, New York, a dog led police to the edge of Owasco lake, where they found the body of his suicide master.

At Toronto, Ontario, a truck killed a little girl; her canine companion followed the truck and stayed with it until the driver was arrested and taken into court. A New York dog caused the capture of a burglar.

In Germany 600 dogs are used to prevent rifling of freight cars, and are found efficient watchmen. Whistles are used that can be heard by the dogs but are inaudible to humans; thus the dogs can be summoned without the fugitives' knowing they are being tracked.

At 378 Pacific avenue, Brooklyn, Simon Noveck, druggist, was attacked by four bandits. His police dog Jepp defended him, but was shot. Despite his wound, he followed the bandits down the street until two of them were seized by the police.

At Summit, Illinois, Kaiser, a Great Dane, quite upset the plans of eight bandits armed with sawed-off shotguns and automatics. They held up a cabaret, killing three women and wounding three men. The Great Dane chewed up three of the bandits quite badly and entirely upset their party.

Some Other Interesting Watchdog Notes

In *Our Dumb Animals* a lady reports that twice, when the head of the house was away over night, a little mongrel dog in the neighborhood, which she and her mother had treated kindly, came and lay in front of their door all night. It was never known to do this on any other occasions.

At Chicago, when a concern failed, the assets were so closely watched by a fierce hound that court action was necessary to protect the creditors. The dog would not allow the receiver to attend to his work.

On one occasion while the famous movie actor police dog Rin Tin Tin slept in the home of his mistress, Mrs. Lee Duncan, at Los Angeles, burglars entered the home and ransacked the ice box without even waking him.

At Avondale, Georgia, a three-year-old German police dog interposed her own body between a rattlesnake and ten-year-old Frank Shipp, jr. The dog was badly bitten, but survived.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a police dog, Boy, was beside his master when the latter attempted suicide by diving off a bridge into the Allegheny river. Boy ran to the end of the bridge, swam to the middle of the stream, and pulled him out. And when his master went to prison for his illegal act, Boy lay outside of his cell wagging his tail and supremely happy.

At Chicago the owner of a fine police dog, Nutmeg, worth $600, went out with him on the leash. Somewhere in the crowd somebody slipped Nutmeg off the leash and put Gyp, a plain mutt, in his place. During the night Nutmeg got away from his captors and came home; so his owner now has two dogs in place of one.

Rags, an Inman (Nebraska) dog, has found and brought to his owner two pocketbooks, one containing $15, and one containing $39 that had been lost for two years.

Dogs trained to avoid beaten paths and men in uniform are used for smuggling contraband into Spain and Belgium. Bloomfield, New Jersey, has a police dog that, before he was detected, carried 44 bottles of milk to dark alleys, opened them, and drank their contents.

Owners Are Held Responsible

Owners, properly enough, are held responsible for the misbehavior of the dogs which they own. The parents of a Brooklyn boy were awarded $1,500 damages for injuries inflicted upon him by a dog's bites. The customary penalty inflicted upon the dog is death. New York state has considered passing an ordinance that any dog attacking an unoffending person or animal may be killed on sight by any person witnessing the attack; we are not sure if this passed, but it was up for consideration, and seems like a good law. An African big game hunter shot through the heart a $500 Chow dog that made for him with his teeth bared in the lobby of a high-class New York apartment house. The owners sued him for $25,000 for hurting their feelings.

A Long Island jury decided that Howard Hendrickson, a chicken farmer of Bridgehampton, was justified when he shot to death a $4,000 Irish setter accounted to be one of the finest dogs in the United States. The state dog warden of the county, Suffolk, puts to death about 1,300 stray dogs each year. Carbon monoxide fumes are used, and in four minutes from the time the

condemned dogs enter the death chamber their lives are painlessly ended. Police officials do kill and have to kill many dogs by shooting. Chloroform is used in Jersey City.

At Gloucester, Massachusetts, it transpired that dogs were used for pistol practice in the boiler room of the police station. A dog already suffering from two bullet wounds was tied at a rope's end while a poor marksman was trying to finish its sufferings by shooting. A lethal chamber was substituted after the story got into the papers.

Since its foundation, in 1860, more than 1,465,000 dogs have been received at the Dogs' Home, Battersea, England. About 20,000 a year are destroyed. An odd feature of British law is that the police have to measure and record the length of tail of all stray dogs taken in by them. A good feature of the British law is that any man once proved guilty of cruelty to animals may not thereafter hold a license. When ownership of dogs is in question it is common practice to be guided largely by the conduct of the dog itself.

Cruelties to Dogs

Some people are cruel because they were born stupid, and others are cruel because they never learned anything. Nobody but a cruel and stupid person would crop the ears of a dog, yet 20 percent of the pedigreed dogs exhibited at dog shows have clipped ears. The healing process of a cropped ear is exceedingly painful, and the process of training what is left of the ear to stay erect involves more cruelty. The whole devilish thing dates back to the time, only a little while ago, when dogs were fought against one another; they tore one another's ears, so their savage owners cut them off in advance. Cropping is now unlawful in New York state; it was ended in England more than a generation ago, on account of the cruelty involved. Indeed, England has so far progressed that a bill has been proposed providing for flogging those that are cruel to animals.

Lovers of animal life in America have agitated much against the steel traps that maim so many fine dogs. In Dallas, Texas, a veterinarian was called to see what he could do for Loo-Kee-Toy, a Pekingese dog that had lost the use of his hind legs. Now Loo-Kee has his fore paws on solid earth and his hind legs on a tiny go-cart and gets around in great shape. It is not every dog that can afford roller skates.

Quite frequently the S.P.C.A. people have dog owners in court for failing to provide proper food, drink, shelter and protection from the weather. It is not generally known that because of their superior hearing faculties dogs suffer keenly from radio loud-speakers, as well as from other noises some of which cannot even be heard at all by human ears.

People that bestow kindness upon dogs often have it well repaid. A New York man, offered the gift of a very fine dog, refused to take him out of the country, where he is happy, to a city home where he would almost certainly be unhappy. The man revels in walks with his four-footed pal when he is in the country, but the dog is left where he best likes to be.

A family that took in a mongrel, part terrier, found that their kindness changed its natural snarling disposition into one of confidence, affection, and even what is sometimes described as 'worship'.

A young girl was left alone in the country with her brother's ugly and savage bulldog. It played out in the snow too long and came in shivering and sick. The girl warmed blankets and wrapped the dog in them again and again; now he is her slave for life; if she even touches him he is happy for all day.

In France a tourist saw some children throwing a mongrel dog into the surf repeatedly until it was about to drown; he waded in, with all his clothing on, and rescued it. When out of the water, and away from the crowd that gathered, the dog showed the utmost appreciation and affection.

(*To be continued*)

Permission to Raze Fire Traps

A PROPOSAL has been made to 4,000 owners of fire traps in New York city to give the city permission to raze these, at no cost to the owners. Several have agreed, as the properties are now unprofitable, and, with the buildings removed, the taxes on the lots will be less.

In Up-to-the-Minute New York

IN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE New York the tenement commissioner found twenty Negroes living in a cellar. The coal bins had been turned into bedrooms; the food was cooked on open fires built on the cellar bottom; piles of rags were the beds; sanitary conditions were nonexistent.

A Pill for Evolutionists

(Contributed)

SOME time ago, at the Society for Experimental Biology in University College, London, it was pointed out:

"Blue-blooded animals are crabs and the octopus, while a number of marine worms have green blood; and, in the place of the iron in our blood, the blue blood contains copper, which, even in very small quantities, is a poison to all other living things.

"This is one of those silent little facts which, once apprehended, sting the mind into truth, proving all evolution from a common source not only impossible, but inconceivable."—*Exchange.*

Which reminds me of another "silent" proof, to the effect that of all sentient creatures man alone possesses a certain muscle in the mechanism of his eyeball enabling him to look upward, which no animal can do, not even a monkey, without raising the head.

Writes Figuier, in *The World Before the Deluge* (pages 465, 466):

The faculty peculiar to the human race is abstraction. We will say, then, man is an intelligent creature, gifted with the faculty of comprehending the abstract. It is by this faculty that man is raised to a pre-eminent degree of material and moral power. By it he has subdued the earth to his empire, and by it also his mind rises to the most sublime contemplations. Thanks to this faculty, man has conceived of the ideal, and realized poesy. He has conceived the infinite, and created mathematics. Such is the distinction which separates the human race so widely from the animals, which makes him a creation apart and absolutely new upon the globe; a creature capable of comprehending the ideal and the infinite, of creating poetry and algebra, of inventing and understanding the formula

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

or the algebraic idea of negative quantities.

"Too Much Philosophy"

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY was startled by the suicide of one of its most brilliant students, a lad of eighteen. The reason assigned was that he spent too much time pondering the futility of life, or, as the president of the university put it, it was a case of "too much philosophy". The real trouble is that the only philosophy the young man knew about was the Devil's philosophy, than which nothing could be more hopeless. The only true philosophy (mental and moral science) is that which comes from God, and which rests securely on the statements of His Word of truth. "This is eternal life [the very opposite of hopeless suicide], that they might know thee."

Wage Earners Are the Buyers

AWARE that there were still 11,690,000 men and women without industrial employment, President Roosevelt, encouraging employers to put on more help, said to them: "It is worth while keeping in the front of our heads the thought that the people in this country whose incomes are less than $2,000 a year buy more than two-thirds of all the goods sold here." Mr. Roosevelt called attention to the fact that the government is keeping on its payrolls 15,000 more postal workers than it needs, but does not lay them off, for humanitarian reasons.

Frenchmen Tell Us About Styles

TWO Frenchmen, a man and a woman, have been over here telling us about styles. The woman said Arab men are now wearing horn-rimmed spectacles and Boston garters, and proud of them both, while the women parade on the beaches with backless pajamas, but with their faces covered with veils as of yore. The man said that American women lose their charm at forty because after that nobody can tell them anything; they become independent and authoritative and will not listen any more.

The Value of Fingerprints

IN NASHVILLE a young girl in school was pulled out of line, taken down into the cellar and fingerprinted, under suspicion that she was a thief. She sued, and has been awarded $1,500 damages. Come to think of it, several of Jehovah's witnesses have extra sets of fingerprints floating around in various places. But let the poor, frightened, stupid people who now have them keep them and frame them, if they wish. What is a fingerprint?

No Need to Inquire for Mail

THE hotel Bismark, Chicago, provides something new in the way of service. Not only is each room provided with circulating ice water, but an electric signal indicates arrival of mail, so that the guest does not need to inquire if there is any word from home.

$3,000,000 in Wages; $10,000,000 in Dividends

IT IS claimed that last year one of America's best known soup manufacturing companies paid out to its workers $3,000,000 in wages and the same year paid out $10,000,000 in dividends to its stockholders.

The Route of the Cheapest Gas

SUPPOSE you are in Boston and wish to go across the continent by auto. You are not particular as to distance, but wish to keep down the cost of gas. The route to reach the states where gas taxes are relatively small would be as follows: Massachusetts 3c, Rhode Island 2c, Connecticut 2c, New York 3c, New Jersey 3c, Pennsylvania 3c. South of the Mason and Dixon's line the state gas taxes are all from 4c to 7c, except in Delaware, where the tax is 3c, and the District of Columbia, where it is 2c. So the route would logically be west through either New York state or Pennsylvania to the Ohio line, where the first 4c tax rate would be encountered. Make for Toledo, and go around through Michigan, where the rate is 3c; scud across the northern tip of Indiana, where another 4c rate is encountered. Make for Keokuk, Iowa (Iowa tax is 3c), across Illinois, with its 3c rate, and thence across Missouri, with its 2c rate. Head west through the northern counties of Kansas, with a 3c rate, then across the border into Nebraska, where the 4c rate is maintained through Wyoming, Utah and Nevada, to California, where the rate is 3c. All states to the north of the route named have a 4c or 5c rate, except Minnesota and North Dakota, which have each a 3c rate.

Wages of Section Hands

THE Railway Labor Executives' Association has given publicity to the fact that on the Southern Railway section men in February were working three days a week on a rate of 25c an hour, netting them $5.40 a week. On the Illinois Central wages were as little, and the time worked by some men was but two days per week. The Florida East Coast pays section men 20c per hour. On the Michigan Central section hands average $8.28 per week, which is $3.12 less than the relief basis in Detroit for a totally unemployed man with five in the family.

Thirteen Years to Collect a Bill

ON GROUNDS which the court characterized as trivial, largely captious and artificial, a civil engineer of Southampton, L. I., N. Y., postponed payment of an architect's bill for thirteen years. The suit for payment of the bill was fought through all the courts until it finally reached the Appellate Division in Brooklyn, and if there is anything left the architect will now get something.

Fast Time from Detroit

IT IS 690 miles from Detroit to New York, by rail, via Albany. The best trains make it in 14 hours. The other day Colonel Roscoe Turner went up in a Wedell-Williams monoplane, and, after coming along at a rate of better than 5 miles a minute, landed at Floyd Bennett Field, New York city, in 1 hour 47 minutes 21 seconds, the fastest trip ever made between the two cities.

Acquainted with Our Great Financiers

SENATOR KEY PITTMAN, of Nevada, referring to the fact that about fifteen ounces of silver are mined to one of gold, seems to show a wide acquaintance with our greatest financiers when he says: "So I say we should hold to the laws of nature, even in this civilized age, when we cannot trust the honesty and integrity of any one."

American Telephone and Telegraph Company

THE American Telephone and Telegraph Company believes that in the southern states, in towns of less than 1,000 telephones, the operators ought to be able to live somehow for $11 a week. It also believes that its president ought to be able to live on $206,250 a year; and that seems reasonable, too.

Railway Time Cut in Half

HITHERTO the Burlington's fast trains between Chicago and Denver have made the trip in 27 hours 45 minutes. The Burlington Zephyr, the new streamlined daylight train, made the trip in 13 hours, 1,017 miles at an average speed of 77.6 miles an hour, thus cutting previous time in half.

2,701,900,000 Used Transit Lines

IN 1933, 2,701,900,000 (a number considerably more than of all the people in the world), used the transit lines of New York city. It is calculated that more than 150,000,000 went into or came out of the subway stations of the two systems that meet each other at Times Square.

Wrigley Company Will Pay During Lay-Offs

THE Wrigley Company of Chicago has devised a plan to pay its employees 60 percent to 80 percent of their pay during lay-offs, the pay to continue from 16 to 28 weeks, depending upon length of previous service. Two thousand employees are affected.

Civilization in Putnam, Connecticut

EMMA BELDEN, referring to the progress in civilization which has been made in Putnam, Connecticut, says: "Ten of Jehovah's witnesses were arrested, three men and seven women; two of the women were minors of the ages of 18 and 20. All ten were confined in a small area, consisting of five cells with a narrow corridor. The jail was in a basement, damp and smelly, with no running-water toilets. There was a slop jar in each cell. We were arrested and jailed about 10 a.m., and up to 7 p.m. no attention was given us. We then pounded on the door and asked to be permitted to go to a toilet; we were told to use the jars. We also asked for something to eat; we were told we could not have both, but could take our choice either to go to a toilet or to have something to eat. We told them we were decent people, and demanded to be given toilet accommodations. Finally, we were given permission to go to a toilet, the door of which could not be closed; it was more than a quarter of the way open, with officers seated near by. Later in the evening we were given a sandwich apiece, also a cup of coffee. We asked that the men be given a separate place for the night. Later in the evening, two men from the street were put in with us. About 10 p.m. all the men were put in separate quarters. The writer was arrested while seated in a car; two others were arrested while walking out of a house. All ten had to appear before the officer who arrested us; when we asked to see the ordinance under which we were arrested, we were told that is not necessary. The case was dismissed for lack of witnesses."

Imprisoned for Sending a Calendar

IN AUGUST, 1933, Gabriel Bauer, according to a newspaper clipping just received from Germany, was fined 200 marks because he circulated literature of the Bible Students, then proscribed. In February, 1934, he mailed a calendar and a booklet to his sister. An accompanying letter indicates that he is not an enthusiast for the Nazi government. He was arrested, and after five weeks was brought before the "Special Tribunal". The prosecutor stated that the activities of the Bible Students are "dangerous", that they are not Bible Students but Bible falsifiers, and moved a term of five months in prison. The decree of the court was three months. May the Lord Jehovah God reward the prosecutor and the judge according to their works.

Lieutenant Maloney of Buffalo

A BUFFALO paper says of the arrest of Edward Powers, 26 years old: "It developed in the testimony that Powers in the course of a house-to-house canvass had called at Maloney's home in McKinley Parkway. When he asked the lieutenant to sign a petition of protest against interference with radio broadcasts by Judge Joseph F. Rutherford, president of the International Bible Students Association and the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, he said, Maloney grabbed him and sent a call for the patrol wagon." The account failed to state that Maloney, after he had thrown the petitioner into prison, where he was kept over night, turned his petition list of signers over to the Catholic paper of the city for "investigation". As soon as Powers' case came up in court the judge on the bench, manifestly an upright man, promptly dismissed the charge and then said to Maloney: "Maloney, you want to make a name for yourself—greedy for power. Since when has it become a violation of any law to ring a door bell and ask a man to sign a petition in favor of free speech?" Those who witnessed the trial said that Maloney, while the judge was shaking his finger at him, and castigating him, was pouring sweat and left the courtroom limp as a rag. The conduct of Lieutenant Maloney in this instance is in perfect keeping with the policy of the Catholic hierarchy in the suppression of free speech and the exercise of liberty. The police in New Jersey have done even worse things. In Plainfield, under Chief of Police Flynn, 29 women were jammed into three cells so tightly that they had to stand all night. That is good Catholic hierarchy policy, too; they did even worse things in the days of the Inquisition. The present pope has told the Dominicans, who ran the show in the former Inquisition days, to get ready to do their stuff again.

The Plan of Israel Moses Sieff

REFERRING to the alleged plan of Israel Moses Sieff for the politico-economic control of the world, Congressman McFadden, in a radio address made May 1, 1934, over station WOL, says of this British chain store director's ideas:

"Some six months ago when the father of this plan, Israel Moses Sieff, was urged to show more activity by the members of his committee, his answer was, 'Let us go slowly for a while and wait until we see how

our plan carries out in America.' That statement indicates that a plan similar to theirs is being tried in America. When we consider Professor Tugwell's announced plans for control of all land in the United States and the production therefrom, and when we consider the plans of Professor Berle, Jr., for the railroads and finances of this country, and when we consider the Mordecai Ezekiel-Tugwell-Bankhead cotton control bill and the Wallace hog, corn, and wheat control plans, and the Ickes control of mineral and petroleum industries, and General Johnson's N.R.A. control of industry, we must know that something is being tried out here. . . . Stripped of all its camouflage, it is the guild form of government, and is the kind of government that has recently been established in Italy and Austria and which will be established in England if this particular group under the leadership of Moses Israel Sieff succeed in their plans. The guild form of government is directly the opposite of the constitutional form of government. It is the Jewish plan of a World State."

Senator Nye's Disappointment with N.R.A.

IN AN address by Senator Gerald P. Nye, of North Dakota, before the Cleveland City Club Forum, broadcast by WHK, the senator said, in part: "N.R.A. was expected to accomplish a more equitable distribution of industrial profit as between capital and labor. Instead, its administration has been such as to increase the profits of capital far and away beyond any increase enjoyed by labor, the consumer paying the increase without the enjoyment of an increased buying power. This is well exemplified by the General Motors report for 1933 where sales in dollars rose 31 percent, net earnings rose 50,000 percent, and annual average wages rose three-quarters of 1 percent. Big Business, proven selfish and greedy to the point that brought economic ruin under the old deal, under the new deal N.R.A. program of self-regulation of industry, is dominating in this regulation. . . . Big Business, our Schwabs and our Graces, have evidently learned no lesson from the depression. . . . The cheering for N.R.A. by Big Business is not a cheerful sign of what the future has in prospect for us."

Fascists Jailed in England

FASCISM made a start in England. Eighteen so-called "black shirts" seized upon the tithe war as an opportunity to start something, but two bus loads of cops swooped down on them and landed them all in jail, where they were held without bail. England is a bad place to start anything unless one is able to finish it.

Nobody Exempt from Time of Trouble

NOBODY is exempt from the time of trouble. A San Antonio paper mentions 182 occupations represented by those who sought relief (CWA) employment. Some of these were dentist, dramatic director, embalmer, civil engineer, bookkeeper, barber, artist, collector, coppersmith, dietitian, druggist, horseshoer, interior decorator, attorney, landscaper, mail carrier, nurse, organist, photographer, poultry grader, powderman, presser, printer, purchasing agent, radio operator, railroad worker, recreational specialist, rodent specialist, rug maker, sanitation expert, sign painter, soda fountain clerk, saddle maker, sheep shearer, stage man, building superintendent, switchman, tailor, teacher, tree surgeon, waterboy, windowdresser, traffic officer, architect and newspaper editor. One was an executive who a few years ago was getting $12,000 a year; he was broke and anxious to work with pick and shovel.

The British Incitement to Disaffection Bill

ORIGINATED by the Devil, and sponsored by his side partners, the British Disaffection Bill will, if it is passed, make it a crime to possess any sort of pacifist or anti-war literature. It is not even necessary for the prosecution to prove that the document is in the physical possession of the accused person, if it is in his house or on premises occupied by him. Furthermore, the prosecution is relieved from any obligation to prove wrongful intention on the part of the accused. If he has the documents in his possession he must prove lawful excuse and the law does not define what that is.

Where the Depression Hit

WITHIN the last four years, according to the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, wages paid fell off 60 percent, salaries dropped 40 percent and income of all types from property was diminished by 30 percent. The national income dropped from $81,000,000,000 in 1929 to $49,000,000,000 in 1932.

Half the Veterans Lose Pensions

MARCH 31, 1933, the number of veterans receiving pensions was 1,016,561; on November 30, 1933, the number had been reduced to 514,784. Efforts to salvage the capitalist system cut half the veterans out of the little government aid that they had been receiving.

In Montana in the Month of May

SAYS Charles Bausch, of Montana: "I have not raised a crop in four years, and this year will be the climax. In six weeks we have not had a half inch of rain, and desert conditions prevail. On May 16 the thermometer registered 103 at 2 p.m. The temperature has been unusually high for the last two weeks. Grasshoppers are hatching by the billions. I saw one spot several days ago where I believe there were ten thousand to a square yard, little fellows. When moving the hand over the ground it looked like a swarm of flies. We have in reality had a dry spell since 1917; what crop I had in the year 1921 would go under a man's finger nail. In the fall of 1921 I had 110 good-grade Percheron horses that I had bred for twenty years. After going to the expense of moving them that fall to keep them alive, I lost them all, and also the increase thereof. Having passed through many trials, I can rejoice to pass through the furnace of tribulation, confident in the final victory of God and His people."

Infantile Paralysis from Cowpox

A SCHENECTADY paper states that Claude S. Brown, Sharon Springs, N. Y., contracted infantile paralysis from milking a cow infected with vaccinia or cowpox. According to the Jenner superstition it should be good for Mr. Brown to get cowpox juice into his system; it will keep him from smallpox. The gentleman in Schenectady who sent in this item says: "This might be interesting to *Golden Age* readers who are thinking of letting someone vaccinate their children, especially in states where vaccination is compulsory for entering school. Or some reader may have a child suffering from some cause for which this may provide the doctor a clue."

The Watch Dial Radium Poisonings

IT SEEMS that all the girls who painted watch dials with radium paint in a New Jersey watch factory have either died or are dying, and the factory has been closed. The latest sufferer, sure of an early death, has sued for $330,000. The absorption of an infinitesimal amount of radium causes a glowing halo to radiate from the body, plainly visible through life and after death. Not a cure for cancer or anything else has ever been caused by radium, so far as known, but terrible sufferings have been caused by it.

Wild Ducks Eat Tame Ducks' Food

WILD ducks have become so tame in the vicinity of Kennewick, Washington, that they sit around on the fences and rob the domestic fowls of their food. Ranchers have applied for federal rebates on crop damage by game fowl. Conservation of wild life presents real problems for the farmers.

The Tangled Farm Problem

WE NO sooner get used to the idea of curtailing farm production by letting 43 million acres stand idle (thus decreasing the farm population by 3,250,000) than we are told that industry is overcrowded and 2,000,000 artisans must leave the crowded industrial centers and go back to the farm.

$15,000 a Year from Soot

ONCE a year the soot from the Assay Office, corner of Old Slip and South street, is gathered and smelted, and returns as high as $15,000 in gold. As the smoke ascends the chimney the soot is detached from it by an electric barrage and falls to the bottom of the flue, where once a year it is shoveled out.

College Heads and the League

OVER one hundred college presidents joined in a letter to President Roosevelt urging immediate entry into the World Court and the League of Nations. This expression may be taken as that of Big Business generally, on account of the fact that most of these institutions are dependent upon the gifts of wealthy donors.

Salvaging Pine Stumps

PINE stumps, once thought worthless, are now salvaged. They are harvested, ground up, and the pine oil and turpentine carried off with live steam; then the resin is recovered with naphtha. The dry shredded wood remaining is used for wallboard.

Ice Gradually Receding

ICE in the Arctic region is gradually receding. The Cornell glacier, four hundred miles north of the Arctic circle, is known to have receded three-fifths of a mile in 38 years; also it is known that the tree belt is slowly advancing toward the north.

Treatment of Insane 20 Years Ago

TWENTY years ago, "through the courtesy of Dr. George Leininger, superintendent Illinois State Hospital for the Insane, Chicago" a fellow physician cut open a women 26 years of age and implanted deep within her pelvis a portion of an ovary previously removed during a tumor operation on another party. At the same hospital a male gland was implanted in a helpless old woman; four months later it caused her so much mental disquiet that they cut her open again to take it out. Out of twelve similar operations upon the insane the implantations failed in all of the males and in one of the females. In one of the males, an ovary was implanted taken from a mulatto woman dead eight hours of disease of the heart. In one of the females sixty-seven years of age an ovary was implanted in her armpit. The physicians that performed these experiments claim that they did them with the consent of the relatives.

Wholesale Poisoning at Denver

ON APRIL 24, at Denver, forty-four clubmen were taken seriously ill after a banquet which consisted of the best foods that money can buy. There was violent nausea, retching, cramps, and in some cases hemorrhages. Eight days later the "scientists" did not know a thing about what made all these people ill, and we doubt if they ever will know. Readers of *The Golden Age,* who have recovered their health since they quit plating their interiors with aluminum, and who have read of scores of these mysterious wholesale poisonings, none of which are ever solved, could, we believe, go out there and in a few minutes locate the aluminum pots in which stood the gravy or other ingredient that made all these people ill—but they would not get any thanks for it. People would much rather be ill than be bothered by facing truth.

The Value of Fresh Air

ONE of Jehovah's witnesses, active, observant, notices that in homes that are clean and airy there are few complaints about colds, but in houses kept hot and stuffy colds are common. The way to sleep is to have the top of the window down and the bottom of the window up, winter and summer. Living quarters should be well aired the first thing in the morning; the house will heat more quickly, and the family feel every way much better.

74 Poisoned at Natick

A DISPATCH from Natick, Massachusetts, tells that every physician in Natick, and every available nurse, was busy working to relieve 74 sufferers of supposed ptomaine poisoning as an aftermath to a church supper. The dispatch concluded with the familiar and amusing statement, "Health authorities launched an investigation." Of course they did. Why would they not? But will they find that the cause was that the food was left standing in aluminum containers before it was served? Certainly not. Why should the health authorities learn something now that they could have learned years ago? Is it not much more dignified for them to announce after weeks of 'study' that no cause for the wholesale poisoning was found than it would be to have to admit that the aluminum cooking utensils that they have said are perfectly safe are in reality perfectly dangerous?

Tulsa's Alum Cocktail

TULSA, Oklahoma, has a good supply of pure mountain water obtained 75 miles away in the Ozarks. All that would be necessary to do would be to aerate this water properly and then let it alone. As it is, the citizens are sometimes barely able to drink it. The reason is that (in 1933) there were dumped into it 251 tons of alum, 42 tons of lime, and 21 tons of chlorine. The chemical manufacturers have to make a living, don't they? If the Tulsa people can't afford to buy bottled water which has not been monkeyed with, that is their lookout and their misfortune. Just wondering, in a mild way, if the same banks that finance the alum, lime and chlorine factories also finance the bottled water companies.

To Make Cereal Coffee

SAYS Mrs. B. B. Adams, of England: "To make cereal coffee take 2 cups bran and 1 cup each of warmed treacle, ground rice, medium oatmeal, ground maize and wheatmeal; mix all ingredients well together; put into a shallow tin and place in a very moderate oven; stir frequently; bake until a dark coffee color; when cold, store in air-tight tins. Put 4 tablespoons of this cereal coffee in a pan; add a pinch of salt; pour over it 1 cup of boiling water; let boil 5 minutes; stand pan aside until the grains settle; strain, and allow 2 tablespoons of the liquid to each cup of boiling milk."

The Tie Eternal

RAMSAY MCDONALD, in an address in London, accepting a bust of Elihu Root presented by the Carnegie Corporation, gave expression to the thought that the tie with the United States is eternal. He may think so, and so may others on both sides of the ocean, but the thing that Britain did in repudiating her debt will not be forgotten by the American people, and America is settling rapidly back into her old attitude of hating and distrusting the British *Government* as the wickedest, most unprincipled gang on the face of the earth, with but one exception —the "purgatory" crowd.

Britain Could Pay, but Did Not Want To

COLONEL J. C. WEDGEWOOD, standing up in the House of Commons, said with respect to the American debt, since repudiated by Great Britain: "It is not the case that we cannot pay. We can pay, but we don't want to. I hope the chancellor of the exchequer will assure the House tonight there is some prospect of our honoring our debt and paying back what we owe to a people who lent us the money when we were in so difficult a position." Britain's own statesmen call her "Perfidious Albion".

Mussolini Not the Messiah

MUSSOLINI is not the Messiah of Italy that many have supposed him to be. Bankruptcies in 1932 were 21,000; five times as many as in Great Britain. Living costs have gone down, but wages have gone down far more. Italy now has the lowest living standards for workers of any great country in the world. In ten years of fascism the total expenditure for public works is less than the annual loans for local public works in Great Britain; so says the Nofrontier News Service.

One of Europe's Ill-Tempered Dictators

ONE of Europe's ill-tempered dictators was to speak to thousands of his countrymen on the occasion of the 2687th birthday anniversary of Rome. As is now customary on such occasions, he was surrounded with a battery of microphones and sound amplifiers. In a rage he smashed all these delicate instruments, with the result that only a few hundred heard him speak. What a world it will be when we have this kind of rulers all over the earth! Yet there are those who expect Fascism to spread to every country.

DuPonts Gladly Help Japan

A DISPATCH from Tokyo states that the DuPont Company recently sold a quantity of ammonium nitrate machinery to the Japanese Mitsui interests. Ammonium nitrate is used in the making of munitions. The United States government mildly protested the sale. However, as a matter of fact, all munition concerns sell to forty or fifty countries. American-made airplanes have been sold to forty-five different countries; the French sold 400 tanks to Germany; Great Britain is selling arms to Hitler; American gangsters receive their machine guns from Belgium. Arms cost four times as much as any peaceful objects.

What the World War Cost

PRESIDENT NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, of Columbia University, says that the World War, which cost the participants $400,000,000,000, "would have bought five acres of land, a $2,500 house and $1,000 worth of equipment for every family in the United States, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Russia, Germany and Australia; would have provided a $5,000,000 library and a $10,000,000 university for every city of 20,000 or more population in all these countries; would have provided an endowment fund permanently paying for 125,000 teachers and 125,000 nurses; and there would still have been enough left to buy France and Belgium."

Britain Defaults on Debt

BRITAIN has defaulted on her debt to the United States. What else could she do? She wants to use the money for armament purposes, so that when we have another world war to make the world safe for hypocrisy she can play the part Britannia is supposed to play.

Evil Spirits After Hayashi

GENERAL HAYASHI, Japanese war minister, troubled by evil spirits in his house, is endeavoring to drive them out by having the house overhauled by workmen, and the demons themselves exorcised by Shinto priests; so a dispatch in the Nashville *Banner* tells us.

Japanese Trade Expansion

JAPANESE trade expansion has all the manufacturing nations of Europe in anxiety. Japanese silks recently appeared in Italy's silk centers, competing with Italian silks at lower prices.

"His Ill Savour Shall Come Up"

SAYS E. Crowe, of Ontario: "Reading, in a back issue of *The Golden Age,* of the motley bunch of dominies that gathered together on one occasion to sit in judgment on Judge Rutherford's lectures, I was struck with the number and variety of religious organizations that the public is cursed with; they all seem odoriferous. While they all have their issues, they all as 'good trinitarians' seem to agree on three points: First, in opposing the truth; second, in that they all expect to go to heaven sometime; third, to eat out of the public trough while here.

"In their scramble to get the most and best of what is going, they make a lot of noise. Some with more nerve than others get their feet into the trough; others not so well equipped with gall are glad if they can get their noses in. So far they have been lucky enough to keep the trough right side up. Some day they will upset it, and then what?

"I also noticed that some of the religions represented were as old as the activities of Satan on the earth. Unless I have been greatly mistaken in what I have read in the Book of books, spiritualism had its inception in Eden. At least that was the first time that Satan had direct intercourse with the human race. Since then all the various religious organizations, both Christian and heathen, have been more or less chips off the old block. True, they call themselves by many different names; but what is in a name, anyway? A skunk by any other name would smell just as sweet."

Methodists Not Sure About Worshiping Flag

THE Methodist church is not sure about the wisdom of worshiping the United States flag or any other flag. At the annual conference at Philadelphia in March the social service commission of the church reported that in many instances nationalism has become the religion of the nation, and then said:

It erects its own god. Its chief symbol of faith and central object of worship is the flag, with its curious liturgical forms and attitudes, to which the child is taught the strictest allegiance. The national anthem is listened to with awe in a standing posture and with uncovered head. Nationalism has its holy scriptures—the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, Washington's farewell address, the Monroe Doctrine, and Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, which on the whole are better known to the average boy and girl than the classical portions of the English Bible.

What the Preachers Know About Heaven

THE Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* sent out a reporter to interview the preachers and find out what they know about heaven. An Advent Christian minister said there is no real heaven now but there will be when judgment day comes; a Baptist said there is a heaven, although no one knows where it is definitely located; another Baptist said heaven exists and is God's throne; a Congregationalist said heaven is a spiritual condition into which we go when we die; another Congregationalist said heaven does not exist as a real place; an Episcopalian said heaven is not a reality; another Episcopalian said heaven is where all good people go; a Methodist said heaven exists in a spiritual state; three Lutherans said yes, there is a heaven; a Methodist said heaven exists but no one knows where. It was a grand mix-up all around.

"Gambling on the Hereafter"

REPRESENTATIVE BLACK, of New York, told a committee of ministers he thought them inconsistent to oppose horse racing, in view of the fact that they were running the biggest gambling business in existence—gambling on the hereafter. Rather a sharp statement; but is it not about right? And some of them accept bets that they can sway divine justice, 300 days indulgence for this, 100 days for that, etc.

Perth Cleric Gets Honest Work

AT WILUNA, near Perth, Australia, a clergyman has gotten into honest work. The report says that to a congregation of 9 he disclosed that if they could not provide him with a living he would have to get out and make it himself for his wife and three young children. The next day he went to work as a miner. The clipping as sent us contains the words "Ha! Ha!" We are not certain why, but can guess.

Circuit Riders to Take to Horses

THE bishop of the North Carolina Methodist conference has advised that the circuit riders in his district scrap their automobiles and buy horses. This has several good points, one of which is that the dominies will learn how to hitch up, and, a little later, when the time comes for them to hook on to a plow, or cultivator, or other farm implement, they will know how to go about it.

"United States Customs Holy Name Society"

THE public is gradually being made accustomed by the big newspapers to the thought that the United States government has been seized by the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Thus the New York *Times* of May 7, 1934, tells about the "tenth annual communion breakfast in the Hotel Astor" of the "800 members of the United States Customs Holy Name Society of New York". The account says that "the breakfast was preceded by a mass at 9 o'clock in the Roman Catholic Church of St. Agnes, 141 East Forty-third Street, where the members of the society received holy communion in a body". Most certainly any person connected with the United States government, or any other government or business enterprise, has a perfect right to attend any "church" he pleases, but it does grate on the nerves of a real American to have the name of the United States government or its customs service mixed up in any way with a concern that has done and is doing as much to break down true Americanism as the Roman Catholic church has done. Why cannot these men go to their church privately, as other citizens do? Why do they have to flaunt it in the faces of other Americans that they have been able to get good jobs with the United States government, in its customs service, and that they are there, not as Americans, but as Catholics, and to have this offensively paraded in the newspapers, boastingly, it not threateningly?

"Postoffice Holy Name Society"

APRIL 15, 1934, the "Postoffice Holy Name Society", 2,000 men, had its "annual communion breakfast" at the Hotel Astor, New York, after they had "received communion at a mass celebrated by Cardinal Hayes in St. Patrick's Cathedral". Three weeks later the "United States Customs Holy Name Society" of 800 men had its "tenth annual communion breakfast" in the same hotel. Ere long, no doubt, we shall have widely published accounts of the annual communion breakfasts of the "United States Presidential Cabinet's Holy Name Society", the "White House Holy Name Society", the "Department of State Holy Name Society", the "Treasury Department Holy Name Society", the "Department of Justice Holy Name Society", the "War Department Holy Name Society", the "Navy Department Holy Name Society", the "Department of the Interior Holy Name Society", the "Department of Agriculture Holy Name Society", the "Department of Commerce Holy Name Society", the "Department of Labor Holy Name Society", the "Supreme Court of the United States Holy Name Society", the "Tammany Hall Holy Name Society", the "Welfare Island Holy Name Society", the "Al Capone Holy Name Society", and any other "Holy Name Societies" that are now in the forming. It is hard to get them all going at once. Meantime the public may as well get used to the names. The appellation is of political import only.

The Lady Looked After Her Soul

ST. LOUIS papers contain a lengthy account of a lady 72 years of age who died and left behind her a nice little nest egg of $1,900,000. Of this amount ten relatives received, all together, ½ of 1 percent; the other 99½ percent went to the institution that toils not, neither does it spin, but manages to rake in the coin right and left. About a million dollars of the lady's fortune will be used to say mass for the "repose" of her "soul" and that of her husband. The needy relatives will probably never leave very much for the "repose of their souls"; they will be too busy hustling for a living; but they can take comfort in the thought that there is not a syllable in the Bible about masses for the repose of anybody's soul, and any money spent in that direction would be worse than wasted. So they are nothing out; they will live until they die, and that is all the old lady did. The ones who got her money will not have to hustle for a living, but, in the end, it would be far better for them if they did.

The Rights of Divine Honor

A GENTLEMAN claiming to instruct the whole world in righteousness told a group of 300 young Germans that he would always tell them the truth, and always defend the truth and the rights of divine honor. Now, if he will just do that with respect to the doctrine of purgatory, what a step forward it will be! For it is readily apparent to all that nothing could more dishonor God than a system which makes Him seem to be a partner in a torturing and roasting business, which is conducted for profit; i.e., the flames are regulated, in time or intensity, by gifts of money to persons here on earth who know how to spend it so as to have a good time with it.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Herewith the fifth in the unique series of five-minute talks by Judge Rutherford. They cover the salient, fundamental teachings of the Bible in brief and pointed fashion, and indicate also how certain of the prophecies have fulfilment. The bearing which these truths have on the present world situation makes these lectures of special importance. They furnish much food for thought and are the subject of earnest and helpful discussion in thousands of homes.

Kingdom *By Judge Rutherford*

WHEN Satan rebelled he was the king of the world appointed to such position by Jehovah. Because of Satan's rebellion Jehovah gave His word that in His own due time He would take the rulership away from Satan and give the kingdom of the world to Jesus Christ. Jehovah could have done this immediately following the rebellion of Satan, but because Satan had declared that God could not put men on earth who would be faithful to Him God permitted Satan to continue over a stated period of time that the great question or issue in dispute might be tried and fully determined. In the meantime He would have His faithful men act as His witnesses to the name of Jehovah, and when the time limit expired He would exhibit His supreme power, that all might know that He is the true and only God, and the source of all life.

More than nineteen centuries ago Jesus came to earth, and then Jehovah anointed Him to be the King of the world; and for this reason Jesus began to preach, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"; meaning that He, Jesus, was the King and now He had been appointed to that high position. Satan immediately set about to kill Jesus because God had appointed Jesus to be King. Satan employed every known means to cause the death of Jesus. The clergy of that day were the chief instruments the Devil used to kill Jesus. (John 8:42-44) In time Satan caused his wicked agents to crucify Jesus, and then Satan concluded that he had rid the earth of its promised King. He was afraid Jesus might be resurrected; hence Satan tried to prevent His resurrection; but in this he failed. Jehovah showed His superior power by raising Jesus out of death, and then He exalted Him to the highest place in heaven. (Philippians 2:9-11) Jesus was then the King, but Jehovah required Him to wait until the proper time to begin His reign as King.—Psalm 110:1.

Jesus told His disciples that He must die and be raised from the dead and then He must go away and receive the Kingdom, and that He would then come again and receive His faithful followers and set up His kingdom in full operation. (John 14:1-4) The coming of Christ Jesus and of His kingdom, therefore, is of the greatest interest to all real Christians, because it means the end of Satan's wicked rule and the beginning of the lasting rule of righteousness. For this reason Jesus taught His followers to pray, "Thy kingdom come." By constantly praying this prayer His followers would show that they were in full heart accord with the kingdom of righteousness, hence on Jehovah's side.

During the past nineteen centuries Jehovah has caused the truth to be told to the people, and some have believed it and have become the faithful followers of Christ Jesus. During that period of time Jehovah has taken out from amongst the world men and women and made them His witnesses on the earth. Now the end of Satan's world has come. Christ Jesus has taken His power and begun His reign, and now His faithful followers still on earth, appointed to be witnesses for Jehovah, must give testimony concerning the Kingdom. They are commanded to tell the people that Jehovah is God, Christ is King, and that the Kingdom is here. (Matthew 24:14) In obedience to this commandment men and women for some time have been going from house to house preaching the gospel of the Kingdom by word of mouth and by printed message. Many people have supplied themselves with these books explaining the truth and have gained a knowledge of Jehovah, and, having so done, are now greatly rejoicing.

Upon the earth today there is much woe, distress and perplexity, and the Devil is falsely trying to make the people believe that God is responsible therefor. Satan causes many schemes to be brought forth by men, by which schemes, it is claimed, peace and prosperity will come

to the people. But all of these schemes are certain to fail, the reason being that the time has come for God's kingdom under Christ to rule the world. Therefore Jehovah says to those who are of good will and who desire righteousness: "Behold my servant [Christ], whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the [nations]. And in his name shall the [nations] trust." (Matthew 12:18, 21) The kingdom under Christ is set up, and it will dash to pieces Satan's rule, that the way may be made clear for righteousness to continue for ever in earth. The destruction of Satan's organization will soon take place. Armageddon is near at hand!

[The series of eighteen short talks of which the foregoing is one is obtainable in the form of phonograph records which may be run on any ordinary phonograph at the regular rate of 78 revolutions per minute. There are nine records in the set, each having two of the lectures. The demand for these records has been far in excess of what was anticipated, but orders are filled with the least possible delay. For detailed information and the reasonable terms upon which these records may be obtained, address the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Inquiries should not be sent to us.]

Riddle of the League of Nations

"THE end is not immediately. Then said he [Jesus] unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be great earthquakes, and in divers places famines and pestilences; and there shall be terrors and great signs from heaven. . . . But when ye see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is at hand. Then let them that are in Judæa flee unto the mountains; and let them that are in the midst of her [Jerusalem] depart out; and let not them that are in the country enter therein. For these are the days of vengeance [of Jehovah God], that all things which are written may be fulfilled."—Luke 21:9-22, *Revised Version.*

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come. When therefore ye see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him that readeth understand), then let them that are in Judæa flee unto the mountains: . . . for then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be."—Matthew 24:14-21, *R.V.*

Mark's account (chapter 13, verses 14-19) of Jesus' prophecy on the end of Satan's organization contains the same warning counsel: "But when ye see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not (let him that readeth understand), then let them that are in Judæa flee unto the mountains: . . . For those days shall be tribulation, such as there hath not been the like from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never shall be."—*R.V.*

What this "abomination of desolation" was or should be was an unsolved mystery to all, even true Christians, until A.D. 1920. Then *The Watchtower,* on pages 11 and 12 of its issue of January 1, 1921, said this:

It is a well known fact that during the World War the British Empire maintained a large force of men in the United States, doing what was designated a secret service work. The Statesman Press, 164 East 37th Street, New York City, published in 1919 a document purporting to be addressed to the Right Honorable David Lloyd George, a copy of which was found near 500 Madison Avenue, New York City, where Sir William Wiseman, Chief of the British Secret Service in America, had resided for some time. Whether the document is genuine or not, we cannot say; but it discloses a most remarkable state of affairs showing that it was the policy of the British Government during the World War to institute a system of espionage in the United States, that such was instituted, as a result of which many people suffered because they would not conform to the ideas of the beast. [Revelation 13] That the British Government caused life or power to be given to the League of Nations is supported by much evidence, among which is the following quotation from the above-mentioned document:

"We must in short now bring America within the Empire. God helping us, we can do no other. The first visible step in this direction has been taken. President Wilson has accepted and sponsored the plan for a league of nations which we prepared for him. We have wrapped this plan in the peace treaty so that the world must accept from us the League or a con-

tinuance of the war. The League is in substance the Empire with America admitted on the same basis as our other colonies.''

This coercive or beastly power was exercised not only in the United States, but in Canada and many other parts of the world; but through it all Great Britain stood with an innocent, lamblike face, her horns hidden, and claimed to be exercising all power, together with Mr. Wilson and others, to make the world ''safe for democracy''. All this power has been supported by ecclesiasticism, Catholic and Protestant; and the beastly rule that has been carried on in the name and under the cloak of ''Christianity'' surely comes within the definition of the prophet Daniel as the abomination that makes desolate. It sets itself up in opposition to the kingdom of God; and while willing that the people should call upon the Lord with their mouths, yet with their hearts and hands and money they are required to serve the earthly power —saying in effect: 'The earth is ours and the fulness thereof. Let God keep his hands off'—thereby attempting to cause and causing both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to worship (do homage to) the beast, arrogating to these earthly powers that homage, devotion and obedience to which only the Lord Jehovah is justly and properly entitled. They cause the peoples of earth to receive the mark of the beast in their hands (to exercise their energies in behalf of the selfish and unrighteous systems) and in their foreheads—to give full assent to and to sympathize with the beastly order. [Revelation 13:15-17] Can any one doubt that this is the abomination, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, which makes desolate and which is continuing unto the very end?

Later, in its issue of November 1, 1922, page 335, *The Watchtower* said in further identification of the "abomination of desolation":

The financial princes and the mighty rulers of earth assembled in Paris for a peace conference, and the clergy of nominal Christendom joined with them; and the result was the bringing forth of the League of Nations, the devil's final substitute for the kingdom of Messiah. . . .

In January, 1919, before the League of Nations was completely born, the Federal Council of Churches boldly issued the following blasphemous statement:

> ''The time has come to organize the world for truth, right, justice and humanity. To this end as Christians we urge the establishment of a League of Free Nations at the coming Peace Conference. Such a league is not merely a peace expedient; it is rather the *political* expression of the kingdom of God on earth. The League of Nations is rooted in the gospel. Like the gospel, its objective is 'Peace on earth, good will toward men.' Like the gospel, its appeal is universal.''

Thus they denied the coming of the Lord and his kingdom to bless mankind, and openly allied themselves with the devil's scheme, . . .

The Riddle

Jehovah has permitted men to pursue their own way with a free hand. The stronger minds have been leaders in the world, and particularly is this so in "Christendom", which was foreshadowed by unfaithful ancient Jerusalem. These leaders have claimed that they would make the world a fit place in which to live, and would establish everlasting peace and prosperity among men; but they have all failed. Their failure has been chiefly due to the fact that they have disregarded the counsel of the Lord and have fallen away to the enemy Satan. Had the rulers in "Christendom" stood by the counsel of the Lord and faithfully obeyed Him, the result would have been different. They have claimed to be the people of God, ruling by divine right. They could not of themselves establish a government of righteousness, to be sure; and had they followed the counsel of the Lord, they would have gotten in line with God's way and been fully submissive to His anointed King, Christ Jesus, at His coming to rule in A.D. 1914.

Concerning His coming as world Ruler it had long ago been prophesied to Zedekiah, king of Jerusalem: "And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, Thus saith the Lord God, Remove the diadem, and take off the crown; . . . I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him." (Ezekiel 21:25-27) Centuries later "as [Jesus] sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, . . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." (Matthew 24:3-8) This "beginning of sorrows" upon Satan's world, especially "Christendom", started in A.D. 1914. The world rulers were warned then, and have been warned more specifically since 1922 by Jehovah's witnesses; but the rulers have wholly turned away from the Lord God and His King, who is earth's rightful Ruler.

This was foreshadowed in the experiences of ancient Jerusalem, and particularly by her rul-

ers and principal men. The "profane, wicked prince", Zedekiah, was lifted up within himself and followed his own selfish imaginations, and was destroyed. The rulers in "Christendom", and particularly the clergy, have been lifted up with self, and have continued on in their way of wickedness regardless of all warning, and have refused to hear and to obey God's Word of truth. "They know not, neither will they understand: they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes [not like the Prince of Peace, but like Satan, 'the prince of this world']."—Ps. 82:5, 7.

All this God caused to be foretold to the Israelites or Jews, in the nineteenth chapter of Ezekiel's prophecy: "Moreover, take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel." (Verse 1) This "lamentation" is a wail or lament now over the leaders or chief ones in "Christendom", who have ruled and do now rule. What was then and there said by Ezekiel to Jerusalem, or the Jews, has a modern application to "Christendom"; and hence it is important to here consider it.

The members of an organization are spoken of as its "children"; hence the organization is said to be their "mother". When David, king of the Jews, captured Jerusalem from the Jebusites, Jehovah God put His name there and made it the capital organization of the Jewish or Israelite nation. Solomon succeeded King David to the throne of Jerusalem. God promised or covenanted to establish the throne of Solomon for ever, provided Solomon and his house were faithful to God. When Solomon had finished building the temple to Jehovah, the Lord God said to him: "But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them; then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them: and this house [temple], which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people."—1 Kings 9:2-7.

Jehovah's covenant, and that covenant-city Jerusalem, was God's typical organization, and was the "mother" that bore the Israelitish nation. Hence the words of lamentation by Ezekiel were addressed back there to the leaders in Jerusalem, and, in our day, to the leaders in "Christendom"; namely: "What is [*R.V.*: What was] thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions." (Verse 2) Thus the covenant for the kingdom which God made in behalf of Jerusalem was symbolized by a lioness. Centuries before the making of that covenant for the kingdom God had caused the patriarch Jacob to prophesy over his son Judah, saying: "Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: . . . Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh [the Christ] come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." (Genesis 49:8-10) Accordingly the ruling offspring of that kingdom covenant (the lioness) was Judah. However, this particular "lioness" did not produce "the Lion of the tribe of Juda", namely, Christ Jesus. (Revelation 5:5) All the "whelps" of the "lioness" mentioned in Ezekiel 19 were failures; and hence this lioness must represent God's covenant for the kingdom *as applied to the royal line of King Solomon.*

Whelps

This particular "lioness" mentioned in the prophecy "lay down among lions", meaning, among the political rulers of the tribe of Judah and Jerusalem; and she brought forth and reared a succession of kings of the line of Solomon. "And she brought up one of her whelps: it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men." (Verse 3) In the first or miniature fulfilment of this prophecy: At the death of Josiah the king (and a descendant of King Solomon) the Jews took his son Jehoahaz and made him king. He became the "lion" and "learned to catch the prey". "Jehoahaz [whose name means 'Whom Jehovah upholds or sustains'] was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done." (2 Kings 23:31, 32) Because of the wickedness of the king, Jehovah did not 'uphold him'.

At that time the Devil's organization included all the nations of the earth except the Israelites, and he was now scheming to get complete control of that nation. Through the Gentile (non-Jewish) powers Satan sought to capture Je-

hoahaz; therefore verse four of the prophecy says: "The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit [as a lion is captured], and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt." The Gentile nation, Egypt, as Satan's instrument, captured the king Jehoahaz; "and Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands at Riblah, in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; . . . And Pharaoh-nechoh . . . took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt and died there." (2 Kings 23:33, 34) The father of Jehoahaz was King Josiah. In the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah (at which time Jeremiah became God's prophet) the forty years of "iniquity of the house of Judah" had begun, at the end of which forty years Jehovah God would visit his wrath upon Jerusalem, as prophesied in Ezekiel 4:6, 7. (Jeremiah 1:1-3) Hence neither Jehoahaz nor any other "whelp" of the "lioness" of the line of Solomon could succeed.

Other "whelps" were then provided to be rulers: "Now, when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion." (Verse 5) There were three more princes that ruled Jerusalem after Jehoahaz, all of whom embarked upon a course of wickedness. The "whelp", or young lion, here mentioned represents those three, to wit: Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah, all of whom met disaster. (2 Kings 23:35; 24:6-20) The name of each one belied the real state of affairs. "Jehoiakim" means "Jehovah sets up"; "Jehoiachin," "Jehovah establishes" or "Whom Jehovah will establish"; and "Zedekiah" means "Justice of Jehovah". These kings were all workers of iniquity and did exactly contrary to what their names implied. Speaking of these three as a unit, verses 6 and 7 declare: "And he [the whelp] went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men. And he knew their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the noise of his roaring." True to prophecy, all three of these rulers in Jerusalem followed the course that led to the desolation of the land of Judah.

The nations round about Jerusalem were against Jerusalem. "Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him [as a young lion]: he was taken in their pit." (Verse 8) Fulfilling this prophecy: "in his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him [Nebuchadnezzar]. And the Lord sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by his servants the prophets." (2 Kings 24:1, 2) At the death of Jehoiakim his son Jehoiachin succeeded him to the throne and reigned in Jerusalem three months. The city was again besieged by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and Jehoiachin went out to him. He was taken captive to Babylon; as verse 9 of the prophecy says: "And they put him in ward in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel." Concerning this 2 Kings 24:15 says: "And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land: those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon."

Then Zedekiah became the ruler of Jerusalem, and, in complete fulfilment of the prophetic riddle, he too was taken prisoner and carried to Babylon. (2 Kings 25:6, 7) Thus God's typical kingdom amongst the fleshly Jews was taken from these "whelps", the rulers of the line of King Solomon. The house of Solomon had proved unfaithful, and failed. They did not bring forth 'the fruits of the kingdom', and they came to their bitter end.—Matthew 21:43.

Application to "Christendom"

The fact that Jehovah God caused an accurate record of these deeds to be kept is proof that there must be a modern fulfilment or application thereof to the people or nation foreshadowed by Jerusalem. (1 Corinthians 10:11) The rulers of "Christendom", called "princes", claim and have long claimed to be ruling by divine right or authority as the representatives of "the Lion of the tribe of Juda", Christ Jesus, and that "Christendom" is therefore fulfilling God's covenant as mentioned in Genesis 49:10, or more particularly the covenant for the kingdom made with David the father of Solomon. (2 Samuel 7:12-16; 23:5) The "whelp" (prince or ruler) produced by "Christendom" in these latter times, and which is the chief ruler of the world, is the "British lion" and her colonies, including the United States. These together constitute

from the Bible standpoint the seventh world power. Concerning this world power it is written, in Revelation 17:10, that "when he cometh, he must continue a short space". From the beginning of the British Empire in the seventeenth century until the battle of Armageddon, now so near, is but "a short space", comparatively. During that time the seventh world power (which includes America) has certainly been a "lion" in its rapacity and in its roaring. The British Empire is the greatest and the chief ruling power of "Christendom". It has been considered the stabilizer of the world. Just as the first whelp that the lioness took was caught and brought captive to Egypt, so the World War made manifest the bondage of the British Empire, including America, to commercialism and militarism, symbolized in the Bible by Egypt, the ancient military, commercial power. Commercialism is the controlling power in Satan and his organization.

Now the larger supposed stabilizer has been formed in the League of Nations; and this, together with its supports, the World Court, the Paris anti-war pact, and similar treaties and peace pacts, is expected to stabilize the world commercially and bring lasting peace. "Christendom" has put forward this League of Nations as her last hope, following the course of the "lioness" in putting forth the second "whelp" as her final hope. This League, according to Revelation 17:11, "is the eighth [world power], and is of the seven [previous world powers], and goeth into perdition." Not one of the so-called "heathen" nations, such as Japan, China, etc., had to do with the original formation of the League of Nations. It was brought forth by the British, that is, the Anglo-American imperialism; and "Christendom" is its chief strength. The King, Christ Jesus, is Jehovah's instrument for the destruction of Satan's organization, and will capture and destroy this "whelp" (representing all the rulers of "Christendom"), "that his voice should no more be heard"; and "Christendom" will meet its death in captivity to divine power, as did the last ruler of ancient Jerusalem.

The offspring of the "lioness", which is God's kingdom covenant as applied to Solomon's royal line, was never reinstated. The kingdom was taken from him and given to "the Lion of the tribe of Juda". (Ezekiel 21:25-27) So shall it be with the princes or rulers of "Christendom". In 1919 "Christendom" made this "whelp" (the League of Nations) its hope, and the Federal Council of Churches in America proclaimed it to be "the political expression of the kingdom of God on earth". Thus they refused to recognize earth's rightful King, the great Prince, Christ Jesus. There "Christendom" lost every hope of reinstatement, and hence must now go down for ever. Following its action against Jehovah and His anointed and installed King "Christendom" was warned by the witnesses whom the Lord had sent to them; but they refused to heed the message by Jehovah's witnesses, even as Zedekiah the king refused to hear the testimony of Jeremiah the prophet. (Jeremiah 38:20-23) The doom of "Christendom" and her League of Nations, the "abomination of desolation", is therefore sealed, and God's judgment will be executed against them; and they shall never rise again. Hence Jesus warned: "When ye shall see Jerusalem [that is, 'Christendom'] compassed with armies [the Lord's armies], then know that the desolation thereof is nigh."—Luke 21:20.

The "abomination that maketh desolate" (Daniel 11:31; 12:11) is the League of Nations, because it is that which is brought forth by Satan through "Christendom" and is made to stand up in the place and stead of God's kingdom under Christ. Those who now see "the abomination of desolation", the Devil's substitute for the Kingdom, stand "where it ought not" are commanded by Jesus to "flee into the mountains", that is, to Jehovah and to Christ, because in the organization of Jehovah under Christ is the only place of refuge. (In Scripture both Jehovah's universal organization and His kingdom under Christ are pictured as "mountains".) (Daniel 2:34, 35, 44, 45; Zechariah 14:4, 5) If, therefore, you see or discern that the Devil has caused his subterfuge, the League of Nations, to stand up in the place of God's kingdom under Christ, then the warning to you is that you flee to Jehovah's organization, and that you do it immediately. Everyone who has a true desire to be on the side of Jehovah must now signify his intention by taking a position on the side of God's organization. Those who desire to see the kingdom of God and live under it must hasten to put themselves entirely on God's side. And why? Jesus answers: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." (Matthew 24:21) That is the final trouble, and never again will rise up. (Nahum 1:9) The Devil and his organization will have been crushed.

Jehovah's witnesses in Bergen County

JEHOVAH'S witnesses have suffered much persecution in Bergen county, New Jersey. Arrests and imprisonments have been many. In every instance the higher courts have shown that these arrests were all illegal, but new ordinances have been drawn and fresh arrests made, with the same results. But it seems, according to the Passaic *Herald-News,* that when fifty of the police chiefs of Bergen county were assembled, to listen for two hours to plans for a campaign against gambling and racketeering, they maintained a stony silence, most surprising in its general unity. Thoughtful people will naturally wonder why these chiefs are so friendly in carrying out the wishes of the Roman hierarchy against Jehovah's witnesses, and why they are so loath to do anything about the real lawbreakers in their midst.

"The New World"

THE *Spotlight,* Miami, Oklahoma, says:

That there is a new world, a new social order in the making, no one can sensibly doubt. Just what the new world, or new social order, is to be, we are left only to draw upon our imaginations. If we are to accept the theory of Judge J. F. Rutherford, of New York, who is daily broadcasting by radio and sending out through his organizations millions of little booklets to all nations containing prophecies which he claims are based upon the Scriptures, the jig is about up with us, and this old social order of things, the present world, is due for a good cleansing P.D.Q. He says it will come in the form of a war, the battle of Armageddon, as foretold by the Scriptures, which will make all prior scraps look like a nickel with a hole punched in it. The judge's little booklet entitled *Escape to the Kingdom,* published last year and now being sent all over the world, is nothing short of sensational—to the extent of being alarming—if believed. He says, in substance, that a general clean-up is necessary, for the Devil is in the saddle and riding deep, and that the battle of Armageddon, which in Scripture means the place of assembly of Jehovah's troops, will start soon. The only thing we feel sure of is, there is to be a new world.

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Could America Live Alone?

WITH AN EXPLANATION OF THE DOUGLAS SOCIAL CREDIT PROPOSALS

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SPEAKING at St. Kilda, the minister for customs (Mr. White) said that "the crash in the United States had been caused by a high protection policy. To think that any nation could live alone was a fallacy."

Any self-contained nation like the United States not only could live alone, but could live remarkably well. Does Mr. White suggest that if all the other nations of the earth, following a contraction of the earth's crust, were submerged under the sea—with all their troubles and bankers—the United States would perish?

No doubt our cousins would miss their poor relations and the happy hunting grounds of Europe so dear to American tourists, but apart from this loss, the fact that America was thrust upon its own resources, without any international complexities, or the senseless clamor for export markets, would be more in the nature of an economic God-send to the American people.

They would then, at least, have a reasonable chance of settling down to enjoy all that America could produce, instead of giving it away to other nations in the form of overseas investments for which the American people receive worthless pieces of paper in return.

The world crisis is due, chiefly, to one cause: a shortage of purchasing power. Of everything else there is abundance.

This shortage comes about because it is impossible for any industry to pay out sufficient purchasing power to cover the cost of the goods it produces. This is true of all industries.

The use of labor-saving machinery increases the shortage of purchasing power.

The only way this chronic shortage can be remedied is by the nation's taking over the control and issue of all money. The control of money is the constitutional right of the Crown, but the private banks have usurped this right. The banks do not, as is popularly supposed, lend deposits. They create credit. In fact, ALL the money in the community has its origin in a debt to the banks. Banks being the only source of money, the community is obliged to borrow for all its needs and to pay interest, a factor which puts the State, companies and industries into increasing indebtedness to the banking system, giving rise to a colossal interest burden. Ninety-nine percent of money is bank-created money, created as a debt against the community's assets.

The Douglas Proposals simply involve that the nation should reassert its right to the ownership and control of money, and that money (bank credit) should be issued to expand or contract with production and consumption. This credit will be issued, debt free, to the limit of the nation's productive capacity, thus effecting an equation between money and production. What it can produce in real credit—goods and services—will be the limit of its creation of financial credit. This cannot be done, particularly in a machine age, without recognizing the principle of consumer credit. The wide and widening disparity between production and purchasing power can be bridged only by consumer credit, and to this end the Douglas Proposals involve the payment of a national dividend to every man, woman and child, and a just price discount of at least 25 percent on all purchases made.

Always remember that money is a costless creation, and provided it is issued and canceled scientifically, in the manner proposed by Major C. H. Douglas, there can be no repetition of the evils of inflation or deflation.

Under these Proposals a proper system of national accountancy would be put into operation, whereby financial credit (money) will balance with real credit (goods and services).

Put in another way, the Douglas Proposals provide:

1. That the cash credits of the population of any country shall be at any moment collectively equal to the collective cash prices of the goods for sale in that country, and such cash credits shall be canceled on the purchase of the goods for consumption.

2. That the credits required to finance production shall be supplied, not from savings, but be new credits relating to new production.

3. That the distribution of cash credits to individuals shall be progressively less dependent upon employment. That is to say that the dividend shall progressively replace the wage and salary.

The Douglas Proposals would create a bountiful prosperity within a few months of their legislative adoption. Taxation would rapidly become a thing of the past—an unpleasant memory. The death-knell of interest and usury would be sounded. The burden of national and industrial indebtedness would be removed. Human poverty and the dark fears of economic insecurity would give place to a new era of abundance, with security, leisure, and culture for all.

(We print the foregoing because of its reasonableness, but with no idea that anything on earth would induce the banks to surrender their grip on the windpipe of the people. Before they would let go they would cheerfully see the earth and everything in it, including themselves and their families, go up in smoke, dissolve into thin air and disappear for ever. Those who are giving their time and strength to putting forward the Douglas Proposals could put them to much better use by devoting them to the earth-wide proclamation of God's kingdom as the one and only hope of the world.—*Ed.*)

At the Levee

By the author of "Ode to the Milkman" (secretary to a high government official)

ASCRIBE in the household of Nebuchadnezzar is expected to attend to that gentleman's needs while "spreading himself" at his state functions, and, though every flare of glory appeals to one as stage decorations (gold paint over cardboard, so aptly characterized as "trash"; "shoddy," to the stage hands), still "the play must go on", they say.

The rulers are actors, decked in gaudy tinsel which amuses childish minds: each one strutting out on the stage enjoys playing "toy soldiers" in the parade, not yet grown out of the thrill we all enjoyed as kidlets that "I'm the king of the castle, and you're the dirty rascal".

Behind the "works" are the stage hands, the "razorbacks", in this scene officially known as "deputies" and "secretaries", etc.

To please their own infantile dignity and the people, the scene must be well laid; little oversights will be patched up by the news reporters so that the news of the "king's doings" are properly dolled up before the people. "And my people love to have it so."

It is at these functions that the inherent animal quality in man asserts itself, and he finds excuse for trying to decorate himself with more show than the female of the species, as is universally found among animals and birds.

The Levee in question is staged each year by the governor general of Canada in the Senate chamber. It occurs on New Year's day. On that occasion the governor general assumes his best uniform, medals and decorations, and all the superlative (and superfluous) adjectives before and after his name. He is attended by his secretary and several aides-de-camp, which, being translated, means more big children who love soldier uniforms with more superabounding adjectives before and after their names.

Before "His Excellency" pass all the officers of state dolled up in uniforms, which, if worn on "Main Street" would be *prima facie* evidence of walking "delirium tremens", "infantile paralysis" of the brain or insanity. Similar uniforms, I believe, are worn by some inmates of asylums for the insane who similarly delude themselves into believing that shiny colors and adjectives make great men. Likewise, these officials wear any names but those which designate the original child as its mother knew it. "The Right Honorable"— (here follows the alphabet in assorted combinations), just as if these added names changed the character to which they were appended, or made it more honorable.

Exceeding great care must be taken to see that each dignitary keeps his proper place in the order of precedence. One error in this regard might cause a worse explosion than throwing a copy of the *Catholic Register* and the *Orange Sentinel* into the same waste paper basket.

This order of officialdom is called a "Table of Precedence". First come the lieutenant governors of the provinces, then the prime minister, then archbishops and bishops according to seniority, then the moderator of the Presbyterian church and the general superintendent of the Methodist church. Members of the Dominion cabinet follow, then the chief justice of Canada, members of the Privy Council, the speakers of the Senate and House of Commons, the prime ministers of the provinces, etc. How the archbishops and bishops get in on this and still keep themselves "separate from the world" and their "garments unspotted" is beyond me!

At the present time the Catholic bishops are making pleasant facial contortions inside their broad phylacteries (which, being translated, means that they are "grinning up their sleeves") because they are ahead of the Anglicans in their representation on the Table of Precedence. When they learn, as they will do, that the higher they climb in worldly precedence, the lower they fall in the Lord's estimation, Anglicans will be more content with their enforced humility.

Some seven hundred people appeared before the governor general. The deputies and secretaries have first arranged about automobile accommodation for officialdom, the doors, the dress to be worn, the brass band, the guards, the reception, the cards of introduction, the wine, the cigars, and the doughnuts (the term "doughnuts" is borrowed from Canada's aristocracy review, the Toronto *Saturday Night*. Will that paper kindly copy this paragraph and note that, on this occasion, the "doughnuts" were charged up to the "public"; unlike delegates to I.B.S.A. conventions, the guests didn't bring their own "doughnuts" with them).

Students of mathematics should enjoy the "Levee" immensely; for they would see all sorts of "figures". The uniforms are invariably tight-fitting. The colors and fit frequently emphasize bodily infirmities, or, should we say, encumbrances. Representing the normal man by the figure "1" or the letter "I", in Windsor uniform a portly man looks like a figure "9" or, if his chest has slipped as far as his waistband, like a figure "6", or, if the distribution of avoirdupois has been equal in all directions, a figure "O" from a front view and "D" from a side view. A victim of chronic indigestion, underweight, with an admiral's hat on, would resemble the letter "T".

Using the above-mentioned letters after the official's name would, we suggest, give a more accurate introduction to the gentleman than his present title. For instance, the Honorable Partijob Hunter, K.C., O.B.E., would, without a photograph, be indistinguishable from any other official; but term him the Right Comfortable Partijob Hunter, O.D. ("O" representing a front view, and "D" a side view), and you could, at least, judge that he was past middle age, weighed 200 to 300 pounds (gross). It would be safe, too, to suggest that his skeleton nestled in three-ply rubber cushions (built for comfort, not speed) and that he could fill a chesterfield to overflowing, more or less.

Well, to get on with the show, the band gets seated in the corridor outside the Senate chamber. The leader is full weight, bald and shiny. The cornet players are mostly short of hair, and the drummers have imaginary mustaches (indicative of their intelligence, so phrenologists say); the trombone artists look serious and concentrating. At first sight one might think they were operating vacuum cleaners to mop the floor with instead of windpipes for inhaling flies off the chandelier. All the time they were trying to slide their pipes under someone else's chair, but either their arms weren't long enough or they were afraid the pipe would come out and they couldn't get it back in again. The looks on their faces suggested that their mentality followed their sliding pipes.

This band is called "the governor general's footguards". What they guard is hard to say, though the bandmaster's contortions suggested he had had experience as a traffic cop or the governor general's private street-car stopper.

So far, we have the band seated (though it is hard to keep the drummers down). The scenery is intended to be gorgeous, but falls short of that. The walls are massive stone, palace-like. A red carpet leads into the Senate chamber, sometimes called the "Red Chamber". Inside, the uniforms are red and black, trimmed with gold and blue and, to a lesser extent, with silver and other colors.

Those calling to pay their respects to "His Excellency" have discarded their coats and hats in a room allotted to that purpose. Special rooms have been provided where the dignitaries of church and state may, in advance, don their gay uniforms. Each person has been informed that he is to equip himself with two cards having his name, clearly legible, thereon. As the long procession passes into the Chamber, the

governor's confidential messenger, duly informed, takes one card, scans the name, and, if you haven't a beard (the kind that distinguishes the Bolsheviks from the venerable church patriarchs) or a bomb, permits you to pass. The second card is not required until the a.d.c. to "His Excellency" is reached. He takes the card, reads the name, hands it to a second a.d.c., who in turn hands it to the governor's secretary who, at the proper time, announces "The Right Honorable the Prime Minister" or "His Grace the Archbishop of Flatbush", or "The Reverend Bedlam A. Sylum".

Personally, I was stuck to find a proper handle for the front of my name. I wasn't "honorable", nor old enough to be "reverend". For that matter, looking into some of the political records of many admitted to the Levee it is hard to see where they were honorable either. That word "Grace", too, sounded out of place. One always associates it with a "sweet sixteen", not with a conscienceless, rotund, well-fed fleecer of the sheep. I did wonder whether "The Right Honorable John Jones, H.H.C.", would look right. The Scriptures certainly indicate that "House-to-House Canvassing", as I have done it, is a right honorable profession! However, one doesn't insist on occasions like this.

Well, we pass these toy soldiers, any one of whom might, by the uninitiated, be mistaken for the governor himself. Then the great moment comes—actually to shake hands with the governor general. The thought of such a privilege at one time thrilled me. Now I get more kick out of meeting another who thinks with me of a new kingdom, and a better one.

"His Excellency" is a tall, slim gentleman, and, it must be said, is admirably suited to his position. Behind him, by this time, have gathered members of the Government, so that the picture looks more like a mediæval king surrounded by courtiers than a modern government reception. On the other side of the room, opposite the governing group, Sir Henry Thornton, K.B.E., president of the Canadian National Railways, in uniform, stands head and shoulders, almost, above the group with him. All around the room hang beautiful, gorgeous paintings, illustrative of Canada's share in the war. At the far end is the "Chair" or "Throne" from which the "Speech from the Throne" is read at the opening of Parliament. At present it is unoccupied save that two military men occupy seats at either side.

The governor talks pleasantly and, in his company, he is to be admired. Possibly no one thing blinds the common people more to their condition of oppression and the rule of the adversary than that the adversary uses noble, honorable men as heads to maintain the system which holds the people in subjection. So often the inexperienced (but honest) "bolshevik" who can talk from the soap box so fluently about the "rich" and "oppression" is struck dumb when, for the first time, he actually meets those whom he preaches against, only to find that, instead of their being wicked "grafters", their code of morals is as high as his own. He concludes that his preaching has been wrong somewhere, and is sidetracked himself into supporting what he previously opposed. This is the record of "reformers" for ages. Many Christian people make the same mistake. To work for a government official, and possibly admire some of his personal characteristics, to some means that one is deluded by the adversary into thinking he is "righteous" when, as they say, "all politicians are grafters." Such a thought is wrong, for many otherwise "righteous" men are held, firmly bound by the system which oppresses them and which uses them to oppress others. If more people made sure of what they believed, they would be intelligent.

And now, after the governor general has wished us happiness and prosperity for the year, who can stop it? Personally, we pass on hurriedly to something more substantial, the doughnuts.

These are provided in a near-by room where, for once, distinguished and long-extinguished politicians together pick up sandwiches, olives and cake with champagne. I pick up a dainty sandwich, and get my glass filled—my conscience all the time tossed dizzily from one horn of a dilemma to the other: Will the Bible students who know me excommunicate me for a glass of champagne? or will the Toronto *Saturday Night* tell the public that I didn't bring my own "doughnuts"?

All that is left now is the shouting. The press supplies this. The common people drink it all in—some young political, unsophisticated enthusiasts urge you to turn 'em out of office and 'put a good government in', if it costs too much, —but invariably they put in another that costs them more,

And, "my people love to have it so."

Some Remarks on the Dictatorship *By Louis T. McFadden*

THERE are two things which a man must have if he is to be called a leader. He must be going some place and somebody must be following him. The gentlemen who appear as leaders on this floor are not leaders in any sense of the word. They do not lead. They follow. They do not hold the status of generals or colonels or majors or captains or even second lieutenants. They are corporals and file closers, whose only permitted function is to shout "Hep! Hep!" and pass the orders to this awkward squad which is not yet trained to the technique of the goosestep.

I am not making a partisan Republican speech. I was thrown out of the Republican party by the alleged leadership of that organization two years ago. I have had my own experiences with leadership. When I was 'cast into the outer darkness' by the leaders of the party of which I have been a member all my life, the Republican voters of my district went out into the shadows with me. After looking over their surroundings, the Democratic voters of my district followed their Republican neighbors and joined us in the wilderness of presidential disapproval. I was reelected on both Democratic and Republican tickets, and I hold my warrant as a member of this House from the people, and not from the parties of my district.

If I am partisan—and I may as well admit that I am—that partisanship is for the people whom I represent. I received their orders in November 1932. Those orders have never been countermanded, and I will follow them until they are countermanded by the people from whom I accepted them. I will take orders from no one else.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt received his orders on the same day that I received mine. The orders he is following today are not the orders he accepted then—and the orders he accepted then were drafted by himself in his campaign pledges and sealed with his inaugural oath. I do not know the source of the orders he is following today. I do not know that he is following either order or orders. He admits himself that he is trying first one course of procedure and then another in the hope of finding a good one. He has not presented to this body, to the Senate, or to the public any plan or any program of what he proposes to do with us.

He has shown but one of the qualifications of leadership. People are following him, but he does not know where he is going. I cannot follow him until I know his destination—not and keep my self-respect as a man and an American. Neither can the people of the United States.

The partisanship that you are creating is a partisanship that will align two opposing forces in this country—the people versus the Government. The American people are thoughtful and deliberate, but they always achieve decision in the end. When this extravaganza of experiment and expenditure, this blind stumbling in the face of disaster, shall have reached its inevitable climax, when all our alphabetical overlords shall have unified themselves into one mighty final set of initials, and those initials the fateful I.O.U., then, gentlemen of the majority, you will have partisanship. It will be partisanship based on bitterness and disillusionment.

Why is it that you fear debate? Why is it that your leader answers no questions, gives no information, offers no chart or road map, but demands only unthinking obedience to orders which he himself cannot put into words? Gentlemen of the majority, why do you sit silent and refuse to defend your course? Is it because that course has no defense—or is it because you do not know what the course is, nor whether there is any defense for it?

Gentlemen of the majority, these and many other moving fingers have penned the handwriting on this wall you have tried to build around the rights and privileges which you ask that we surrender to your leader.

For many years the affairs of this country were mishandled by self-styled financial experts who seized upon political power in the name of business. Their dishonesty of thought and method were the fabric of our disaster. The land rose and cried out against these men. You seized the public resentment as your opportunity and, by promising to it satisfaction for its wrongs, you won your way into power. You had a great opportunity. What did you do with it?

You turned over the processes of government to the very same individuals who had wrecked us as financial experts, giving them barely time to change their clothes and rechristen themselves economic experts. You asked and secured unlimited executive power in the name of emergency and then turned that power over to the men you had denounced as criminals, giving them legal protection and unlimited use of the public funds to bring their personal ambitions to a profitable conclusion.

There is now before the proper committee of this body a resolution calling for a full investigation into the conduct of the radio business in the United States. I introduced that resolution in the last Congress, and it is still alive. No action has been taken upon it. Like many other matters pending before this Congress, no attention will be paid to it unless it has presidential approval. Will the administration get presidential approval of this?

Will the Rules Committee put that resolution upon its passage, and will the majority pass it and conduct a full and impartial investigation? No member of this House who reads his mail can say that there is no public demand for such an investigation. You all know that there is, and you all know that the radio situation should be dealt with by Congress, and that without further delay.

I sometimes feel that all that this House is, now that we have abandoned the Constitution, and resolved ourselves into a rubber stamp, is a sounding board and, even at that, we are restricted lest that sounding board produce something which, in the judgment of the administration of this House, should not be heard.

I know now that nothing I say upon this floor will receive the compliment of attention from the majority. I am listed as a "trouble-maker", as a critic of all administrations, as one whose outlook upon life and affairs is through blue glasses.

That is not the truth. I am not against anyone, except as that person or group is against the interest of the public. I am a defender, not an assailant. I present my complaint against conditions to the House, fully and fairly in the *Record,* not by whispered innuendo or implied suggestion. I present my complaint, knowing that it will receive no attention from a majority which is blind because it will not see, which is deaf because it is forbidden to hear. I present my complaint so that it will be a matter of record.

Gentlemen of the majority, I might be one of you if I chose. I was elected to this House upon the Democratic as well as upon the Republican ticket. I cannot join you. You do not carry your power gracefully. You have yet to learn moderation. Power is like alcohol. A little raises one's spirit to the heights. Too much puts body and soul in the gutter.

The War-Makers

By P. E. Saddlemire

NINETEEN HUNDRED years ago, when our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ lived here on earth, He declared, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." If the peacemakers are the children of God, then whose children are the war-makers? The Scriptures lay down the rule that there are only two masters, Jehovah and Satan. If the peacemakers are the children of God, the war-makers are the children of the Devil.

And who are the war-makers? The war-makers are the generals and other leaders of the military armies of the earth. The war-makers are the great financiers and profiteers who have robbed their fellow men of home and health and happiness, and who have heaped up for themselves treasures for the last days. The war-makers are the crooked politicians who, when running for office, make many specious promises, but who, when once elected, never keep any promises made to the common people.

And the war-makers are also the hypocritical clergy of the denominational systems of the earth who stand up in their pulpits, one day in seven, and fraudulently claim to be the representatives of the Lord God Almighty, but who in fact are the representatives of the Devil.

All of these—the generals and other leaders of the military armies of the earth, the great financiers and profiteers, the crooked politicians, and the hypocritical clergy—are the ones who make war, who preach war, and who cause men to go to war, and are the Devil's children.

And they are debarred by their own actions and words from denying the charges! The Scriptures lay down the rule, "By their fruits ye shall know them." If a man shows the spirit of the Lord God, then it is to be taken for granted that such a man is on the side of the Lord. But if a man shows the spirit of the Devil, then it is manifest to everyone that such a man is on the side of the Devil. On whose side are the war-makers? By their fruits you know.

Whose spirit do the war-makers show? Let us see. There are the generals and other leaders of the military armies of the earth, for ex-

ample. They dress themselves up in the Devil's livery, and they arm themselves with the Devil's weapons; and then they swagger to and fro, up and down in the earth, and demand that the peoples of the world pay homage to them and look up to them as their heroes and their leaders. They help to create wars, and then compel their fellow men to join their armies, go to war, and kill their fellow men, and be killed. They also execute their fellow men upon the slightest pretext, and prove themselves to be merciless and heartless; and by so doing they show that the spirit of the Devil is in them.

The great financiers and profiteers not only have robbed their fellow men of home, health and happiness, but they have also robbed them of their liberties and rights, and have treated them like the brute beasts of the field. They have oppressed and persecuted the common people with fiendish malignancy, and have driven myriads of our womanhood to the most loathsome prostitution. They have proved that they are pitiless and conscienceless; and they have done their best to turn this earth into a veritable hell for the races of men; and by so doing they show that the spirit of the Devil is in them.

The crooked politicians have joined hand in glove with the financiers, profiteers, and military leaders in oppressing the careworn, sorrowing peoples of earth; and when the common people plead pitifully for relief the politicians harden their hearts, and enact more stringent and oppressive laws, and then make sport when the anguished cry of the despairing peoples of earth rises to heaven. By all these things do the politicians prove that they are imbued with the Devil's spirit.

The hypocritical clergy with mock sanctity and pious hypocrisy claim to be Jehovah's spokesmen, and to be intrusted with keeping the souls of the common people. But instead of caring for the souls of the poor, downtrodden, oppressed peoples of earth, the clergy have, on the contrary, joined hand and heart with the Devil's organization, and they have lent their influence and support to the cruel, heartless financiers, profiteers, politicians and military leaders. They have helped to preach and inveigle the common people into every war that has ever been fought, and they have then acted as spies against the very people whom they have betrayed into the hands of the war-demon; and they pretend at the same time that they are the friends of the common people.

They have turned their church edifices into recruiting stations in time of war, and they have preached millions of innocent men into a hellish death upon the bloody battlefields. They have renounced Jehovah God and His kingdom, and have spurned the great ransom sacrifice given for the sins of the whole world by God's dearly beloved Son, Christ Jesus, and they persecute those who dare tell the message of God's kingdom to earth's groaning peoples. They have accepted Satan's devilish League of Nations in lieu of God's kingdom; and they have committed blasphemy against Jehovah by assuming for themselves the title of "Reverend", which title belongs to Jehovah God alone. By all of these things, and many more, the clergy prove that the spirit of the Devil is in them.

The case is now made out. The evidence shows that the financiers and profiteers, the politicians and military leaders, and the godless clergy are oppressors of their fellow men; that they are the instigators of all wars; that they have taken their stand on the Devil's side; that they are against Jehovah and His kingdom; and that they are imbued with the spirit of the Devil, and have made this earth a veritable hell for man.

Let the common people take notice! Mark those who are your enemies, and have nothing to do with them. There is a just God in heaven who presides over the affairs and destinies of men and nations, and who will in no wise pass over the transgressions of the guilty; but who, on the contrary, will in His own due time and way punish those who have oppressed His people, and will free the common people from all their enemies. He will cause the sound of war and murder to perish out of the earth for ever; and He will bring in everlasting peace and righteousness for the peoples. He shall cause love and truth to canopy the whole earth, and, instead of misery, woe, sorrow and oppression, there shall be happiness and joy, deliverance and freedom.

Let the groaning peoples of earth lift up their heads and take fresh courage. A new day is dawning for the human race! The long, dreary night of sin, sorrow and death is passing away; and already the silvery, effulgent gleams of the grand Millennial morning are beginning to blush along the world's horizon. The day of deliverance is at hand! "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Man's Four-footed Friend—the Dog

Part 3

VIVISECTION of dogs makes the heart sick. Physicians who ought to know what they are talking about say that not one thing of any benefit to the human family has been learned from the torturing of pregnant dogs, lifting them to the ceiling and dropping them upon their backs on iron bars, crushing them by a gaseous pressure of a hundred atmospheres, pouring boiling water into their intestines, grafting in the kidneys of hogs in place of their own kidneys, removing the tops of their skulls, slitting their throats so that the food which they swallow drops out, prying their jaws apart mechanically, baking them to death, cutting their joints apart without severing the connecting nerves, strapping limbs in a dislocated position, keeping them alive with their hearts cut open, turning molten metal into their ears, gouging out their eyes and running around the empty sockets with sharp tools, cutting out their kidneys bit by bit, and removing their blood and pumping it in again.

Things such as these have been done by the tens of thousands upon the most faithful of all man's four-footed friends. One doctor with a heart, who knew all about these horrors, said: "After telling of all this, I need not add that I am ready to see, not only science, but the whole human race, go to destruction, before I would resort to such means to save it."

Do you not think that the One who marks the sparrow's fall has a score to settle with these men that have done such terrible things to creatures as high-strung as dogs? A student who performed some of these operations said: "Occasionally a dog of good breed will crawl up to the man preparing another job on him, whine, plead in an uncannily human way for mercy and move even some of the students to emotion. It made me sick." This was found in a student's notebook.

What kind of hearts can men have who will force marbles, five-cent pieces and collar buttons into a dog's internal organs, even soaking them first in acids, so that when inserted into the kidneys they would be yet more painful? At Berkeley, California, students of the University of California killed a dog with ether. Then they revived him with a solution of chemicals inserted into his veins, and in another day he died again. What would the One who marks the sparrow's fall think of that? The report of this "achievement" went all over the country as news.

Unusual Recognition of Dogs

Old Cap, a wire-haired griffon of Ware, Massachusetts, was awarded the French Red Cross for service performed during the World War. After his return to America nothing would lure him near a barbed-wire fence. He saw all he wanted of barbed wire when trying to find the two-legged comrades wounded and lying in the shell holes.

Rags, of Fort Hamilton, New York, received two service stripes as well as a wound stripe for injury to his lungs from gas. He was decorated by the United States army and registered by footprint with the British war ministry.

Tip, a bull pup at Salem, Oregon, was officially mustered out of Company L, Second Oregon Infantry. He served in the Philippines. He was accredited with having caught chickens for the company when food was scarce on the firing line.

William Phillips, of Portsmouth, England, was rescued from death by drowning by a Newfoundland. Every year thereafter, on the anniversary of the rescue, he made a feast to men and dogs. A man in Denver, Colorado, left his entire estate of $150,000 to his dog Shep.

Berlin has an ambulance car service for injured pets, while at Totteridge, England, a class of young women was trained for dog nursing, their plan being to locate among the people that have more money than brains. The prince of Wales has a collapsible kennel which folds up with straps into a handy bundle. It can be set up indoors and has a little runway for puppies. The old Fitchburg Railroad once had a dog officially upon its payrolls as an assistant watchman. Mrs. Richard Quigley, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, rushed a dog by airplane from Newark to Boston, so that it would arrive in time to enter a dog show.

An old bull terrier, of London, that had often been exhibited at dog shows, but was well past the flower of his age, surprised his master by calmly leaping into position among those on exhibition in the Horticultural Hall in Westminster. He did not get into the right classification, and was entirely unmoved by the laughing crowd that saw his efforts to break into print among the high-steppers.

The natives of the Solomon islands believe that they can rid themselves of any ailment by naming their dogs for the ache. As a result, most of the dogs of the Solomon islands are called Maola, which means 'stomach-ache'.

Honors to Dogs' Memories

Oatlands Park cemetery, England, was the first cemetery for dogs. It was founded in the eighteenth century. Three thousand dogs are buried in the Montmartre cemetery, near Paris. The sexton says that some of the dogs are laid away in silk-lined coffins and arrive at the cemetery in magnificent cars. Every year women come and plant flowers on their graves, while some of them kneel and weep. In a New York dog cemetery the granite mausoleum erected in memory of two pets, Sally and Toodles, cost $40,000. Joseph Foster, Inwood, Queens, erected a mausoleum in his back yard with the inscription "To Buddy, only a dog, but the best friend a man ever had."

When Contact, mascot of the municipal airport at Oakland, California, died, he was given a regular funeral. Reverend Bernard Ruggles, of Oakland, preached the funeral sermon. We have noticed other dog funerals, preached by other "reverends". When Porky, mascot of the naval training school at Newport, Rhode Island, was buried two companies of recruits walked behind his funeral cortege as his body, draped with the United States flag, was drawn on an artillery caisson to his final resting place. We are merely stating the facts; not stating what we think of all this.

Bing, of Dennison, Ohio, was assigned $60 a month as a soldier's pension, was decorated for services in the World War, and was given a military funeral.

Lord Byron, on a marble shaft erected in memory of his dog, said: "Near this spot are deposited the remains of one who possessed beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity, and all the virtues of man without his vices. This praise, which would be but meaningless flattery, if inscribed over human ashes, is but a just tribute to the memory of Boatswain, a dog, who was born at Newfoundland, 1803, and died at Newstead Abbey, November 18, 1808."

Education of Dogs

Albert Payson Terhune, successful breeder and trainer of dogs, gives the rules that go to make a well trained dog. When he arrives let his future master uncrate him, put him in the quarters he is to have, give him his first meal of bread and milk, and then let him alone. Keep friends and family away for a few days, until he gets over being homesick, which will take a day or so. Do not be impatient or careless, for, after all, he is only a baby. Don't swear at him or beat him. Go in and talk to him now and then, during the first day and night. Do not attempt to house-break him by punishment or by frightening and confusing him. Punishment should be by slapping lightly over the hips with a loosely folded newspaper, scolding gently as you do so, and must be inflicted the moment the fault is committed. Make him understand that he belongs to *you* before you let anyone else play with him. If you cannot control your own temper, be not surprised if the dog cannot do better. Do not keep him in a damp cellar or an oven-hot room. Never call him to you to punish him. Table scraps are an ideal diet, but never any poultry bones.

In Pennsylvania a shepherd dog seemed to worship his master, but only tolerated the small boy of the family. The boy became afflicted with infantile paralysis, and was left a cripple. The dog transferred his devotion to him, saw the boy being pulled around in a wagon, and himself started pulling it: now they are inseparable and the dog takes him safely all over town.

Terhune says that it is by vanity that dogs are taught tricks and taught to mind. Praise a dog enthusiastically when he succeeds in doing something, and you have taught him. He taught a big collie to go up to the gate and bring in the morning paper. Before long the dog had picked up all the papers on that side of the lake and brought them to his master's door. He had praised him too much.

A Pittsburgh miss who lost one dog, killed in the street, has trained a collie so that it never crosses a street, or even steps into a street, except at her heels. When she throws a stick or ball into the street he will run as far as the curb and then stop so suddenly that he skids, until he gets word from her as to whether he may go on or not. A pocket of meat scraps and broken cookies, with plenty of praise and petting, was the method used.

John L. Stoddard, the lecturer, has three dogs, grandmother, daughter and grandson. The grandmother and grandson have learned how to open a closed door, by pressing down on the

handle and pushing or pulling the door open. The daughter never learned this: the grandson opens the doors for his mother, but the grandmother will not do it.

A dog trainer urges men never to scold their wives in front of their dogs, because it ruins the dogs. He considers it a reproach to any man to own a dog that has bad manners. He also notes the interesting fact that dogs were manifestly intended to be human companions, for the reason that all attempts to educate wolves, foxes, jackals and hyenas to have affection for their human masters have failed.

More About the Care of Dogs

Dr. Clyde A. Basehoar, Washington, D.C., is a dentist for dogs. He has an office specially equipped with apparatus so that the dogs cannot break loose while he is examining their mouths, filling cavities, or extracting teeth that are too far gone. He even has a nurse as an assistant.

When stray dogs are found, experts know at once that the wild dog that has no home will try to find the darkest corner, but the one that has a good home and is merely lost will appeal to any friendly human to help him find his master and will make himself as conspicuous as possible. A home dog lost in city streets is in great and immediate danger.

A dog's bed should be clean and dry and off the ground, and not exposed to drafts. Kennels should be limewashed frequently and otherwise kept clean. For winter oat straw makes a comfortable bed; in the summer pine shavings or the bare boards are all O.K. If the dog sleeps in the house a Turkish towel or a small rug might be allotted to him.

In Cuba there are dog barbers that do a regular business of bobbing pooches. Fifteen modes are illustrated. The barber does a finished job, even to a slight razor trim and a dash of powder at the end.

London sells thousands of pairs of goggles for dogs. Motorists do not like to have the dust get into their dogs' eyes when riding on the highways.

A Kansas woman, afraid that her Airedale would fall into unsympathetic hands, left in her will that he must be painlessly put to death the day of her funeral—a very selfish request. A New York woman, a Miss Wendel, when offered several million dollars for a vacant lot, rejected the offer because then Toby, her dog, would have no place to play. Dog collars studded with red glass, so that pets may be seen at night, have also appeared in London. In New York, leather boots for all fours, oilskin slickers for rainy days, and woolen sweaters for clear cold days, are some of the things that are made and sold for dogs. London has a special taxi service for dogs, so that owners can send their pets to other parts of town without personally escorting them.

One who had experience says that in bathing a dog, the way to make him stand still is to gently take hold of one of his front paws and hold it. The dog will then be so busy maintaining his balance that he will forget to shake himself. The head and ears should be washed last; finish in cool, not ice-cold, water.

A dog sweats mostly on his tongue. That is why panting cools him. He also sweats on the soles of his feet. He sometimes lives to be thirty, but is accounted old at twelve years of age. Sometimes his black coat turns almost white if he has a fit or a bad case of distemper. Eighty percent of the business of memorial animal hospitals is for treatment of dogs; most of the balance is for cats. Few birds, horses, goats or rabbits are treated.

Dogs Need a Balanced Diet

Some people think that because a dog has teeth that are capable of tearing flesh he should have nothing to eat but meat. It is a poor argument, for several reasons. Humans have such teeth, and some of the longest-lived humans eat no meat at all. Leo von Stein, Great Dane, property of Charles W. Stein, Charleston, South Carolina, said to be the largest dog in the city, was raised on a meatless diet, mostly oatmeal mush, and bran biscuits baked hard to take the place of bone. He is said to like everything his master likes, except sauerkraut, and is never ill.

Dingo, a Labrador husky that served in one of the Antarctic expeditions, could stand the cold all right, but back in White Plains, New York, when he accompanied his master to a party, and distinguished himself by sneaking into the dining-room ahead of time and making away with the five-pound roast that had been provided for the guests, the doctors could not save him.

People who understand the matter claim that a dog should have a balanced diet, well mixed so that he will not be able to pick out the parts

he likes and leave the rest. They recommend scrapings from the plates as excellent food; but poultry bones, because they splinter and often kill dogs, should be eliminated. Two or three times a week the dog should have a good-sized fresh beef bone from the butcher. Greasy stuff and candy are poor foods for dogs. When a dog gets run down, a little smoked herring is good for an appetizer.

Puppies need four or five meals a day, but at a year can get along nicely on one meal. They need plenty of fresh water, and should be taken out for a short walk after feeding. Bread and milk is good food for a dog, and with crushed egg shells in it is better still. The lime in the shells strengthens the dog's bones.

Alsatian Shepherds—German Police

Alsatian shepherds, better known as German police dogs, have an intelligence that is almost human, but are what are known as one-man dogs, and in the absence of the master no other member of the family is entirely safe in their presence. None can ever tell when they will turn upon those about them, and sometimes even upon their masters.

These dogs have been known and widely used since about A.D. 600. A physician claims that the skull of the wolf and of the Alsatian shepherd are quite dissimilar, as are also their claws, and that attempts to cross the German shepherd with the wolf results only in a cringing, cowardly animal, active only at nighttime, very dissimilar to a dog.

Despite the fact that relationship between the Alsatian dog and the wolf is stoutly denied, and it is probable that there is no such relationship, it yet remains that men have trained wolves to act as dogs, and it is said that one of the smartest on the Vienna force is an out-and-out wolf, captured by a police clerk while he was but a cub.

In the United States dogs go on the railroads for about one-sixth of the passenger fare. In Germany it costs more for the dog than for the man himself.

In England tests showed that the dogs bred in the south of England are more obedient than those bred in the north. In one instance two dogs sat still for fifteen minutes without stirring, until their masters came for them.

At Halifax, Nova Scotia, the barking of a police dog at night resulted in saving the life of a man whose boat had capsized and who would certainly have drowned but for its intervention in his behalf. When discovered, the man was already unconscious.

At Lynn, Massachusetts, a wandering police dog intervened to help a police officer who was having trouble in trying to arrest two drunken men. The drunks were resisting arrest, and the dog restrained them from attacking the officer. His efforts resulted in obtaining a good home for himself.

The Dogs of St. Bernard

The original pack of dogs connected with the Hospice of St. Bernard was formed in 1812 from Newfoundlands crossed with mastiffs. They were purposely bred with short hair, to enable them to get through the drifts. England is now said to have the finest St. Bernards in the world, as the pack at the Hospice was nearly destroyed by an avalanche years ago. The pack was replenished by dogs brought from the Pyrenees, bred with the bloodhound, and not as desirable as the old St. Bernards.

Every Swiss child is familiar with the story of Barry, the St. Bernard buried in the Dog's Cemetery at Paris. On his monument it says: "Saved the lives of forty persons: he was killed by the forty-first." The account of this incident says:

> It seems that two travelers were lost in the Alps in a blinding snowstorm. One of them in his extremity insisted that, as a last resort, he should have recourse to the brandy flask. His comrade urged upon him the folly of this, inasmuch as after a brief period of exhilaration, the reaction would leave him in a worse condition than before. Refusing the advice of his friend, he drank heavily, and after forging ahead for a short distance, became utterly exhausted and sank in the snow. His companion struggled on and at last was able to reach the friendly shelter of the Hospice. Here he told the story of his fellow traveler.
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> Barry was called by the monks and told to make the traveler's trail, which he did, finding at length the man who had been left behind, unconscious in the snow. Barry finally, by various methods, roused him from his stupor only to be mistaken by the more or less dazed man for a wild beast. With what remaining strength he had, the traveler managed to get his knife out of his pocket and plunge it into Barry's neck. In spite of this, the faithful dog kept at his task until the traveler realized that he had evidently been found by one of the dogs of the Hospice. He struggled to his feet, and half leaning on the dog, whose strength was rapidly failing from loss of blood, finally reached the Hospice. On its threshold this noble creature, who had stained every step of the walk back with his life-

blood, fell exhausted, having given to all humanity a lesson in fidelity to a trust as great as could well be taught.

On account of the severe climatic conditions to which they are exposed, the dogs at St. Bernard develop rheumatism and heart trouble and seldom live to be more than six or seven years old.

Eskimo Sledge Dogs

Eskimo sledge dogs, Malamutes, were mute until they learned to bark from the dogs brought on the exploration ships. They endure a surprising amount of cold. Harnessed to a sledge, a team of five will draw a heavy load 60 miles a day, day after day. They have been known to cover 40 miles in a shade less than four hours.

Female dogs are chosen as leaders in the teams, and as far as possible all the dogs in a team are members of one family. This promotes a natural harmony in teamwork, as a mother is interested in her puppies and manifests affection for them long after they are full-grown. Moreover, the females are the equals of or the superiors to the males in point of endurance. When a member of the pack is weakened or wounded the other members of the pack turn on him and devour him.

For months at a stretch the Eskimo dog is tethered outside his master's igloo, with no protection from the piercing winds. Once a day, except sometimes when a blizzard blows for days, he gets a chunk of frozen seal or walrus. When the blizzard blows the Eskimo stays inside and the dog outside, where the latter, in spite of his endurance, sometimes freezes to death.

The whites had to show the Eskimos how to take care of their dogs. When little houses were made for them, out of packing boxes, the dogs at first refused to go into them, thinking them some kind of trap. Mosquitoes torture the poor things dreadfully in the summer.

Until recently well trained Eskimo dogs were worth around $200 each, but now they go for a fraction of their former price. An airplane will travel in two hours a distance that a dog team will barely cover in eight days. Time is everything, and so, except for local hauls, the dog team will have to go.

Bloodhounds and Greyhounds

Bloodhounds have been used since the time of the Romans in hunting and tracking down humans. The only way to throw a bloodhound off is to wade in water, and even then the dog will course up and down the shores for miles searching for the lost trail.

Bloodhounds, meaning hounds of pure blood, are very affectionate, will not quarrel with humans nor with other dogs, and in reality are shy in nature and sensitive to kindness or correction. The bloodhound is not ferocious in nature, but stands and bays at his game until his master comes up.

Bloodhounds have been known to hold a trail for thirty hours. They are notable for their deep-set, sorrowful eyes and excessively developed dewlaps and flews. The puppies are born very small and are remarkably easy to rear.

A greyhound can travel a short distance at 35 miles an hour. A fast foxhound will make 31 miles an hour. A terrier will run for half a mile at 26 miles an hour. The whippet, a cross between the greyhound and terrier, is only slightly less swift than a greyhound. Greyhound racing is very popular in Great Britain, and somewhat so in the United States. In England a fast racing greyhound may be worth as much as $5,000.

Slow motion pictures of racing greyhounds, taken as they pursue an electric hare, are made by a new type of gyro-balanced camera, driven by clockwork, attached to the body of the hare. The use of foxhounds in hunting foxes has attracted much attention in Great Britain, but has never amounted to anything in the United States.

The Irish wolfhound, standing three feet high at the shoulders, and weighing 154 pounds, is the largest of the British dogs. The pointer is the same as the hound, in scientific parlance. Egypt has a fever-hound: it is claimed that to stroke such a dog is a cure for fever. The statement sounds "fishy".

Among the Big Dogs

The Great Danes are aristocrats among dogs, and wonderful watchdogs. A few years ago, in Missouri, a Great Dane tackled a burglar entering a window and killed the burglar, with the verdict "justifiable homicide" rendered in its favor. A Great Dane at Glens Falls, New York, became the mother of twenty puppies at one time, the largest family ever born at once.

The setter is considered an ideal household pet. Its gentleness, pleasant manner and uniformly good disposition make it an ideal pet in any family where there are children. The real

difficulty is to provide sufficient exercise. If the dog does not have it he soon gets fat and lazy and sick.

The Scotch collie is one of the most intelligent and beautiful of dogs. At shearing time he brings in the sheep one by one as they are wanted. At night he is anxious to know if all the sheep are on hand. If not, he is off to the hills after the strays.

The Newfoundland, supposed to have originated in the country of that name, is famed for his remarkable fearlessness of water and the readiness with which he will risk his life to save humans from drowning.

The Airedale terrier is without fear of anything that walks or crawls. Lions, bears and wildcats are all the same to Airedales, and they are considered excellent for playing with and guarding children.

In the reign of James I three English mastiffs were let into the den of a lion to devour prisoners in the Tower of London. Two of the dogs were killed, but the third got a grip on the lion's lip and hung on until the lion was glad of the chance to get away and retreat to the innermost recesses of his den.

Homesick, seasick, and missing her master that had given her away, a mastiff leaped fifty feet from the deck of the steamer Ile de France while it was in midocean. She was believed to have been killed by the propellers of the boat.

The bulldog was originally used for bull baiting, which beastly sport was abolished by act of Parliament in the year 1835. The bulldog is a great lover of children, and not nearly so vicious as he looks. However, they do sometimes attack humans, and on account of their death grip the attack is greatly to be dreaded.

At Midland, Texas, a bulldog chased a jack rabbit into a fence corner. Turning on his pursuer, the rabbit sank his teeth into the dog's cheek. The dog fled, and so did the rabbit.

The Boston terrier is a cross between an English bulldog and the English terrier.

Dog-lovers decry the training of dogs for looks: they claim that trying to narrow the head of the German shepherd dog, to make it look aristocratic, has the effect of decreasing its brain area and intelligence. Well, when did anybody ever think that the aristocratic among humans are specially intelligent?

Previous to the use of guns in hunting game, Spaniels were much used in bagging mother birds with their broods, or a whole brood of young ducks at one time. The Spaniel by its attitude showed where to spread the net, and was generally inside the net with the birds. At first called "setting Spaniels", they finally came to be called "setters". The Irish setter has the reputation of being able to hypnotize its prey.

Among the Little Fellows and the Mongrels

We can't all be big dogs and thoroughbreds: some of us have to be content to be small or medium-sized and mongrels; and it is so with dogs. The English mastiff sometimes weighs 170 pounds. On the other hand there are dogs so tiny that they can sleep in a vase, notably the Brussels griffon.

The pug dog is not a beauty, not a fighter nor a racer, and his turned-up nose makes it hard for him to breathe, yet he has his friends. The Black Schipperke is of a jealous disposition: if you have him in the house you may have no other pets. He is born without a tail.

The wire-hair terrier is described as a whole lot of dogs wrapped up in one hide, an actor, a trickster, a clown, a tragedian, a warrior, and a friend. He is described as buoyant, bossy, smart, obtuse, a blue ribbon winner, and a mutt, interesting and compelling.

The Pomeranian or German Spitz has been known since prehistoric times. Though of insignificant stature, he is of great courage and dignity. In Italy he is called the Volpino; in France, the Lulu.

The Mexican Chihuahua, dating from the Spanish court of Isabella, is a diminutive, spindly, prominent-eyed dog, affectionate and benign. The Scottish Cairn terriers trace their ancestry back to about 1600. There is a dog in Abyssinia that has webbed feet, specially suitable for running in the sand. In the Maritzburg museum is a three-year-old brown and white pointer which never grew to be more than 6½ inches from nose to tail-tip. The head was 1¼ inches wide and 1 inch long; the hind legs were slightly less than 2 inches long.

The Chinese give very nice names to their dogs, of which the following are specimens:

"Aye Shing—loving heart; Chu-Jen—the master; Chin-Pao—golden treasure; Fwo-Kin—parti-color dog; Ho Yan—a fine fellow; Kum-Sum—golden hearted; Kwai-Chu—foreign jewel; Kwai-Wha—little lady; Shoh-Dee—little brother; Shih Bah—snow white; Shia-Kin—little dog; Tu-Sheng Tzu—only child; Tay Yiang—sunshine; and Yan-Dan—friend of man."

Judge Rutherford at Toronto

PREVENTED from hearing Judge Rutherford over Canadian radio stations, 14,000 citizens of Toronto and vicinity heard him at Maple Leaf Gardens and listened intently while he told them what the Word of God has to say about the present world situation. Resounding applause at the conclusion of the talk expressed their appreciation.

During the convention of which the above public gathering was a part, thousands of Jehovah's witnesses visited Toronto homes, going over the city three times during the period of the convention, and left with the people an abundance of Bible literature written by Judge Rutherford. In their contact with the people they learned that the Radio Commission which excluded Judge Rutherford from the air in Canada is not held in very high esteem. The opinion was frequently expressed that the Commission seemed to consider the wishes and preferences of the people last of all.

"Whom Satan Hath Bound"

ONE signing "Truth Seeker" wants to know what the Creator wins by letting the little Hendricks boy (of Wilkes-Barre) slowly turn to stone. A. Mastrian, in the New York *News,* says: "It's just to test the faith, Truth Seeker, of faithless creatures like you." But we remind both that our Lord when on earth declared these afflictions, resting so heavily on all mankind, are from the Devil, the hater of the Creator, and intended by him to bring dishonor to the Creator's name. Let both look up the passage where the Lord referred to the poor woman "whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years" (Luke 13:11-17) and leave the Creator out of it. When He gets ready to rise up for a witness to His own great and pure and holy name at Armageddon, He will make an end of Satan and all Satan's works, and then the little Wilkes-Barre lad, and all the rest of earth's unfortunotes, including Truth Seeker and Mastrian (if they will have it so), will come into their own.

Staged Fights Between Wild Animals

CHILDREN are being hardened and their parents brutalized by motion pictures of specially staged fights between species that avoid one another in the wilds. Special compounds are built, with a jungle background, and then the poor wild creatures are brought together and teased until a brutal life-and-death struggle follows. The public are getting so used to these scenes of brutality that little tots now cheer when they see these unfortunate creatures of man's misgovernment writhing in their death agonies.

By the Wayside

By Robert Pesco (Pennsylvania)

THE day was pale.
I stood alone
By the wayside.
Before me soldiers' graves
Brought back pallid memories
Of the days when bloody war reigned.
All was still
But I shook as one struck with a chill.
I seemed to hear yelling and crying,
Cursing, marching and firing,
Men stumbling, falling and wincing in pain,
Crawling and writhing and praying in vain.
Was it a dream?
No, a vision of horrors,
The horrors of war.
What did they gain?
For fruit of victory I searched in vain.
But the soil
Had flesh and blood for spoil.
No victor's crown
To those who fought,
And all in vain went down.

The Cry of Despair

DR. HUTCHINS, president of the University of Chicago, is quoted as saying:

"We do not know where we are going, or why, and we have almost given up the attempt to find out. We are in despair because the keys which were to open the gates of heaven have let us into a larger, but more oppressive prison house. We think those keys were science and the free intelligence of man. They have failed us. We have long since cast off God. To what can we now appeal?"

At Stratford-le-Bow, England

RECENTLY canvassers found in Stratford-le-Bow, London, England, eight-room houses with two families living in each room, with a simple partition down the center, and six to eight persons in each family. In this district are women whose only clothing consists of a sack, with holes for head and arms.

What the Mortgage Guarantee Companies Forgot

THE fourteen mortgage guarantee companies that were taken over by the New York state department of insurance had a good idea. They persuaded investors that money invested with them was absolutely safe, in good times and in bad—it was like an investment in Miami Beach properties—it was impossible to lose—there was too much back of it. Investors were told their money was secured by first mortgages on real estate, and, besides all that, by a bond and mortgage guarantee company with millions in assets. Well, the people that made the Miami Beach promises did not figure on the cyclone from the West Indies, and the mortgage guarantee companies did not figure on the financial cyclone of 1929. In the latter case, they quickly paid out most of their cash in dividends; in one case a company paid out $335 in ten years on stock with a par value of $100, and in another case $226 on stock of similar par value. When the crash came the investors got nothing, and it is doubtful if, in either case, they ever will get anything. When somebody offers to help you make an absolutely safe investment, the best thing to do is to turn on your heel and start to run, shouting "Murder! Robbers! Police!" at every jump.

"Unexplained Loss of Gold Continues"

THE New York *Times,* which apparently does not know any more about it than the rest of us, takes a column which starts off with the interesting news, "A further unexplained disappearance of monetary gold, amounting this week to $6,772,000 and for the past three weeks to more than $22,124,000, was disclosed in the weekly statistics of the Federal Reserve System published yesterday." Probably by the time they have cleaned out the whole pile, the brilliant minds directing America's financial affairs will have discovered where it all went. Appears that somebody is getting nervous and stowing away in a safe place the gold pieces that were filched from the common people a year ago by an order that had nothing back of it but bluff.

In the Year of the Bank Holiday

IN THE year in which the banks of the United States distinguished themselves by taking a forced holiday, ten bankers were drawing salaries of $100,000 or more and 370 others were receiving more than $25,000.

The Bankers' Dole

BRISBANE, in the New York *American,* quotes one of the ablest bankers in the United States as saying to him:

"The Government pays us bankers a dole every month. My little dole amounts to four or five thousand dollars a month. Not much, but acceptable. We buy bonds, and don't have to pay for them. We put up 5 percent of the total amount. Then we keep the bonds and can issue money against them. Thus, by paying fifty thousand dollars on account of a million dollars' worth of bonds, I am allowed to keep the balance, nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars, without paying interest on it. Furthermore, I can issue a million dollars of my own currency against those bonds and lend it out for whatever the traffic will bear. If I do that I pay the Government one-half of 1 percent, and as I get 6 or 7 percent within the legal limit, that is no hardship."

We might add that Brisbane has been hammering away at this system of legalized and open theft for years, and apparently without any result at all. We have also often mentioned the same matter in *The Golden Age.* The people dearly love to be robbed, especially on a large scale, and rather resent it when anybody brings the subject up.

Twelve Billions of Monetary Gold

THERE now exists in the world somewhat less than $12,000,000,000 worth of monetary gold. Debts, mostly payable in gold, amount to $300,000,000,000. In other words, the debts amount to 25 times the total amount of gold money in existence. If everybody were to cash in at the same time, they would all realize about 4c on the dollar.

Standard Oil Not in Banking Business

THE Standard Oil Company of New Jersey is not in the banking business, but in 1929 it made stock market loans totaling $17,672,520,000, at rates ranging from 5 percent to 15 percent. All who think the common people stand any chance of controlling an institution that can do a thing like that, please indicate by raising the right hand.

New York's Richest Families

IT IS interesting to learn that the bulk of the 67,000 ancient tenements of New York city, in which more than 1,000,000 persons live in squalor, are the possessions of five of the richest families of Gotham, the Winthrops, Astors, Wendels, Goelets and Chandlers.

The Government's Horses

DURING the World War the government had 391,000 horses. A government horse needs to be branded, so it won't get "lost, strayed or stolen". One branding iron would brand at least 2,000 horses; but not in war times. No siree! There would not be any money in it. So the government bought one branding iron for each 2 horses that were to be branded. No, that is not a mistake. And the government wanted good ones, so it had them made of copper, because copper is more expensive. None of the branding irons were finished before the war itself came to an end, but the man who got the branding-iron contract accepted $40,000 in cash in lieu of the profits he would have made. Also, he had 20,000 pounds of copper left on his hands. The government bought that from him at 39½c per pound and sold it back to him at 11c per pound. The government took good care of those horses. They were brushed with 1,637,197 brushes; that is over 4 brushes to each horse, the idea being that a fresh one could be used on each leg. Then the horses had to be covered, and that took 2,029,418 horse covers; that is over 5 to a horse; styles are liable to change and a cover for a horse that would be all right for a June wedding would never do for a November funeral. All the halters that were made for these 391,000 horses were 2,850,835; that is only a little more than 7 to each horse—one for each day in the week. Why should a horse wear one halter all the week when he can have a fresh one every day from Sunday to Saturday inclusive, right down the line?

Usury in Washington, D.C.

AT A United States Senate hearing it was brought out that the stealing from small borrowers practiced by the small loan companies elsewhere goes on also in the national capital. A railroad fireman who borrowed $25 signed a note for $30, of which $15 was due in 5 days and $15 in 20 days. When he could not pay exactly as stipulated he was sued in the name of a woman to whom the note was said to have been sold, and before he got out of the tangle he had to pay $52.50. If a thing like this (and this is merely one sample of many) can go on right in the national capital, what kind of conditions prevail back in the sticks? And who is interested in the poor who need financial help? and what is being done about it? *Answer.*

Constitution Set Aside

JAMES M. BECK, former solicitor general of the United States, in an address in New York city said:

"When the present administration required, under penalty of imprisonment, a pants presser in Tampa, Florida, to charge not less than a certain amount for his labor, or a milk dealer in New York to refrain from giving a loaf of bread to a customer, who had purchased a bottle of milk, then the Federal government does assert a right, not merely to regulate interstate and foreign commerce, as authorized by the Constitution, but to regulate all trade and industry in the United States, and this is the destruction of a basic principle of the Constitution, that the States respectively should regulate all trade and industry within their own borders, and that the Federal government should only regulate the activities of commerce between the States or with foreign nations. No one, except some salaried advocate of the present régime, would seriously contend that the pressing of pants in Florida, or the sale of milk in New York, is in any sense interstate commerce."

Peace-loving America

REFERRING to the fact that when America entered the World War she announced as her objectives freedom of the seas, self-determination of nations, no indemnities, a world safe for democracy, peace without victory, and no more war, and got none of them, Oscar Ameringer, editor of *The Guardian,* says further:

When under the selective draft law, questionnaires were sent to ten million men of military age, 9,100,000 gave excellent reasons why they should remain at home with father, mother, wife, sweetheart and job. Of the $400,000,000 Anglo-French bonds floated by the House of Morgan, the munition makers took some, the House of Morgan most, and the common people none. The subsequent issues of Liberty, Victory and What-not bonds were floated largely by strong-arm squads, reinforced by rope and yellow paint.

Disposition of the Triple Taxes

TOTAL per capita costs of local government in the United States in 1904 were $16.41; in 1931 they were $58.15, which is more than 3½ times as much. The proportion of the total taxes devoted to general government and protection is practically unchanged; the proportion devoted to health, sanitation and charities has increased; the proportion devoted to education has greatly increased; the proportion devoted to highways, oddly enough, is less; and the proportion devoted to interest and outlays is considerably less.

The Bumblebee's Long Tongue

ONLY the old-fashioned Russian bumblebees have tongues long enough to extract the nectar of the red clover, in which act they scatter the pollen and thus make the seeds capable of growing. It is thus necessary periodically to either import red clover seed, to insure fertility, or to import the bumblebees, which, for some reason, do not seem to thrive well in America. Five Russian queen bees have recently been imported into Ohio with the express hope and expectation that their progeny will make Ohio red clover seed more fertile.

Submarginal Lands of the West

IF THE government starts out to buy the submarginal lands of the great short grass region of the West, there will not be enough people left in some counties to continue the county organization. The only ones welcoming the program are the big cattle men and the big sheepmen. After the little fellows are bought out they will have no place to go. Farm income is rising in the long grass states, where, however, the farmers claim that an absolute dictatorship of agriculture is in sight.

The Hi-Bred Corn Company

THE Hi-Bred Corn Company, of Grimes, Iowa, has advertised that the corn which it sells is so much more productive than ordinary seed that one who plants it can sign the government's contract, share in the tax distribution, and still grow as much corn as he did before. The Chicago *Tribune* comments editorially on the fact that the wife of the leading spirit of the AAA is a stockholder, and on the inconsistencies of his position.

Gnats Kill Horses in Arkansas

ARKANSAS was visited this spring by a plague of buffalo gnats beclouding the skies. The gnats are so small that they pass down the air passages of horses and mules and thus into their lungs, causing death. In one district 125 horses and mules were thus killed. No treatment has any effect.

Planting Crops at Night

IN DELAWARE, on account of a cold, late spring, planting with the aid of searchlights was done on a large scale at night during April. Indeed, every phase of farm work was done by that means.

Canned Hay Cuts Down Fire Risks

NEAR South Bend, Indiana, hay is cut green, chopped up, and blown into tanks having two large cylinders, one within the other. The inner cylinder houses corn; the outer one, hay; both are of metal; air currents are kept going through the hay. It is claimed that cattle require less grain if fed this hay, which still contains its leaves; also that fire risks are greatly reduced.

More Pests than Usual This Year

THE government reports more pests than usual this year; grasshoppers, crickets, chinch bugs, Hessian flies and Japanese beetles are all much more plentiful than usual. The government department that is trying to cut down production will be glad to hear this, while the government department that is trying to prevent lessening of production will rush out the proper advice and remedies.

AAA Denounced as a Failure

THE National Farmers Holiday Association in convention at Des Moines denounced the AAA as a failure and a fraud, an insult to every self-respecting farmer, and a crime against society and civilization; that in one breath it proposed to drive 2,000,000 farmers from the land, and in the next to settle 2,000,000 of the city unemployed back on the farms vacated.

Farm Income Up 50 Percent

FOR the first three months of 1934 the government's figures show that farm income is up 50 percent over last year, though it should be explained that 11 percent of this increased income is from the government itself in benefit payments.

More Milk for New York Kiddies

MAYOR LA GUARDIA, of New York, knowing that the farmers get but 3c or 4c for their milk, is planning the marketing of it for 8c a quart, and there is not a reason in the world, except the milk trust, why the project should not succeed.

Cannibalism Among the Crickets

FARMERS in the vicinity of Wenatchee, Washington, reported an army of crickets, of immense individual size, moving with machine-like precision and eating everything in their path, including their own young.

Possibility of Cheap Hydrogen

A CHEMIST, a prisoner until 1940 in Folsom Prison, California, claims to have discovered a plan for making hydrogen from water so cheaply that automobiles can be driven by hydrogen for ½c an hour, airplanes for 5c an hour, and an eight-room house heated, lighted and electrically operated for less than $1 a month. In the presence of a group of industrial engineers the chemist substantiated his claim, producing 47 cubic centimeters of hydrogen in twenty minutes at such little cost that one of the engineers predicted the invention will change the entire complexion of the industrial world. If the claims made are true, and the secret becomes generally known, it means the end of every coal mine, oil well, steam plant and water power. The utilities that have robbed the people can go out of business.

The Fog Camera a Success

THE fog camera, invention of Flavel M. Williams, takes photographs through fog or haze of objects not visible to the naked eye. This is done by means of the infra-red rays; photographs are taken every 30 seconds, and almost instantly developed and fixed. The device was first tried on the United States liner Manhattan this year, and is found to show clearly objects three miles away which can be seen by the naked eye not more than half that distance. A revised form is intended for airplanes.

The Ozonosphere and Ultra-Violet Rays

RECENT researches have shown that the ozonosphere, from 23 to 35 miles above the earth, is not cold, but hot—around 86 degrees. It is rich in ozone, or oxygen in the triple-atomic form. It is decomposed and therefore easily absorbs ultra-violet rays. But for this ultra-violet screen over the earth, arranged by the all-wise Creator, there would be no life on this planet; all would perish from sunstroke.

Lighthouses Being Vacated

THE old-fashioned lighthouse keeper, maintaining his lonely vigil sometimes for months at a stretch, is almost a thing of the past. Many lighthouses are now operated entirely by electrical contrivances that require servicing only at rare intervals. The faithful old keepers are being given other work.

New Wrinkle in Photolithography

THE new wrinkle in photolithography literally so is in the typewriter paper which contains what is to be reproduced. An article is written on the typewriter, on wrinkled paper, with the right-hand margins aligned as evenly as is mechanically possible. When finished, the short lines are literally stretched until all are of the same length as the longest one. The whole job is then photolithographed, and may be finished in a hurry. The process can be used for reports in which neatness is essential, small newspapers, commercial telegrams and bulletins.

Accurate Sculptures by Photography

SCULPTOGRAPHY, a Japanese invention, enables the making of an accurate sculpture of any desired object. The subject is photographed by high-speed photography, 456 silhouettes, each in a slightly different position. The silhouettes, pasted on thin metal sheets, are arranged around a common center, the interstices filled in with wax, and a mold is made in which any desired number of accurate sculptures of the object may be obtained. It seems as though this device could be used in pattern making, on a large scale.

Facts About the Big Telescope

THE big lens made at Corning is 200 inches in diameter and 26 inches thick, and required twenty tons of molten glass. It will take ten months to cool and three years to grind. When in place this lens will reveal objects in space four times as far out, will probe a volume of space thirty times as great, and will take pictures ten times as fast as any other telescope. The cost of the telescope complete is six million dollars.

Effect of Sounds on Human Organisms

THE natural rhythmic action of the stomach is found to be halted one-third by any harsh noise, and instruments show that when a paper bag is burst near the ear of a subject the pressure in his brain rises to four times normal.

Gulf Stream Wandering Again

WHATEVER may be the reason, the Gulf Stream is reported fifty miles farther north than usual, indicating a renewed attack upon the polar ice cap. The Labrador current is reported very much warmer, as a consequence.

British Insane Asylums Not Ideal

THE British magazine *John Bull* intimates that conditions in British asylums are not ideal. It objects to banquets, lasting until 4 a.m., where guests of the doctors and nurses dine on daintily cooked foods that came from the asylum stores, and rather marvels that the skimmed milk from asylum cows should go to the patients while the cream goes to the ladies and gentlemen that come from town to periodically "inspect" the institution. At these "inspection" banquets patients serve as cloakroom attendants. It mentions cases where female patients became mothers, doctors and attendants being the fathers, and other cases where female nurses became mothers, lunatics being the fathers, and wonders if this charity game is not being overdone.

How Did This Item of Truth Get Out?

THE *Atlanta Constitution* of March 7 states that the state chemist of Georgia found more than two ounces of aluminum poisoning in the organs of W. J. Williams, and that half of that amount would have been sufficient to cause his death. In some way or other this item of truth got by the sharp eyes of those who would have been glad to twist it in the usual manner and to describe it as metallic poisoning, not aluminum poisoning. Moreover, the state chemist must be a fearless man, to tell the truth like that, or else he does not know what has happened to other men who have told the truth about the wholesale poisoning that is going on everywhere by the use of aluminum cooking utensils and baking powders.

Egotism Is Insanity

IT IS noted in insane asylums that the insane pay no attention to others, have no curiosity and no interest in anyone but themselves; in other words, in numberless instances, insanity is simply egotism carried to its logical conclusion. When the apostle urges Christians to "look not every man on his own things" and to "be not high minded" he is merely counseling sanity.

Pearls Formed in a Man

BY THE same process by which pearls form in oysters, they also formed in a man upon whom an operation for kidney trouble was performed in Norway. The pearls were small but of highest quality.

"No Deleterious Effect on Tobacco"

AN ITEM in the London *Daily Express* sets forth the fact that the cacao moth has developed an appetite for tobacco, and their larvæ have even been found in manufactured cigarettes in countries as far removed as Poland and the United States. The *Express* says that the fumigants employed to get rid of these moths are prussic acid gas (one of the most deadly poisons known), ethylene oxide and carbon dioxide, and adds that these "have no deleterious effect on tobacco". What the effect will be on the users of the tobacco is not stated, but can be guessed, from the effects of the tobacco itself.

Tuna in Aluminum Cans

AN ADVERTISEMENT in the St. Louis *Star-Times* advertises: "A New Tuna, Luxury Brand, Packed in Aluminum Can, New! Delicious! Vacuum packed in aluminum containers for the first time. The natural flavor and freshness of delectable tuna. Save the aluminum cans for gelatin molds, or picnic drinking cups." The cans come in two sizes, 15c and 21c. It might be a good idea, if you have a surplus cat or dog, to get a can of this and feed the tuna to it first, and see what happens, and then let us know. The advertisement has the NRA emblem.

Lemon Juice on the Toothbrush

SAYS Mrs. J. R. Banks, of Indiana: "A few drops of fresh lemon juice sprinkled on the toothbrush removes instantly all film from the teeth, leaving them sparkling, immaculate and lovely, and the mouth thoroughly sweetened and cleansed. Lemon juice is alkaline, and thus beneficial to the teeth, whereas many of the mouth washes are acid, tending to aggravate mouth acidity. We buy no tooth paste, and our children's teeth are in fine condition. Try this dainty tooth cleanser and see how delighted you will be with its efficacy and refreshing reaction; so inexpensive, too.

Fifteen Years with a Cricket in the Ear

A WHITE PLAINS woman has just had extracted from her ear the skeleton of a cricket that flew into her ear fifteen years ago, when she was a child of eight years, in Ireland. It is a good illustration of how easy it is to get things into one's head and how hard it is to get them out, once well in.

Preaching Gospel by Machine

(Reprinted from *The Times of India*)

ELECTRICAL APPARATUS WORKED ON PRINCIPLE OF AMPLIFICATION

(From our own correspondent)

Hubli, June 12.

THE rapidity with which advantage is taken of modern inventions was demonstrated recently in Hubli. A motor caravan arrived here from Bellary which has toured almost all over India, and before passing on from here a series of lectures were given by means of a machine referred to by those in charge as an "electrical transcription" machine, which worked upon the principle of electrical amplification. These lectures, one of the occupants of the caravan told me, were recently given in America by Judge Rutherford by radio, and, while being broadcast, were recorded by the latest electrical process, and are now being reproduced by hundreds of these machines all over the world. At present there are only three such machines in India, but there is every hope of more arriving in the near future.

GREATLY MYSTIFIED

The caravan and this modern method employed to preach the Gospel provoked a widespread interest in Hubli. The uneducated classes were greatly mystified upon hearing music and speech proceed from the amplifier. Asked about their work, these people said that their activities are confined solely to preaching. They have no intentions of starting another sect, and seek neither followers nor assistance, but they urge upon all the need of studying the Bible in the light of present-day affairs. In the lectures, Judge Rutherford said the clergy and missionaries, both Catholic and Protestant, have proved unfaithful to God.

Mining Cities Built over Mine Sites

PRACTICALLY all mining cities are built over mine sites. Scranton, Carbondale, Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton all have several veins of anthracite coal under them. Helena and Denver are built on sites where placer gold mines once operated. San Luis Potosi, Mexico, was built in the center of gold and silver deposits so rich that the streets of the city are now being torn up to extract the precious metals from the ores they contain.

Canadian Radio Commission

CANADIANS are pretty well sick of their Radio Commission. Its record for the first year is that programs cost $229,556; salaries of the censor and others, $102,000; rental and leases, $75,945; new lines, $200,000; and all with the net result that 90 percent of the radio listeners tune in to the stations of the U.S.A., so the Canadians themselves claim. The Commission, including the censor, should be fired, and the censorship plan abandoned.

Waterspout in Concepcion, Chile

A WATERSPOUT on land is an unheard of thing, but one swept in from the Pacific ocean, followed the channel of the Biobio river, and deluged and crushed the best part of the city of Concepcion, Chile, in one of the strangest storms ever witnessed. Thirty blocks were destroyed in a city of 100,000 inhabitants. In the accompanying storm, the railroad which traverses Chile was broken at fifty points.

Jailing the Unemployed

ALTHOUGH it is known that there are 11,000,000 unemployed in the United States, judges in Philadelphia, Pa., and Hattiesburg, Miss., have given these unfortunate persons jail sentences and fines as vagrants. Perhaps this has been done in other places; but it matters not where it was done, the judgment was wholly unreasonable and wholly unjust. Why penalize innocent sufferers?

Scottish Radio Beacon

A RADIO beacon is in use in Scotland which reveals distance as well as direction. One signal goes out by radio, and the other under water. If the radio signal arrives at the incoming vessel just when the phonograph voice, sent under the water, is saying "Four miles", the mariner knows it is that many miles to the lightship or lighthouse, as the case may be.

Giant Turtle Egg-Laying Festival

ONCE a year, early in the month of May, thousands of gaint sea turtles gather on a sandy beach on the Mexican border of the Mexican Gulf, there to lay their eggs deep in the sand, leaving the sand and sun to bring forth another generation. The eggs bring a good price in interior Mexico, where they are sold in large quantities.

Sky-Pilot Business

85,000 Poverty-stricken Churches

IT SEEMS that, according to the Institute of Social and Religious Research, "there is an excess of at least 85,000 feeble churches in the United States." A feeble church is one with less than 350 members; such churches, it is explained, are unable to support highly paid ministers. On that basis, the church that was at the house of Priscilla and Aquila must have been a feeble church. The apostle says of these workers: "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise greet the church that is in their house." (Romans 16: 3-5) The trouble with our civilization is that it has too few of such apostolically "feeble churches" and too many of the financially "strong" ones. What is needed are churches where every member is willing to lay down his neck for what he believes. The apostle was like that, himself. He worked at tent-making, content with church memberships of a mere handful in each place.

"The Function of the Church"

AT THE 151st convention of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, held in May, 1934, the presiding bishop said, "It is the function of the church to bring in the reign of Christ in this world." Well, if that is the church's function, it has miserably failed, resulting, after nineteen centuries, in a war that ruined the world. Furthermore, if the church went right on another nineteen hundred years as it has in the past nineteen hundred, we have Christ's own words for it that the world would be in twice as bad shape then as it is now. "Ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made—". Just look up the passage, Matthew 23: 15, and see what it says.

Prayers for Bountiful Harvests

PRAYERS for bountiful harvests are handicapped somewhat by the knowledge that in Canada barley was burned for fuel; in Florida 30,000 crates of celery were destroyed, and from one-third to one-half the carrots; in Brazil 7,750,000 bags of coffee were burned; in the United States 10,500,000 acres of cotton were plowed under, and 6,200,000 pigs and 220,000 sows were killed off; in Los Angeles 200,000 quarts of milk are dumped into the sewers monthly, and in Hartford 20,000 quarts daily; in Spain 1,500,000 oranges were destroyed, and in California, in one place, a pile a mile long was left out to rot; also in California 80,000 peach trees were destroyed; in Oregon half the magnificent crop of pears was fed to hogs; in Alaska 40,000 salmon were destroyed in one place; in Chile 225,000 sheep were destroyed at one time; in the Dutch East Indies hundreds of tons of spices were destroyed; in the United States 20,000 acres of strawberries were left to rot; and wheat production has been cut all over the world.

A Greek Priest's Bitter Complaint

A PRIEST, Fotopoulos, in the Athens newspaper *Morning,* feels bitterly the malfeasance of his brother-priests in their office. A translation says:

"One monk was arrested for being a member of a gang of bandits. One archimandrite walked out of his church during mass, which is considered his most sacred duty, and called one of the church singers outside of the building to have a fight. An abbot (head of a monastery) was arrested holding in his hand a bag of opium, showing that he was dealing in destructive narcotics. All these are recent impressions of an unfortunate public, which no doubt has other perverse impressions of previous similar acts by the clergy. How can we face society in the future? The people have lost confidence in the clergy. The respect which they cherished for the priest before the war is gone, and, more or less, when they see us now they turn their faces in another direction. The consequences do not stop at this point. The presence of the clergymen in the streets has become a question. The black shadows (meaning the black robes of the priests) that parade before the passer-by are to him as the red cloth to the bull."

Struggle over the Dead Sea (?)

A FLUSHING (L. I.) pastor preaches that the last great war is at hand, but he thinks it will be the nations of the world fighting for the possession of the Dead sea, the mineral treasure of which is estimated at three times the present wealth of the United States, or some $11,000,000,000,000. How surprised he will be when he learns that instead of the parable of the sheep and goats being thus fulfilled it is even now in process of fulfilment, and all nations are marching to the battle of the last great day, including the American nation, without many of them even knowing what the Dead sea looks like. The dominie should read Judge Rutherford's books and get it straight.

Soul Lotteries in Mexico

THE *Evangelical Christian,* Toronto, referring to the lotteries in Mexico some years ago, whereby, for a little cash in the fist, one might stand a chance of getting relatives or friends out of purgatory, lists three lottery tickets, 41, 762 and 841, as having done the trick for Senora Calderon, Francisca de Parras and James Vasquez, the latter a lawyer. The Toronto paper does not give the name of the city where the tickets were drawn; so we suppose Mexico city itself is probably the place.

A Whopping Big Candle

IN THE effort to whoop up business a candle was exhibited in the cathedral at Seville, Spain, which was 25 feet tall and weighed 800 pounds. This resulted in 13 inches of free advertising in the London *Times;* not a mean achievement. A press agent has to be on his job in these days to get a succession of stirring stories about 800-pound candles and other foolishness.

"Church" Again Controls Spain

THE Roman Catholic "church" is again in control of Spain, and the parliament under its control voted clerical pensions, despite the fact that the constitution expressly forbids the State to give pecuniary assistance to the clergy. The government failed to provide a school system, as promised, and on this pretext the "church" came back into power. Jesuit Fascism probably next.

Business Good in Cleveland

DISPATCHES from Cleveland report business good in some lines. A priest who died at the age of 61 left $291,137.16 in nineteen bank accounts. Brinks Express Company stated that they pick up approximately $1,500 from each of five churches every Sunday, and on special days, like Easter, the pick-up is often as much as $50,000.

Scribblers Did Not Have to Kneel

JUST before the "pope" met the foreign correspondents at the close of the "holy year", to thank them for the able way they had helped him to put over the publicity end of it, he sent word that they would not have to kneel and kiss his ring, as all others must do. However, they all went down on their marrow bones, to the last man.

Attempted to Steal the Holy Undershirt

A DISPATCH from Argenteuil, France, declares that an attempt was made to steal the holy undershirt, 'woven and colored by the virgin Mary herself, which Christ had upon Him when He was crucified,' and which has recently been on exhibition. The attempted theft did not succeed. The account fails to say how the present owners got hold of the shirt, nor does it state that this dispatch made four good inches of free advertising of a show that is manifestly now on its last legs. It has been suggested that the supposed thief probably felt that a shirt should be washed and fumigated at least once every hundred years, and that the "holy year" would be just the right time for a cleaning. Or perhaps he was a comparatively honest soul who felt that Christ's name had been dishonored by this racket long enough.

Holy Year Ends with a Thunderstorm

AFTER being all dolled up for a year to receive visitors, the "holy year" of Aholah, the harlot, was at last over on Sunday, April 1, at which time the 'pope' blessed a drenched multitude of pilgrims from all over the world estimated at 300,000, but probably, as a matter of fact, only a fraction of that number. (One account gave it as 10,000, a trifling difference of only 290,000.) However, there is no exaggeration about the rainstorm; it was a miniature deluge. (In your Bible read Ezekiel 23:1-10.)

Better Luck if They Had Not Lied

THE priests of the Roman Catholic church in Sonora, Mexico, would have had better luck if they had not been such awful liars. In the effort to build up their own schools they published absurd charges that in the government schools children would be displayed nude in the classes. Thereupon all the churches in the state were closed and the priests chased over into the United States, where all clerical liars are forever welcome, till Armageddon.

Rain Fell in Four Hours

THE Madison (Indiana) *Daily Herald* states that, after a month without rain, a general rainfall occurred "after the churches of the Indiana diocese of the Catholic church had offered special prayers for rain". Just why these special prayers were delayed for a month, until atmospheric conditions indicated an early rainfall, was not explained.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The brief treatise which follows is the sixth in the series of talks by Judge Rutherford which succinctly cover outstanding Biblical truths. The original series of twelve has been supplemented by six additional talks, all of which will appear in *The Golden Age*. We are glad to give these helpful discourses place. The work carried on by Judge Rutherford together with the rest of Jehovah's witnesses is of far-reaching benefit, and the declaration of Biblical truths in clear and unequivocal terms is bound to carry with it the divine blessing. These talks are straightforward discussions of important issues and will enable the reader to follow a wise course. "The truth shall make you free." "Thy word is truth."

Armageddon *By Judge Rutherford*

ARMAGEDDON means the place of assembly of Jehovah's troops, and hence is the name of the place of battle. Soon there will be a great fight by Jesus and His force on one side, against Satan and his force on the other side. That is the final war and in the Scriptures is called "the battle of that great day of God Almighty".

The chief reason for the battle of Armageddon is this: to vindicate the name of Jehovah; and this can be done only by destroying wickedness. Satan wickedly challenged Jehovah to put men on earth who would remain true to Him, declaring that God could not establish amongst men a government that would be righteous. God has given Satan many centuries to prove his boastful challenge, and now, the time limit being up, he must be ousted. Jehovah has brought forth His righteous King, Christ Jesus, and placed Him as ruler of the world. Satan refuses to vacate and give up his rule among wicked men and angels. Therefore God will execute Satan and all of his wicked host that are associated with Satan, including all those on earth that work wickedness. Many wicked angels, who are invisible to human eyes, are associated with the Devil, and on earth Satan has many representatives who rule the nations under him. Satan's earthly representatives are made up of three elements, according to the Scriptures: religious, political and commercial; and together they constitute the visible part of Satan's organization. All of these selfish and wicked ones hate Jehovah's witnesses; hence Jesus says to these witnesses: "Ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." Satan and his host hate everyone who takes his stand on the side of God; hence it is written that Satan is gathering all the nations and rulers of the world unto the 'battle of the great day of God Almighty' with the hope and expectation of destroying those who are on God's side. (Rev. 16:14-16) The prophecy of Zechariah gives a detailed description of the preparation for this great battle, and the book *Preparation* makes the whole matter clear. It is to your great interest to acquaint yourself with what is contained in that book.

The fighting in that battle will be chiefly by unseen warriors, that is, Satan and all of his host of wicked angels which constitute the invisible part of his army. On earth there will be found on Satan's side the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the Federal Council of Churches, and various other religious organizations which operate for selfish gain, and which will be associated with the great men of commerce who use their money and power to oppress the people, and also the professional politicians who do the bidding of Big Business. Together with this unholy alliance will be joined the police power and army and navy, otherwise designated the "strong-arm squad". All of these will be without faith in God and His King, and they will all boast of their own power. On the side of Jehovah will be the Lord Jesus and His host of holy angels constituting His army. In the Lord's army will be found a little company of Jehovah's witnesses, visible to human eyes, and the only part that they will perform in that day of battle will be to sing the praises of Jehovah and His kingdom. God will give the command, and Christ Jesus will begin the battle.

The result of that battle will be the greatest trouble ever known since the world began, and the greatest loss of human life. There will be such a terrible slaughter, and the dead will be so numerous, that the survivors cannot bury them. In that battle the religious leaders, and the principal men of their flocks, will find no way of escape, but all of which shall fall and be crushed to pieces. The twenty-fifth chapter of Jeremiah, verses 33-36, gives a brief description of that terrible fight. The wicked rule of Satan

will be destroyed, and that will be the end of all war and tribulation on earth. The new ruler, Christ Jesus, having destroyed the wicked rule, shall put in full operation His government of righteousness, all to the good of men and to the glory of Jehovah God.

Concerning Christ it is written: 'The government shall be upon His shoulder; He shall be called the Mighty Counselor, The Prince of Peace; and His government shall never end.' You should learn more about that righteous government and receive its blessings.

[The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, in response to numerous requests, has arranged to furnish a number of Judge Rutherford's short talks in the form of phonograph records. The original series of twelve talks on six records has been extended to eighteen talks (nine records). The records may be run on a regular phonograph at the customary speed of 78 revolutions per minute. Readers who desire to obtain some or all of these records may obtain further particulars concerning them by addressing the above Society at 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Inquiries should not be sent to us.]

Lord's Coming to His Temple

SOLOMON the king had been on the throne of Israel for more than three years before he began the construction of the temple to Jehovah God at Jerusalem. "And it came to pass, in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, *in the fourth year* of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord." (1 Kings 6:1) The Lord fixed the month Abib, afterwards called Nisan, for the beginning of the year, which is in the spring of the year, and corresponds usually with the month of April according to our present method of calculating time. (Exodus 12:2; Nehemiah 2:1) Zif was the next month following, which fixes the time above mentioned as in the spring of the fourth year of Solomon's reign, or approximately three and one-half years after his reign began. The temple was erected on Mount Moriah, in the city of Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 3:1) The stones for the building were made ready before they were brought to the place of the building. (1 Kings 6:7) This temple was destroyed by fire at the hands of the army of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, in the year 606 B.C., and the Jews were carried away captive.

Acting by authority and proclamation of a decree made 70 years later by King Cyrus, the conqueror of Babylon, the Jews returned to Jerusalem and began the rebuilding of the temple. The leaders in such work were Zerubbabel the governor and Joshua the high priest. Hundreds of years later this temple was removed, and a new building constructed. Herod the Great, then the ruler of Palestine, had the material prepared and began the construction of the house in the nineteenth year of his reign, and the building was completed several years later. It was the temple built by Herod that Jesus visited a few days before His crucifixion and out of which He drove the thieves with a whip made of cords. Concerning this Matthew 21:12, 13 states: "And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Coming to the Temple

There cannot be the slightest doubt that the temple built by Solomon prophetically foretold the building of the real temple or royal house of Jehovah God. The temple built by Zerubbabel, and that built by Herod, took the place of Solomon's temple and served the same purpose. It was this last temple wherein Jesus taught the people. (Luke 19:47, 48) That this temple was prophetic of the real temple of God is shown by words of Jesus himself when He drove the clergy of the Jews from that temple and said to them: "Take these things from hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. . . . Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them: and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said."—John 2:15-22.

Jesus himself is the Chief Corner Stone or Head Stone of the royal temple of Jehovah God. Jesus told the Jewish clergy as much: "Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." (Matthew 21:42-44) This is fully supported by the words of the apostle Paul, at Ephesians 2:18-22, addressed to the faithful followers of Christ Jesus who are made members of "the church, which is his body". (Ephesians 1:22, 23) These scriptures and the facts warrant us in comparing certain things concerning the prophetic temple with what Jesus, the Head of the real temple, does. Solomon prepared the stones and other material for the temple and brought them together and erected the building without a great noise. "And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron, heard in the house while it was in building." (1 Kings 6:7) The real or royal temple of God is made of "living stones", that is to say, living creatures represented by stones, of which Christ Jesus is the Chief Stone. As 1 Peter 2:3-6 states: "If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded."

The temple made of these living stones constitutes the royal house or royal priesthood and holy nation of Jehovah God. (1 Peter 2:9, 10) These living stones were in course of selection and preparation from the day that Jesus selected His disciples until the time of His second coming to gather together unto himself those who constitute the temple class. These living stones, which constitute the real temple, are brought together and erected into a building of God without noise or ostentation.

Time of Coming

In the fall of the year 29 (A.D.), according to the Scriptures, Jesus was immersed by John the baptizer and was shortly thereafter anointed by the spirit of Jehovah God as His appointed King, earth's rightful ruler. (Luke 3:21-23; 4:1-21) In the spring of the year 33, or in the fourth year after His anointing, Jesus, seated on an ass, rode into Jerusalem and went to the temple and cleansed it. Note, then, the comparison: Solomon began work on the temple in the fourth year of his reign, and in the spring of the year. Christ Jesus, the Greater-than-Solomon, in the fourth year after He was anointed to be King and Head of Jehovah's temple class, and in the spring of the year, offered himself as King and as the Chief Corner Stone in the temple of God and was rejected by the Jews and shortly thereafter was crucified. It was three and one-half years, therefore in the fourth year, after His anointing, that He thus in a small way fulfilled the prophecy made by Solomon in connection with the beginning of the prophetic temple. The greater fulfilment of that prophecy must be after the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Since the year 1922 it has been publicly declared that the Lord Jesus came to God's true temple in the year 1918. Many ask: Since no one has seen Him present with the naked human eye, how can it be proved that He came as an invisible spirit to the temple in that year? Note now the proof:

A few days before His crucifixion the disciples came out of the temple of Jerusalem with Jesus. They were talking to Him about the temple. "And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." (Matthew 24:2) Evidently in this same conversation Jesus had told them something about raising up the temple of His body at His second coming. It was then that they propounded the question: "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign [proof] of thy coming, and of the end of the world [age]?" (Matthew 24:3) Jesus' answer then given is important in fixing the date. He told His disciples what would be the

sign of the end of the world, which would mean the end of Satan's rule of the earth without divine interference and would mean the beginning of the rule of Christ Jesus, earth's rightful King. He said to them that the first sorrows that would come upon Satan's organization would be the world war, followed by famine, pestilence and earthquakes; that then there would follow "distress of nations, with perplexity". The end of the world would necessarily mark the time when Jehovah God would place Jesus upon His throne. (Psalm 2:1-6) That which Jesus told His disciples concerning the end of the world began to have its fulfilment, as is well known from the facts, in the autumn season of 1914, with the beginning of the World War.

Zedekiah was the last Jewish king to rule in Jerusalem. To him were the words of Ezekiel 21:25-27 addressed: "Thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, Thus saith the Lord God, Remove the diadem, and take off the crown; this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him." No doubt Jesus' disciples were familiar with this prophecy and would naturally be looking forward to the time when it would be fulfilled and when He would "come whose right it is". They would know that in some future time this prophecy must be fulfilled. Jehovah's decree pronounced against Zedekiah, as stated by Ezekiel, was enforced in the year 606 B.C., when the temple built by Solomon was destroyed. Other scriptures show that from 606 B.C. until 'the coming of him whose right it is' would be a period of seven "times", symbolic of three hundred and sixty years each, or a total period of twenty-five hundred and twenty years; and therefore such period of time would necessarily end in 1914. (Leviticus 26:18) Such is further proof that in the autumn season of 1914 is the correct time for Jesus Christ to take His power and to begin to exercise it over earthly things.

The primary purpose of Jesus' second coming is the vindication of Jehovah's name. When Jesus by the power of Jehovah was raised from the dead and exalted into the heaven, no doubt He was then anxious to immediately begin the vindication work. He was then told by His Father that He must wait until God's due time in which to begin it: "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." (Psalm 110:1) "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool." (Hebrews 10:12, 13) The end of that period of time of waiting must of necessity be the same as the end of the time of waiting mentioned by the prophet Ezekiel in chapter 21, verse 27. Both of these prophecies would mark the time when Jehovah would send forth His King whose right it is to rule. In the words of Psalm 2:6, 8: "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen [the nations] for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Hence the taking of power by the Lord Jesus is also the taking of power by Jehovah God over things pertaining to the earth. Revelation 11:17, 18 pictures the faithful servants of Jehovah as speaking: "We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come." It was in the autumn of 1914 that the nations became angry, which was further proof of the fact that Christ Jesus was then placed upon His throne. The Revelation then follows the above with the statement that 'the temple in heaven was opened, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament'. (Revelation 11:19) The ark of the testament or covenant symbolically represents Jehovah's presence and is therefore proof that Christ Jesus had come to the temple as chief representative of Jehovah and hence Jehovah himself was representatively present.

As Solomon began building the temple in the fourth year of his reign, and as Jesus came and offered himself three and one-half years after His anointing as King, we should expect that the second coming of the Lord Jesus to the spiritual temple of Jehovah would be in the fourth year, to wit, three and one-half years after the beginning of His reign in 1914, and that therefore the time for His coming to the temple would be in the spring of A.D. 1918. This date is fully supported by the events that came to pass in 1918; which facts exactly fit the prophecy concerning His coming.

It was the express will of God that Christ Jesus should do a preparatory work before com-

ing to His temple. This is described by Malachi the prophet of God as a 'preparing of the way before the Lord'. Historical facts show that for forty years prior to 1918 there was a work carried on by God's people within the realms of "Christendom", which work restored to God's people those primary truths which had long been hidden from them. During that period of time the true followers of Christ Jesus forsook Satan's organization and devoted themselves entirely to the Lord God. This, designated as the "Elijah work", was the work of Christ Jesus in preparing the way before Jehovah, which work must be done before His coming to God's temple; as Malachi 3:1 declares: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts."

Purpose of Coming

The above text, Malachi 3:1, proves conclusively THE FACT of Jesus' coming as Jehovah's Messenger to His temple. The purpose of His coming to the temple of Jehovah is to execute judgment as the great Judge. This must take place before the battle of Armageddon; and since all members of the true church, "his body," must be judged by Him, it must take place before the last members are taken from the earth. Furthermore, He must examine the facts as to the things that are to be judged. It conclusively follows, then, that the Lord's coming to His temple must be while some of the faithful of the Lord are yet in the flesh. During the time that Jehovah's Messenger, Christ Jesus, was preparing the way before Jehovah the interests of God's kingdom were committed to those who had make a covenant to do God's will and who had been invited to a place in the Kingdom. As to their faithfulness in giving attention to these Kingdom interests the Lord must consider the facts before choosing and approving them. It is written: "Judgment must begin at the house of God." (1 Peter 4:17) That judgment must determine the faithfulness of God's people up to that period of time. The judgment is a time of fiery tests, that is to say, tests that try one as though by fire.

Concerning the purpose of the Lord's coming to His temple Malachi 3:2, 3 prophesies: "But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." From the typical sons of Levi the Jewish priests were selected, and from the antitypical "sons of Levi" the members of Jehovah's royal priesthood are taken and made members of the royal house of God. The Levites picture all who are consecrated to God and begotten of His spirit, some of whom become priests (not of an earthly religious organization, however) and others of whom go to make up the "great multitude" who serve Jehovah God other than as priests in His temple day and night. (Revelation 7:9-17) It is quite clear from the words of the prophet Malachi that the coming of the Lord Jesus to the temple would be marked by severe trials which would result in separating the disapproved from those who are approved, in order that the approved ones might render faithful service to God in righteousness.

Physical facts, or the events that came to pass in the spring of 1918, exactly corroborate the other testimony that 1918, in the spring of the year, marks the time of Jesus' coming to the temple of Jehovah. It was at that time that there came upon the consecrated people of God a fiery trial. These had been for some time doing the work of proclaiming the truth. It was in that year that the work we designate the "Elijah work" of the true church was killed, which event was pictured by the prophet Elijah's being taken away heavenward by a fiery chariot and whirlwind and also pictured by the beheading of John the baptizer. (2 Kings 2:9-13; Matthew 14:1-13; 17:10-13) Many of the Lord's witnesses throughout the land were at that time imprisoned because of their faithful stand for Jehovah God and His kingdom during the World War; and many others restrained of their liberty of action as to giving testimony publicly and from house to house in the name of the Lord. It was in that time that many false brethren arose in the congregations, who had professed to be followers of Christ Jesus but whose love then grew cold, and they turned against others who were serving God and His kingdom. It was, too, in that time that God's people were hated of all nations because of their faithfulness to the Lord, even as Jesus had foretold would come to pass after the beginning of the end of the world, saying: "Then shall they

deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And because iniquity [lawlessness] shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." —Matthew 24:9, 10, 12.

These prophetic utterances, together with the events that have come to pass from and after 1918 and which fit the prophecy and hence show a fulfilment, prove that the Lord must come to the temple of Jehovah for judgment, and that He did come to the temple in the spring of 1918. That His coming is for the purpose of judging, and that the angels accompanying Him would carry out His orders, is shown by His words at Matthew 25:31: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory." At this time of judgment at the temple the Lord Jesus directs His angels to carry out this separating work; as He declared at Matthew 13:41: "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity." "Offend," as used in this text, applies to those who set snares for the gullible for the purpose of catching them and drawing them away after themselves. "Iniquity" means "lawlessness", and applies to those who would do a work in an unlawful way and contrary to what the Lord has directed. Such ones the angels gather out; therefore they must once have been in line for the Kingdom by reason of having responded to the call to the Kingdom.

The apostle Paul warned against the same thing, declaring that this false class would arise chiefly amongst the elected "elders" of the congregations. He said: "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." (Acts 20:30) This is the class that cause divisions amongst the Lord's true people and commit such offense for a selfish reason. (Romans 16:17, 18) The facts show that from and after 1918 these very things did come to pass. A number of those who had been prominent in God's service during the "Elijah work" drew away in 1918 and since have done everything within their power to draw others away with them, and these now oppose Jehovah's witnesses in their work of advertising Jehovah's King and the Kingdom. These events the Lord declared would occur following the time of His appearing "as the lightning" at His temple; and the facts show that they began to come to pass in the spring of 1918, proving that to be the date of His appearing at the temple.—Matthew 24:24-27.

The joy of the Lord is the vindication of Jehovah's name. Christ Jesus is the Vindicator. He was compelled to wait until 1914 to begin this work of vindication. When He was placed upon the throne, in 1914, Jehovah directed Him to proceed immediately to rule amongst the enemy. (Psalms 2:6; 110:2) His first work was to cast Satan out of heaven and down to the earth, and then to prepare for the final battle, which is Armageddon, and in which Satan's organization will be destroyed. (Revelation 12:5-12) Those on earth found faithful and whom He approved He invited into His temple and to enter into the joy of the Lord and have a part in proclaiming God's judgment against Satan's organization, as illustrated in His parable of the talents. (Matthew 25:14-30) These faithful approved ones are "thy people" who "shall be willing in the day of thy power". (Psalm 110:3) The facts show fulfilment of these prophetic utterances in that after 1918 Christ's faithful followers did enter into the "joy of the Lord" (Nehemiah 8:10) and they now delight themselves in telling the people concerning Satan's organization and God's organization and that God's purpose is to soon destroy the wicked organization in vindication of His name. These rejoice to tell of Jehovah and His works and make known His kingdom: "and this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come." So said Jesus in His prophecy relating to His coming to the temple. (Matthew 24:14) His anointed followers are commanded to proclaim the "day of vengeance of our God" and to "comfort all that mourn". (Isaiah 61:1, 2) This is exactly what Jehovah's "faithful and wise servant" class on earth has been doing since the coming of the Lord to His temple, and these are the only ones who have been doing His work.

The judgment began at the house of God. Shortly thereafter judgment came upon the religious systems of so-called "Christians" known as "organized Christianity". The prophet Isaiah had a vision of the Lord in His temple, and the circumstances mentioned by him fix the time thereof. (Isaiah 6:1) King Uzziah, whom he mentions, clearly foreshadowed "organized

Christianity", particularly its rulers and leaders. King Uzziah presumptuously acted as a priest in offering incense in God's temple at Jerusalem, and for this was stricken with leprosy fatally. During the World War "organized Christianity" was furnished with ample proof of the Lord's presence and the beginning of His kingdom. Some of their clergy even issued a manifesto calling attention to these facts and spread that manifesto throughout the earth. In 1919 "organized Christianity", like Uzziah, presumptuously put herself in the position of priest and erected the League of Nations in place of Jehovah's kingdom under Christ, and hailed that League as the political expression of God's kingdom on earth, thereby rejecting the true King, Christ Jesus, the Chief Corner Stone of Jehovah's royal temple, and who had now come to the temple and offered himself as earth's King. For this "organized Christianity" has been smitten and will never recover.

All of which foregoing evidence proves that the Lord came, invisibly, to His temple in the year 1918 for judgment.

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Praying for Prosperity

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DEPRESSION has been upon the world for five years, and now millions are confronted with starvation. In this time of dire extremity religious organizations, led by the Catholic St. Joseph's Guild of New Jersey, have issued an appeal to all denominations, Jews and Gentiles, to join in prayer on certain days in September next that "this nation may be restored again to a condition of prosperity, peace and happiness".

If it is the will of Almighty God that the people should offer such prayer, then all should do so. If this "Prayer Movement" is a fraudulent scheme to further deceive and entrap the people, and to bring them into greater difficulties, then all should know the truth concerning the same and deport themselves accordingly. The only certain way for men to ascertain the will of Almighty God is to go to His Word, the Bible, and there learn what is His expressed will. I appeal to the people to now calmly consider the facts and the Scriptures and then determine what course you will take.

> The effect of this address upon the hearers was electrifying. Nobody is taunted, but nobody is warned; the time for that is past. This address is telling everybody who will listen that it is impossible to ignore and dishonor Jehovah God and Christ Jesus at one time and then expect at another time to receive His favor merely because it is desired, and because there are even "distinguished" ones who desire it.
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> It would seem that nobody can read this address without a higher appreciation than ever of the value of the wisdom that is from above. This priceless wisdom finds expression in the divine message addressed to the hypocritical mockers:
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> "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof; I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of [JEHOVAH]."—Proverbs 1: 24-29.

At all times we must have in mind these indisputable truths, to wit: That there is but one Almighty God, "whose name alone is JEHOVAH," and in whose hand rests the destiny of all nations; that He has one great Executive Officer, Christ Jesus, who is also the Savior of humankind, and in His name prayers must be made; that there is one arch adversary of Jehovah God, and man's worst enemy, whose name is Satan, the Devil, and whose purpose is to turn all men away from God and lead them into destruction. Fraud and deception are Satan's chief means of accomplishing his wicked purpose. Often he induces men to put forward a scheme which on the face of it appears to be right but which in fact is a subtle snare in which to entrap the unsuspecting ones. All of Satan's representatives on earth, both the willing and the unwilling, are unrighteous, and God will not hear and answer the prayers of the unrighteous. (1 Peter 3:12) The prayers of such are not heeded by Jehovah, for the reason that the petitioners are evil; and for anyone to join with such in prayer would be worse than useless, because the same is an abomination in the sight of God. It is of vital importance to all of us just now to view this matter without passion or prejudice and to ascertain and follow the truth. In order to do this it is important to consider some historical facts, because what has resulted in the past furnishes us a guide to determine what will be the result under similar conditions in the future.

Last Year's Unanswered Prayers

In March, 1933, St. Joseph's Guild was launched, and now leads in the aforementioned "Prayer Movement". Thereafter, on the 2d of April, 1933, the pope's "Holy Year" began with

the announcement that prayers would be made to the end 'that a tide of religion would sweep the nations into peace and prosperity'. The "Holy Year" and its prayers have utterly failed, and depression and suffering continue upon the people. From Press dispatches appearing in Catholic newspapers from Rome, England and America I quote: "The extraordinary year [the 'Holy Year'] closes with a silence of the pope. . . . A silence which the father told his sons that he knew of nothing he could say to them." Why? "Holy Year" has been a dismal failure, and that fact all must concede. The pope admits that "Holy Year" prayers God has not heard or answered. The conditions are worse today than they were a year ago. There is no prosperity, and peace has not come.

Admitting the failure of the Catholic "Holy Year" and its prayers, now the St. Joseph Guild by "Resolution" calls upon "all who have confidence in God, the Almighty Father of all mankind, regardless of race, color or creed", to join in prayer for the return of prosperity. Seeing that the prayers of the united *Catholic* organizations who profess to believe on Christ have failed, then why now ask non-Catholics and non-Christians, and Jews, and those other organizations that deny Christ Jesus, to join in the "Prayer Movement"? Will the prayers of such add compelling force to wring from God's hand the desired selfish prosperity? The failure of the "Holy Year" prayers ought to fully convince the people that there is something wrong about these movements that attempt to bring prosperity, and this should cause the people to examine God's Word and ascertain therefrom what is wrong.

New Prayers Improper and Futile

The aforementioned Resolution calls for certain days of prayer to be had next September, but the Resolution does not mention Jehovah's name, nor the name of Jesus Christ. Evidently this is because the appeal is addressed to anti-Christians, both Jews and higher-critic Protestant clergy, otherwise called "modernists", and to others who deny Christ as the Redeemer. The language of the Resolution is: 'To beseech our common Father in heaven,' which language could not apply to the Almighty God, because He is not the common Father of all. Since the days of Adam's sin in Eden Jehovah God is not the "Father of all men". In His day Jesus said to the clergy of Israel: "Ye are of your father the devil" (John 8:44), and today Jewish rabbis and modernists, and Protestant clergy, reject Jesus Christ and His kingdom, and hence they could not be sons of God. The Scriptures of God's Word declare that Jehovah, the Almighty God, is the Father only of those who believe on and honor Jesus Christ even as they honor God. (John 5:23) All men are born sinners. (Romans 5:12) The only way a man can be cleansed from sin and become the son of God is by faith in the shed blood of Christ Jesus, a full devotion to Him, and the acceptance and begetting of that man by Jehovah God. (Acts 4:12; 1 Peter 1:3, 4; James 1:18) From the Bible I quote these words: "The blood of Jesus Christ, [God's] Son, cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7) In John 9:31 it is written: "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." Only those who have been cleansed by full faith in the blood of Christ Jesus does God count as righteous and acknowledge as His sons, and it is only these whose prayers are heard and answered; as it is written (1 Peter 3:12): "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." (Acts 10:1-4) He who dishonors the Lord Jesus Christ dishonors Jehovah God, and God will not receive him or his prayers.—John 5:23.

God No Respecter of Persons

From the "Prayer Movement" news release I quote these words: "The prayer movement has the endorsement of postmaster general . . . United States senators . . . congressmen . . . governors . . . and other distinguished men from many parts of the United States." What do these endorsements add, since the men mentioned do not worship Jehovah God and Christ Jesus as man's Redeemer and the world's rightful Ruler? The only prosperity the endorsement of such "distinguished men" will bring will be to those who receive the church basket collections. The endorsement of distinguished politicians and financiers of Satan's organization will tend to swing into line for the "Prayer Movement" the overawed and unsuspecting people, because those "distinguished men" are highly esteemed among them; but in God's sight such approval and endorsement is an abomination, as it is written (Luke 16:15): 'That which is high-

ly esteemed by men is an abomination in the sight of God.'

The "Prayer Resolution" says: 'Unite in prayer, to beseech our common Father to inspire our leaders so that this nation may be restored again to prosperity.' That language is a recognition of the politicians, financiers and clergy as the leaders of this world, and as "the higher powers", and hence the claim that such men are God's instruments to lead the people, and which claim is contrary to the Scriptures. Jehovah says concerning Jesus Christ (Isaiah 55:4): "Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people." Prayer for the inspiration of worldly leaders is wholly in vain. God answers the prayers of those only who are guided by His Word and who recognize Jehovah and Christ Jesus as the "higher powers".—Romans 13:1.

"Ye Ask and Receive Not"

Are not these "distinguished men", who are designated by the Resolution as "leaders", a part of this world? and are not the clergy who have launched the "Prayer Movement" also a part of the world and friends of the world? You will all answer, Yes, of course. Will God hear their prayers for personal and material prosperity? The answer is found in James 4:3, 4, the authoritative Word of God, to wit: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." Jehovah God will not answer the prayers of His enemies, and this is conclusive proof that the "Prayer Movement" fathered by St. Joseph's Guild will fail.

According to a poll of the clergy of the United States published by *The Literary Digest* the majority of the clergymen repudiate Christ Jesus and His blood as the means of saving mankind, and deny that Jesus is God's anointed King to rule and bless mankind.

Concerning Jesus Christ Jehovah says (Matthew 12:18, 21, *A.R.V.*, margin): "Behold, my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall [shew] judgment to the nations. . . . And in his name shall the nations hope." Could it be expected that Jehovah God would hear and answer the prayers of men who repudiate His Word and who deny His anointed King, the Redeemer of mankind? Do the people now wish to be guided by selfish and imperfect men or do they want to trust in Jehovah God and Christ Jesus? By your course of action concerning the "Prayer Movement" you will answer that question. I insist that what I say is not an attack upon men, but I am merely laying the facts plainly before the people that they may receive the truth and then assume the responsibility of whatsoever course they take.

The Scriptures clearly show that with the beginning of the great World War in 1914 Satan's uninterrupted rule of the world ended and that there Christ Jesus was enthroned by Jehovah as the world's rightful ruler. (Matthew 24:3-8; Psalm 2:6) The Scriptures clearly point out exactly what would follow that date marking the end of the world, and concerning this it is written: "There shall be . . . upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea [the people] and the waves [commercial organizations] roaring [because of the depression or hard times]; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth [*R.V.*, world]." (Luke 21:25, 26) The "Prayer Resolution" completely ignores these scriptures concerning the end of Satan's world and the woes and troubles upon the people that would immediately follow. Who is the one that brings these woes upon the world? The "Prayer Resolution" ignores this point, but many of the clergy say that God has brought the woes upon the people; whereas the Scriptures definitely state that Satan the Devil is the one who brings these woes now upon humankind because he knows that it is only a short time until the final battle in which his organization will be destroyed.—Revelation 12:12.

God Not Responsible for Inflation

Jehovah God is in no wise responsible for the unhealthy so-called "prosperity" that immediately followed the World War, and during which many men grew rich, arrogant and oppressive. Jehovah is in no wise responsible for the hard times or depression now on the world, nor will He hear the prayers of those who ask such former prosperity to be restored.

A safe guide is to follow the course of faithful Christians, the apostles of Jesus' day. It was about the year A.D. 44 that the absence of rain brought a great famine upon the people of Palestine. The apostle Paul and other faithful Christians did not ask all creeds and denomina-

tions to unite in prayer for the restoration of prosperity; but, as the Scriptures state, those faithful Christians gathered food and distributed it amongst the poor, and did not try to increase the prosperity of the rich. (Acts 11:26-30; Romans 15:25, 26; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3) Mark the great contrast in the course of professed "Christians" of this day. The greater portion of the grain-producing area of the country is burned up, and the public press announces that because of the scarcity of wheat the money value of the wheat crop will be the greatest in many years. More than ten million people are facing starvation; and at the same time the "distinguished men" who rule the nation, and who endorse the "Prayer Movement", cause the price of bread to be raised and thus increase the burden of the poor. At the same time these "distinguished men" and clergymen ask the people to pray that prosperity may return, which prosperity only the rich enjoyed prior to 1929. Do you believe that the God of mercy and comfort will hear such selfish prayers and bring prosperity to those who have lived wantonly and ruled in arrogance while the poor have starved and their burdens have continued to increase? Those are the men who speak scornfully of the name of the Most High, and concerning them it is written, in Proverbs 1:32, 33: "For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil." Thoughtful people know that the so-called "Prayer Movement" is a mockery of God and a snare of the enemy to entrap those who follow blind leaders.

The U. S. a Part of "Christendom"

The United States is a part of "Christendom" and claims to be a Christian nation, and is therefore duty-bound to obey and to follow the laws of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus. The United States, with all other nations of "Christendom", has violated God's everlasting covenant concerning the sanctity of life by the unnecessary and wanton shedding of blood (Genesis 9:1-9); and God will not hear the prayers of such covenant-breakers, but, on the contrary, their fate is plainly stated, in Isaiah 24:3-5: "The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled; for the Lord hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth, and fadeth away; the world languisheth, and fadeth away; the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." This punishment here described God will inflict on the world at Armageddon.

Furthermore, the Resolution calling for united prayer of all creeds, and which has the endorsement of "distinguished men", had its origin with the clergymen in New Jersey, where the name of Jehovah God has been grossly reproached by clergy and officials, and where officials of that state have brazenly said: "Who is Jehovah?" "Jehovah may run heaven, but we are running New Jersey." In that state recently hundreds of Jehovah's witnesses have been arrested, imprisoned, and woefully illtreated, merely because they were preaching the gospel of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus as commanded by the Lord. There Jehovah's witnesses have been diligently trying to inform the people of the end of Satan's reign, of the famine and pestilence and trouble that are coming upon the earth, and of God's kingdom of righteousness under Christ, which is the only hope of mankind. Like the Jewish clergy in the days of Jeremiah, even so the Catholic hierarchy of New Jersey and their allies there have said and now say to the people: Give no heed to these Jehovah witnesses; there will be no great trouble, you will not see famine, but you shall have peace and prosperity.' Now in these days of distress, woe and perplexity these same clergymen ask all the people to join with them and the "distinguished men" of the nation in prayer for material prosperity; but their prayers are certain to go unanswered, for the reason, as stated by Jehovah through His prophet in these words (Jeremiah 11:14): "Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble."

Satan's Trap

I do not say that St. Joseph's Guild has knowledge that its Resolution is Satan's scheme, but I do most emphatically charge that Satan is the father of the scheme and Satan has thus set a trap to ensnare the people and to turn them away from God; and the reason I so state is this: A part of the great question for determination now is, Can Satan cause all men to curse God and turn away from Him? Satan has challenged God to put men on earth who would

maintain their integrity toward Him, and now Satan would prefer to see all men destroyed rather than to see one serve Jehovah. Satan has induced his earthly agents to believe and teach the people that God is responsible for the woes and sufferings that have come upon them. Now he would induce the people, together with the clergy and other "distinguished men" of the nation, to pray to God to relieve them from their sufferings and bring them prosperity, and, further, to pray that their earthly leaders may be inspired to lead the people into prosperity'. Satan well knows that these prayers God will not hear or answer and that when people see that this so-called "Prayer Movement" is a complete failure, and that their prayers are not answered, and that their suffering increases, then the people will be greatly chagrined and disappointed. What, then, will be the tendency of those who have thus prayed and are disappointed? Satan expects them to say: "If God cannot help us, and will not do so, then we will have nothing to do with God," and that then they will turn away from Him and curse God. Thus the Devil will bring the people into his snare. Be it known unto you now that every one who follows this "Prayer Movement" scheme will be led into and ensnared by Satan's trap.

Proper Course

What, then, shall the people do? Quit following the instructions given them by selfish men, who make themselves the leaders of the people, and turn entirely to Jehovah God and to Christ Jesus, whom God has made Ruler and Leader of those who will receive His blessings. The Bible contains the full and complete information; and with the helps which the Lord has provided you can get this full and complete information for your guide.* Know this, that Satan's world has ended and is rapidly going to pieces and at Armageddon, which is near, Satan's world will be completely destroyed. The hope of the peoples of the world is Christ Jesus' kingdom, and there is no other hope.

Long ago Jehovah by His prophets said (Jeremiah 23:5; Isaiah 9:6,7): "Behold, the days come . . . that I will raise . . . a righteous Branch, and a King [Christ Jesus] shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." "And the government shall be upon his shoulder; and . . . of his government and peace there shall be no end." Peace and prosperity can come to the peoples of the earth only by and through God's kingdom under Christ, and this will not come by the efforts of clergymen and politicians or other "distinguished men" of the world. Such men will have nothing whatsoever to do with the Kingdom nor with the blessings it shall bring humankind.—Daniel 2:44.

Proper Prayers

It is written in the Scriptures that Jehovah God hears the prayers of those that call upon Him in spirit and in truth. (Psalm 145:18; John 4:23) The political rulers and other "distinguished men" do not call upon the Lord in spirit and according to His Word of truth. His Word, the Bible, is the truth and the only proper guide for man, and Christ Jesus is the great exponent of the truth. (Psalm 119:105; John 17:17; 18:37; 14:6) Jehovah will not hear the prayers of those who reject His Word and His Son, Christ Jesus. Because the blessings of peace and prosperity and happiness can and will come only by and through God's kingdom under Christ, Jesus instructed men how to pray. To them He said, at Matthew 6:9,10: "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Is the call for "nation-wide prayer for prosperity" in line with these words of Christ Jesus? Most assuredly not. That Resolution not only is selfish and asks for the return of the things that were once enjoyed by the rich, who have long oppressed the poor, but completely ignores God's honor and His name, and the name and honor of Christ Jesus, does not ask that the will of God be done, completely repudiates the kingdom of God, and asks that the will of selfish men be done. There is a complete absence of any suggestion that the people should pray that the will of God be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Faithful and True Witnesses

For more than twenty years the faithful followers of Christ Jesus in this land have told the people that God's kingdom is near and that it is the hope of the world. They have been going about the land from house to house unselfishly and diligently trying to teach the people of and concerning God and His kingdom, and for doing this they have been hated and persecuted. Jesus said that this would be done to His faithful fol-

* See advertisement on back page.

lowers because they honor His name. (John 15:18-23) The clergy and their political allies, instead of hailing the kingdom of Christ with gladness, and urging the people to look to that kingdom for their relief and blessings have conspired together to destroy Jehovah's witnesses and to keep the people in ignorance of the truth concerning the Kingdom. Exactly as Jehovah's prophet says in the 83d Psalm: 'The clergy and their allies have consulted together with one consent against the faithful followers of Christ Jesus.' This they have done in these "last days". 'They have taken counsel against God's people and consulted against His hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation.' In the execution of this cruel conspiracy against God and His kingdom under Christ the clergy and their allies, who now endorse the present-day "prayer movements", have committed many overt acts against the faithful followers of Christ Jesus. At much effort Jehovah's witnesses have printed the message of God's kingdom and have carried it to the people in book form. The clergy not only have opposed this message of God's kingdom, but have caused the people to gather together the books containing the Kingdom message and to burn them, and now these same men ask the people to join with them in prayer for their own selfish prosperity. Furthermore, they try to impress the people with the weight and importance of their "Prayer Movement" by telling them that many "distinguished" politicians endorse the movement. They are not deceiving God, and let no one who really loves God now be deceived. To aid you in avoiding such deception this speech is now made.

Armageddon Sure to Come

Jehovah God has put His stamp of disapproval upon the "Holy Year" and its prayers; and that is admitted. Next, the pontiff at Rome, according to a dispatch published in the New York *Daily Times* of February 2, 1934, asked the people to pray that Armageddon may be averted. That appeal of the pontiff is also certain to fail. Jehovah God has entered judgment against the world and its god, Satan. That judgment written is that Christ Jesus at Armageddon shall completely wreck and destroy the wicked and oppressive rule of this world. Concerning Armageddon Jesus says: 'It will be the greatest tribulation the world has ever known, and there will never be another,' because that will mark the end of wickedness and the destruction of the wicked.—Matthew 24:21, 22; Psalm 145:20.

God has decreed that Armageddon shall come, which conflict He designates as "the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:14), and the combined prayers of creeds and organizations will not stop it. Jehovah says: "I have purposed it, I will also do it." (Isaiah 46:11) The NRA and all like recovery schemes will certainly fail, and the prayers of the combined clergy in support of that and all other like schemes for prosperity will also fail. Such prayers will not be heard and answered by Almighty God, because He so states. Prayer uttered in accord with the St. Joseph's Guild appeal will completely fail to bring peace, prosperity and happiness to the people. The people of good will who desire righteousness will no longer permit themselves to be deceived by such abortive schemes. Those who love God will pray not only during three days in September, but they will be praying constantly every day to Jehovah, in the name of Christ Jesus, in this manner: 'Hallowed and vindicated be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.' God knows of the things we have need of, and hence it is unnecessary and improper to ask for more than our daily bread, even as Jesus taught us to pray; and when the will of God is done on earth all oppression and depression will cease and there will then come to stay peace, prosperity and happiness, and these blessings will come only by and through the kingdom of God under Christ.

Take Your Stand Now

If you would have your prayers answered, take your stand wholly on the side of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus, His King, and then be guided by the Word which the Lord has spoken. To such, and to such only, Jesus says (John 15:7): "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." The selfish ones of this world who ask for material prosperity and pursue a course contrary to God and His kingdom are not in Christ, nor does the Word of the Lord dwell in them; hence their prayers will not be answered.

The world's darkest hour is just ahead. Satan will continue to bring upon the people one woe after another until God hears the cries of the

poor. These cries will not be for prosperity, but that God will relieve them from oppressors. It is the rulers and "distinguished men" that have lived in ease, while those who produce the bread have gone hungry. Instead of the prayers of such wanton and selfish men being heard by Jehovah, He says to them (James 5:4): "Behold the hire of the labourers 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 [battle]." The God of battle will destroy such at Armageddon.

If you would find refuge in that time of great tribulation take your stand on the side of His kingdom, be taught by His Word of truth, and follow His way of righteousness, and ere long you are certain to emerge into the brilliant light of endless prosperity, peace and everlasting life, which you will receive at the gracious hand of Jehovah God by and through Christ Jesus. —Romans 6:23.

Among the Baal Worshipers

Prayers for Nation-wide Prosperity

ST. JOSEPH'S GUILD, a branch of the Catholic hierarchy, on Sunday, July 1, 1934, issued an appeal to the "distinguished" people to bring prosperity, from which the following is quoted:

"Resolved, that Saint Joseph's Guild shall make every effort to induce the men and women of the United States, individually and in groups or organizations of whatever denomination, to unite in humble prayer, beseeching our common Father in Heaven to guide our hearts and minds and to inspire our leaders, so that this nation may be restored again to a condition of prosperity, peace and happiness; and it is

"Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to the Governors and Legislatures of our States, and that it be disseminated through pulpit and press and every other available means of communication.

"The prayer movement has the endorsement of Postmaster General Farley; the late Secretary of the Treasury Woodin; U. S. Senators Kean and Barbour of New Jersey, and U. S. Senator Copeland of New York; Congressmen Eaton, Sutphin, Powers and Hartley of New Jersey; the late Governor Rolph of California; Governors Moore of New Jersey, Ross of Idaho, Herring of Iowa, and other distinguished men from many parts of the United States."

In this issue Judge Rutherford shows how utterly vain is the attempt to secure prosperity by the use of the names of influential and prosperous men. Actually the Roman hierarchy brings the names of "distinguished" persons into this appeal in the hope that, for yet a little while longer, it will aid them in their efforts to keep the people bamboozled, and the flow of their shekels into the collection boxes unimpeded.

Destruction of American School System

THE canons of the Roman Catholic church forbid attendance of Roman Catholic children in public schools, and would by implication forbid a devout Catholic to teach in a school in which Catholic doctrine may not be taught, yet in Chicago the superintendent of public schools is a Roman Catholic, 75 percent of the elementary teachers are Roman Catholics, and 55 percent of the high-school teachers are Roman Catholics. Because of this situation the non-Catholic teachers are often so harassed by Roman Catholic principals and teachers that they become disheartened and resign. The "pope" claims the absolute right to conduct all educational activities in the United States and declares that state control of education is a great evil.

Pentecost at San Quentin

THE Oakland *Post-Enquirer* tells us about the arrangements for the new Pentecost at San Quentin. It says: "Hanna to Confirm Quentin Convicts. San Quentin Prison, April 12. Archbishop Edward J. Hanna will confirm more than 170 San Quentin convicts into the Catholic faith here tomorrow, it was announced today by prison officials. Warden James B. Holohan, member of the state parole board, and invited guests are to witness the ceremony." For San Quentin it will be a kind of Pentecost.

We are not just sure why it seemed best that these men already in this way should be confirmed in it. We should like to see them turned from that course, not confirmed in it. But Hanna may have some motive in it that we do not see.

"Holy Year" Devotees Disappointed

AT STIRLING, New Jersey, a nation-wide movement has been started by St. Joseph's Guild to set aside a day in September to pray for prosperity. The Jews are to pray on the day originally set aside for them by Jehovah God; others are to pray on sabbaths of their own making; but all will pray in vain, for God will not hear their prayer. It all reminds one of the account in 1 Kings 18: 26-29: "And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped [up and down at] the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud; for he is a god: either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves, after their manner, with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded." All the beads and images and holy water in creation will never bring an answer. "Christendom" is doomed.

Virgin Mary Created Before Eve (!)

THE following is a translation of an item in a publication put out by the Franciscan order, circulated in Poland to the extent of half a million copies. It speaks for itself:

"God breathed upon the flowers of the Garden of Eden, and pure white, beautiful as light and fragrant as the lily, stood the first woman, created from the most beautiful things of beauty and brightness that the Garden possessed. . . . But Adam stood wholly indifferent and insensible, because she was too fluttery, nebulous and cloudy and he would not know what to do with such a mate, therefore could not line up with her. God knew at once that to such a rough nature as Adam's the beautiful woman would be too fancy, and that, at the least, Adam was not worthy of her. So God took the virgin flower for himself and for Adam he created another woman, a more suitable mate, that looked much like Adam himself. From his bone, from his rib was Eve made. The virgin flower God preserved in the immaculate state and purity of her color for another purpose; then, later, he made her the mother of his son."

And, mind you, these are the people that are trying to crowd a person like Judge Rutherford off the air. There is not a syllable of truth in any of their statements, nothing of the Bible, nothing of common sense. Mary was a virgin, like other respectable young women, but she was the child of Eli and his wife, both sinners (Luke 3: 23), and was a sinner herself, according to the Scriptures. She was a good woman; that was enough to fulfil God's purpose. All attempts to make her more than that are sheer folly, idolatry.

Catholic Press Blessed

DURING the "holy year" the outstanding effort of the Catholic Press in America was to do everything that lay in their power to force Judge Rutherford off the air. Several columns and sometimes a whole page in a single issue were devoted to this unmanly and un-American way of doing things. One of the chief offenders was the Cleveland *Universe Bulletin*. The shameless list of vile appellations, and vile descriptions of Judge Rutherford's work as Jehovah's witness, was published in our issue of February 14, 1933, 82 masterpieces of the "accuser of the brethren", the Devil. Under the circumstances it is a peculiar pleasure to us to note that the Catholic Press held its annual meeting for 1934 in the city of Cleveland, and that when it abjectly sent the pope a message of filial greetings and obedience he came back with a special blessing for them all, and especially for the Catholic *Universe Bulletin* and its readers. No doubt this means that they will soon get all that is coming to them in the way of punishment. The "pope's" blessings generally work out that way.

What He Got for Sainting Mother Thouret

BACK in the days of the apostle Paul, and the other bona fide apostles, all the Lord's true people were called saints, and nobody expected to call them anything else. Now it is different; it takes money and lots of elaborate ceremonies. The pope just made "Mother" Thouret a saint. As a reward he was given a keg of wine, two bowls of bread, a bunch of candles, two doves, two pigeons, a group of small birds, and three bird cages. He might just as well as not have had a box of toothpicks, a bag of marbles, and a half dozen Pittsburgh stogies, but nobody thought of it till too late. The pope, so it is said, permits himself a cigar once in a while, and it would seem that for doing a job like this somebody would give him at least one.

Saint Anthony of Padua

A DODGER distributed in New York advertises a Spanish motion picture show to be held on Seventh avenue. The dodger is in both Spanish and English and says, in part: "Every man, woman and child should see this great production and hear its marvellous music, to wonder at the faith of a man that commanded the fishes of the sea, restored a boy's severed foot; that made the beast bow in adoration to the Sacred Host; the power of a saint who healed the sick and restored the dead to life." Having thus set out that this person, born at Lisbon in A.D. 1195, could do about everything that Christ could do, it goes further and says of him that he was "St. Anthony, the man who saw God, and glorious and immaculate virgin Mary! St. Anthony, the man who held the Child Jesus in his arms! St. Anthony the Miracle Man of the Centuries". Anybody can see that if Saint Anthony, 1162 years after Christ ascended into heaven, could enter there and pick up in his arms the One who said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," there would be nothing to prevent his taking charge of the premises and running everything as he liked. And that is manifestly what the motion picture show is intended to teach.

The Spiritual Qualities of Artillery

IN AN address praising Italy's artillery the "pope" said that the profession of artilleryman demands not only special physical qualities, but also special spiritual and intellectual qualities. As he did not go into details, we expand this subject a little. Suppose, for instance, here is a bad man, an enemy of the Italians, and, like many of old, the man is possessed of a devil. Anybody who will think about it can see that when an artilleryman has planted a quart of shrapnel in this man's gastronomic apparatus the man is no longer possessed of the devil; it has been literally blown out of him. And thus, thou seest, how the spiritual qualities of the artilleryman are brought to light. The "pope" has been accused recently of having stock in an Italian poison-gas plant; so he and the artillerymen have something in common. Wonder if he has looked into this new scheme of treating shrapnel with acids, so that the patient surely dies in four hours after the pieces enter his breadbasket.

Another "Holy Name" Breakfast

THE Catholic hierarchy is fairly falling over itself in its effort to put it up to the American people that it has grabbed the country. About every week now we hear of some new division of the United States government or the New York city government mentioned in such a way as to indicate that it is in some way officially connected with the Roman church. The latest is the third annual communion breakfast of the Brooklyn and Queens Holy Name Society of the Department of Sanitation; more than 3,500 city employees, in the St. George Hotel, after they had all attended mass in a near-by church. If a street sweeper wants to stop cussing, that is his right; and if he wants to be a Catholic, that is his right; but the combination of the street sweeping department with the Catholic church does not just suit. In New York city's civic center, in the very heart of it, a Catholic church has been left standing in such a position that it greatly injures the architectural appearance of a city court building that cost millions of dollars. It is strategically left in a place where it can be readily made to appear to the ignorant and unthinking that it is a part of the city government, as, in fact, it dearly longs to be.

Trying to Make It Strong Enough

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON, National Recovery administrator, was merely trying to make it strong enough when he said to the National Catholic Alumni Federation: "The Franciscans and the Society of Jesus did more to make America than any other group of men from Columbus to this day." In his excitement the general forgot to tell his audience that eighty-five percent of the population of America have no interest in the Roman Catholic church, and no president of the American republic has ever been of that faith.

Don Bosco Barely Made the Grade

REPORTS say it took 5½ hours to canonize Don Bosco and thus make him a "saint" for good and all; looks as if he barely made the grade. The next day the "pope", wearing his three-story stovepipe hat and a little white apron, went back through the "holy door", the last man to go through it, as he was the first. It is said that 1,250,000 went through it while it was open. It is supposed to be opened again in 1950.

St. Jude Does the Handsome Thing

HERE is a magazine from Australia called *Filipinas*. It is boosting St. Jude. It seems that if you want a job or some money, or want to get into business, or what not, you take it up with St. Jude; and on account of the fact that he is a relative of the Lord, you can get almost anything you want if you pay the priest for it. Here are cases Numbers 10921 to 10936 inclusive. The numbering probably started at 10,000; that is the way the railroads used to do with freight cars. If you start with too small a number it doesn't look like anything. No names are given; the reason for that is readily apparent. It is hard enough to make up the stories themselves without having to manufacture the names and addresses. One man was out of work; he promised to do the right thing by Jude if he got a job. The result was that Jude came across with a job that pays £2 a week; not so much, but the times are hard and it is a lot better than nothing. Another man wanted to pass an examination. Don't know how Jude helped on this, but it seems that he helped. Another man wanted to get into business. He promised to divide with Jude, and Jude must have found out about it, for he sent him a flock of customers. Another man got his rent reduced and also got a roomer. All in all, it seemed that Jude stepped on the gas in good shape and used his pull to good advantage, so why shouldn't we boost him? If a saint does a batch of first-class, No. 1 stunts and we don't say anything about it in *The Golden Age* he might get sore and lie down on the job; and that would be just too bad—for the priest.

A Form of Confession

A FRIEND has handed us a printed form of confession, in use in a Polish Catholic church at Passaic, N. J. It is intended to help the sinner think of the sins he is supposed to have committed. Eleven different kinds of supposed sins are named, and it is interesting that seven of these are not mentioned in the Scriptures:

I have missed Mass on Sundays about 2 times a month.
I was disobedient to my parents about 10 times a week.
I was cursing about 5 times a week.
I was stealing money, about 10 dollars.
I was telling lies, about 12 times.
I had bad thoughts on an average of 3 times a week.
I did not listen to my teacher, about 3 times a week.
I did not say my morning and evening prayers, about 4 times.
I was throwing stones at cats about 2 times a month.
I was eating meat on Friday about 2 times.
I was angry about 7 times; and so forth.

Free Speech in St. Louis

THE St. Louis *Star-Times* comments editorially and favorably on the fact that the German ambassador could and did come to St. Louis to boost the Hitler régime. The editorial is entitled "Speech Is Free Here", and has a noble ring to it. One wonders, however, if the *Star-Times* knows that in that same city of St. Louis last fall the Catholic organizations of the city forced KMOX to discontinue broadcasting the addresses of Judge Rutherford, under threat that if it did not do so all its advertisers would be boycotted. The *Star-Times* ought to write another editorial and entitle it "Speech Is Not Free Here". We will gladly supply all the facts.

The Hair-snatching Party at St. Herbot

ON MAY 25, 1934, the natives of St. Herbot, France, snatched hairs from the tails of all their horned beasts and brought them to the statue of the "saint" for blessing. We hate to think what would have happened to those animals during the ensuing year if they had not had those hairs snatched from their tails, and still more do we hate to think what would have happened to the gent that taught them this hair-snatching stunt. Without that little wrinkle to fall back on, who knows but that by now he would have had to face the dread reality of the overalls and the alarm clock?

Chief Vachon's Untimely End

GERALD BARRY, of Canada, writes in that Chief of Police Vachon, of Three Rivers, Quebec, was killed in an automobile accident. In November, 1931, six of Jehovah's witnesses went to Three Rivers to give the witness there, but had hardly worked two hours before Chief of Police Vachon clapped them all in jail. Since then no work has been done in Three Rivers, and Barry wonders if this is not one more case where the divine displeasure has been shown; and he may be right. We do not know.

Must Be a Nice Place

ON JUNE 20, 1934, at Troy, New York, two girls were seriously injured, perhaps fatally, when they fell from a rope made of sheets wherewith they were attempting to escape from the House of the Good Shepherd. This "House of the Good Shepherd" must be a nice place, when two girls, 17 and 18 years of age, risk their lives in a desperate effort to escape from the fifth floor.

Prayers, Prayers, Prayers, Money, Money, Money

A SUBSCRIBER writes in and says that some old gentleman dressed in white skirts recently said that what the world needs is prayers, prayers, prayers and incidentally money, money, money. She says it makes her think of the colored lady in a church in the South. The pastor was showing lantern slides supposed to show how nice it would be to be in heaven. Some rascal slipped in a very naughty slide in place of the heaven scene. The colored lady was the heroine of it. The reason the pastor showed the heaven slide was to encourage people to pray, so they could get to heaven when they died. But when the dame saw her slide come on and recognized herself in it, she rose and went out like a rocket. As she passed the pastor she said, "Out of my way, Niggah, I does my own praying." The subscriber thinks she would rather do her own praying than to have the pope do it for her.

Two Reasons for Paying Money

REVEREND I. MCHUGH, The Catholic Church, Hethe, Bicester, England, thinks of two reasons why people should send him money. The first is that in a certain year in the fifteenth century, on April 25, all the church bells in Genazzano, Italy, were rung without human hands, and the angels came through the clouds bearing a beautiful fresco for a new church; and the other is that the nun Walburga died in the year 779, and from the year 1042 a miraculous, tasteless, odorless, transparent, oily fluid exudes from her bones during four months of each year. That all sounds interesting, but just how the "Reverend" McHugh rings in on this thing, or on either of these things, in the year 1934, is the prize puzzle. However, "Reverend" McHugh takes pains to say that "all letters received will be cordially acknowledged"; and that is sump'n, ain't it?

Another Good "Religious" Investment

NOTING that some religious groups in Europe have invested in poison-gas plants and other armament ventures, we venture to draw their attention to the new kind of shrapnel, coated with acids in exploding, which causes death with terrible agony within four hours after wounding, thus making medical units largely unnecessary in future armies. Indications are that business in this line will be good.

Somebody Pleased over Hitler Triumph

SOMEBODY is so pleased over Hitler's triumph in Germany that at Magdeburg, when the new Nazi bishop of Saxony was installed, the bishop's door of the Cathedral of Saint Maurice and Saint Catherine was opened to him, the first time it had been opened in 410 years—since the days of Luther. German Evangelical pastors, fighting the complete Nazification of their churches, petitioned the pope, not exactly for admission to the Roman Catholic church, as first stated, but that he would organize all Christians in Germany against the Nazi pagans that have now obliterated all churches except the Nazi and Catholic ones.

Statue Bleeds in Italy

IT SEEMS, so goes the story, that a statue of Christ, in St. Joseph's church, Asti, Italy, bleeds. The news was sent halfway around the world, to Santa Cruz, California, and from there sent out as a United Press dispatch under date of April 7, 1934, and published in many American papers. A little reflection will show why it is more profitable to send out an item of this kind with a California date line than to send it out from Italy; and it makes a better advertisement. And, after all, what is any business unless well advertised?

The "Terrible Silence"

THE Paris edition of the New York *Herald,* issue of January 2, 1934, commented on the "terrible silence" from what esteems itself to be the religious center of the world. It seems that the gentleman in charge had nothing to say. It is well; and here is hoping the lesson is permanent.

Crime in Catholic New York

IN LONDON last year the police had to deal with 21 murders; in New York city, with 431 cases. There is manifestly something radically wrong, and everybody who knows the religious group that dominates the latter city knows what it is.

At the End of the Holy Year

AT THE end of the "Holy Year", April 13, 1934, an Associated Press dispatch from Washington reported that there were 100,000 more American families on the relief rolls than when the "Holy Year" began, a year previously.

In the City Home for Dependents

IN THE City Home for Dependents, on Welfare island, New York city, Catherine Mannigan, an inmate, sat in a chair for three days with broken ribs before being taken to the hospital; in one ward there were forty-five inmates and but two nightgowns; among the attendants for 2,000 inmates there was but one registered nurse; the attendants, chosen for their political ability, stole cream and butter from the blind and made up for it by bathing them in water that had been used over and over again; the attendants often went to bed and set inmates to do their work of seeing that none strayed out during the night—the inmates stayed up all night, while the attendants slept. Mary Schwartz, over 70 years of age, very feeble, and receiving no pay, was compelled to work from 4:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., making beds, bathing patients and mending stockings. An aged woman, dying, was tied to a chair with a sheet, to keep her quiet, instead of being sent to a hospital. Another woman received no care for an infected finger for ten days, when the infection had spread to her elbow. People who did not know the first thing about nursing unhesitatingly prescribed for inmates and thus often caused their deaths. When the doctors prescribed, the attendants could not understand the prescriptions, and did as they pleased. Bandages, improperly adjusted on inmates in the first place, were frequently unchanged for a week at a time. Inmates who could not pay, and had nothing that could be stolen, were simply out of luck.

Trying to Stop Begging in New York

A COMMITTEE of six magistrates and chairmen of various city committees has broadcast an appeal to New Yorkers not to give anything to street beggars, because it is harmful to the mendicant and to the community. The claim was made that there is a place, a bed and food for every person who is in need, and that such has been the case during all the past winter.

The Longest Telegram

THE longest telegram in history was sent to President Roosevelt from Birmingham, Alabama, on the occasion of his fifty-second birthday. It was 1,290 feet long, and weighed eight pounds two ounces. To it were signed the names of 41,000 people. It took 20 hours to send it.

Soothing the Last Hours at Welfare Island

MORE gems come to light respecting the comforts of Welfare island, New York city's "City Home for Dependents". There was one lady, Mrs. Mathilda Beecher, who had $9,000; she was 80 years of age, expected soon to die, and sought to arrange for an elaborate funeral. The superintendent of the home, at last accounts in hiding, got Mrs. Beecher to turn the $9,000 over to his wife. At length the lady died, and when the funeral came off she was buried in a dress that cost $11, accompanied by $5 worth of flowers. Looks as if the one who got the $9,000 could have spared enough change to make it two bouquets instead of one. Another inmate, Stephen Mahon, eighty-seven years of age, was also induced to part with $1,000 in cash and an estate of $5,000. Patrick C. Kane, another inmate, was robbed of $3,000 in cash. The gentleman who carried through these transactions missed his calling. If he had started out as a priest he could no doubt by this time have become a bishop or a cardinal.

Living in Bedlam

JOHN F. O'RYAN, police commissioner of New York, declares that the young are now so ill-mannered that parents have given up having parties in their homes, on account of the actual property damage wrought. The bad manners include pushing, shoving, stealing and acts of vandalism, such as carving initials on expensive and freshly painted doors. He has no solution, but we have. The young people that are doing these things have been taught that all they have to do is to confess to the priest and repeat some lingo so many times and they will be forgiven here and hereafter. It is not true. What these young people need to know is that every act of disobedience will receive a just recompense of reward, and nobody will be exempt, not a person.

Potential Human Furnaces

NEW YORK city still has standing many tenements that were condemned before the twentieth century began. It is estimated that 30,000 families are rotting in the cellars of these disease-breeding pestholes. Of the 1,664 persons burned to death in New York tenements in the twentieth century, 1,422 were trapped in the old-law tenements. Of 67,000 tenement buildings in New York, it is estimated that 90 percent are fire traps. They shelter 2,000,000 persons.

Margaret Allison Writes to the Cardinal

MARGARET ALLISON, famous actress, Hollywood, a subscriber for both *The Watchtower* and *The Golden Age,* favors us with copy of the following interesting letter written by her to Cardinal O'Connell:

Hollywood, California

May 24, 1934

William Cardinal O'Connell
Archbishop of Boston:

"Hollywood Scandal of World, Says Cardinal"! These are the headlines that greet me on the front page of Hollywood *Citizen News* of May 24.

How flattering! thought I; and what is the charge? Here it is, word for word:

> Denouncing screen stars 'with their unutterable disregard of every decent convention of life, with their three or four or five or six or seven husbands, with beautiful clothes, and what might be called beautiful faces but are only masks', the cardinal asked:
> "Can any decent woman look on that sort of life as not being a horrible thing to avoid, as a contagion? How can you go and sit through a performance of that kind, carried on by people with an openly scandalous reputation, and pour money into their laps by the million?"

Thunder over Mexico was not in it at the righteous indignation that arises in me at the hypocritical charge.

Now, as a decent woman (but let me remind you, Mr. Cardinal, the Word of God says, "If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us"), I propose to answer your charges and lift my pen, not in defense of individuals, but in defense of righteousness.

His servants ye are whom ye serve; so, claiming to be a representative of Christianity, let me point you to Matthew 21:23-32. A conversation ensues between Jesus and the chief priests of the temple, those who profess to know God and keep His commandments. Mark the closing verses to the narrative:

Jesus saith unto them (the chief priests), "Verily I say unto you that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness and ye believed him not; but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterwards, that ye might believe him."

Truly, history is repeating itself.

Your accusations against the screen stars of Hollywood remind me of the hypocrites who brought forth the woman taken in adultery, saying, "This woman was taken in the very act."

Note, Mr. Cardinal, they forgot to bring along the man—the other sinner. I note you likewise in your charge leave the men out.

Now, the screen stars with their three or four or five or six or seven husbands, what would Jesus say of them—Oh, you horrible things, keep away; you are contagious? I think not.

It is recorded how He met a woman at the well of Samaria. She had five husbands. The Perfect One said, "Give me to drink." Her frankness and intelligence are admirable as the conversation ensues between them. With what grace He said unto her, 'I *am* the Christ.'

Note, Mr. Cardinal, this is the only incident recorded where our Lord said these words and openly acknowledged who He was—to a woman with five husbands.

Surely, He looked not upon her as a horrible thing to avoid, but perhaps saw in her the idealist seeking a perfect man, that which she never met until she beheld Him.

What condescending grace! How we admire His understanding heart!

Solomon, the wise, said: "In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding." "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." "Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore get wisdom: but with all thy getting, get understanding." Now get it, please.

The next charge is—the beautiful clothes. Well, that is not so bad. You admit they are *beautiful* clothes. That is more than I can say of the clothes in a recent news reel I saw of the pope and his cardinals in Vatican City. (Mark well, I am not entering into personalities, but just stating facts.)

Frankly, I thought it the most repugnant dress parade I had ever seen. Men in women's skirts and lace aprons and epaulets and every contraption to belittle manhood!

It is truth when I say the words of St. Paul came to me as I beheld the sight: "Let no man beguile you from the simplicity which is in Christ."

Be careful, Mr. Cardinal, that the blood of the innocents is not found in the skirts of your garments, as the prophet Jeremiah says. These old prophets surely said some scathing things about the priests of Israel (and they claimed to be God's people!).

The words recorded in Hosea 6:6, I advise you to ponder over: "For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." Think of this the next time you are burning incense!

As for the masks—how do you know what they wear? Might I ask, have you been to a show, or perhaps going Hollywood, or, by chance, just making 'waist' places glad?

Man will look at the outward appearance!

Now you ask me (as a decent woman), first, how I can look on that sort of life? My answer is—as Christ would.

Secondly, you ask: "How can you go and sit

through a performance of that kind, carried on by people of an openly scandalous reputation, and pour money into their laps by the million?" Oh, thou hypocrite! first take the beam out of your own eye, and then take the mote out of your sister's.

I could not pour millions into their laps, for I have not got them; but if I had, there is a greater chance of the stars' getting it than the racket you are in.

That is plain speech—such as you presented to the thousand members of Forresters at Swampscott, Massachusetts, May 24.

Perhaps you don't understand what is good for the goose is good for the gander. Get that, please.

I remind you of that performance recently recorded in all the leading newspapers of America: Making a saint of Mother Cabrini. The performance was to cost one million dollars! Cardinal Mundelein, leading actor, and the poor little Sisters of the Order Mother Cabrini so nobly supported had to dole up the million before "Mother" could be a saint! Alas! Dante's hell was paved with good intentions!

Say, Mr. Cardinal, decent women are not such fools out here in Hollywood to believe God's salvation is bought with money. We are saved by grace; and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God.

We are no more children tossed about with every doctrine by the sleight of man and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive, as St. Paul warned us in Ephesians 4:14.

Luke 16:13 says: "Ye can not serve God and mammon." And to the Pharisees, the religious instructors of the people, our Lord continued: "Ye are they who justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God." Get that, please.

You have judged and condemned the 'stars of Hollywood'.

Suppose, in the light of God's Word, you judge yourself, and see where you come off. Will you be a publican in spirit or a Pharisee? Lord, be merciful!

Come now, let us reason together. Great sinners often become great saints, and it doesn't take a million dollars to make the transition either.

From the wife of one husband,

MARGARET K. L. ALLISON.

A Protest to the Purgatorian Society

THE price list or time table of the Purgatorian Society, of 258 Pine St., Buffalo, N. Y., is very confusing. The idea is that you get so many days off from your just share in the "fires of purgatory" for saying such and such things. In certain instances the prayers must be made every day for a month, in others with holy water, in others while looking at the sacrament, in others in time of temptation, etc. That is all O.K., probably, though none of these things are mentioned in the Bible. But, setting these aside, there is a big divergence in the number of days one gets off for saying certain things. Now, for instance, here is a 9-worder: "Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things"; it brings 50 days. Yet another 9-worder, "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us," brings 100 days. An 8-worder, "O Mary, our hope, be propitious to us," brings 200 days; but another 8-worder, "Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us," brings 300 days. The logic of this is not clear. Why not run "purgatory" on the level? If 8 words will help a fellow to be cool and comfortable for 300 days, why must another man who says 9 words get only 50 days because he says the wrong thing? Don't you see? The thing is not just. And then we have still worse inconsistencies. Just for saying "Jesus! Mary!" and nothing else, mind you, not another thing, a man gets 300 days in the frigidaire department, while for saying twelve times as much, namely, "Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ in satisfaction for my sins and for the wants of Holy Church," the sayer gets but 100 days. He does twelve times as much work for one-third of the time in the frigidaire. In fact, a close examination of 22 of these ejaculations shows that the whole system is inconsistent. Thus 16 of the ejaculations that bring 300 days apiece in the frigidaire average only 10 words long, while to get 200 days in the cooler the average number of words required is $13\frac{1}{2}$, and to get an even hundred days one must produce an average of 17 words. The thing seems to run backwards, like an old Model T Ford that will climb some hills when the gas is low only by turning it around and running up backwards. To offset this, however, we have to admit that to get 50 days of good temperature the average number of words is only 8. Those interested in figures should look into this.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

As interest in the Bible and its message increases the "regularly ordained" clergy are more and more manifesting their own abysmal ignorance of and unpardonable indifference toward its contents. Unable to agree among themselves as to the significance of even the most fundamental doctrines of the Word of God, they nevertheless conspire together to keep the people from studying it for themselves with the aid of such helps as are within their reach. It is to extend a helping hand to earnest seekers after the truth that Judge Rutherford and coworkers are promulgating the Bible message in simple and direct language. The following brief talk is seventh of a series of eighteen, all of which will appear in *The Golden Age*.

Soul *By J. F. Rutherford*

DOES every person possess an immortal soul? The only way to obtain a correct answer to that question is to read it in the Bible. What is contained in the Bible is the truth, because it is the Word of God. The correct answer to the question clears up many other confusing doctrines. The word *soul* means a living creature. Every living creature is a soul, and that includes men and animals. A man is a soul, but he does not possess a soul. The body and the breath of life which animates the brain and other organs together constitute a soul or creature. In Genesis 2:7 it is written: "God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." This scripture says nothing about God's giving man a soul.

An immortal soul would mean one which is not subject to death and does not die. When God created man He said to him: 'In the day that you sin you shall surely die.' God's law did not mean that merely the body would die, but that the man himself would cease to exist. In Ezekiel 18:4 it is written: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die"; and that alone is proof conclusive that the soul is not immortal. In Psalm 89:48 it is written: "What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?" There is not one text of the Bible that says that man has an immortal soul, but, on the contrary, all texts bearing upon the matter show that man is a mortal soul or creature.

The clergy teach that the soul is immortal. What is their authority for such teaching? Satan, the Devil, is the author of the false teaching that the soul is immortal. The Scriptures declare that Satan is the father of lies and always resorts to lying. He deceived Eve, the first woman, by telling a lie. It is written, in Genesis three, that Satan, that old serpent, said to Eve, in contradiction of God's law, "Ye shall not surely die." Satan's purpose in telling that lie was to turn mankind away from God. Ever since then Satan has deceived men and caused religious teachers to tell the people that there is no death. Whenever you hear any company or organization of people teaching that there is no death you may know at once that Satan is the author of that teaching and that it is wholly false.

Satan himself is not immortal. God has sentenced Satan to death, and within a short time now God will destroy Satan, together with all other wicked ones. (Hebrews 2:14) When the man Jesus was on earth He was not immortal, because it was written of Him that He was dead for three days and on the third day God raised Him up out of death. The angels are not immortal, because it is written in the Scriptures that there are wicked angels and that all the wicked God will destroy. (Psalm 145:20) Man is made lower than angels. We know from observation that men die. Who, then, is immortal? The Scriptural answer is that God alone is immortal, without beginning and without end. (1 Timothy 6:16) When God raised Christ Jesus from the dead He gave to Jesus immortality, so that He cannot die again. (Revelation 1:18) No one will ever get immortality except those who are the true followers of Christ Jesus and who remain faithful unto death. To the Christians the Scripture says: 'Seek ye immortality.' (Romans 2:7) You know that a man does not seek what he already possesses. In addressing true Christians the Scriptures declare concerning the soul, that is, the man: "This mortal must put on immortality." (1 Corinthians 15:53) It would be entirely inconsistent for God to give every man an immortal soul and then require Christians to be faithful unto death in order to receive immortality as a reward.

The doctrine of the immortality of all souls is Satan's lie, and upon that falsehood is based almost all other false teachings. Satan's purpose of instilling that lie into the mind of men is to reproach the name of Jehovah God, turn men away from God, and ensnare them in his trap and destroy them. If we rely upon the Word of God we will not go wrong. The truth is of vital importance to all now who desire to go in the right way.

[The foregoing lecture is one of a series of eighteen brief talks by Judge Rutherford now obtainable in the form of phonograph records. There are nine records in all, two talks on each disk. They may be run on any phonograph. This unusual set of instructive and helpful records is issued by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., the purpose being to enable those who are unable to hear Judge Rutherford's talks by radio to have these lectures in their own homes and to share them with friends, relatives and neighbors. The talks cover important and timely Bible truths. The demand for the records has been unusual, indicating a wide interest in these encouraging messages. Inquiries regarding these records should be addressed to the Society, and not to us.]

Jehovah's witnesses

The Soul Is a Worm

E. H. COMSTOCK, pioneer, says the preacher out in the town in Illinois where he is at present witnessing has it all straightened out now. He says that the soul is the "worm that dieth not". Comstock says that settles the soul business for him; it is a worm. It is astonishing how fast these pioneers pick up "knowledge", especially from the clergy. And doesn't it show, too, how dangerous it was for our parents to give us worm medicine when we were kids? But why go into that?

Two Badly Frightened Priests

TWO priests of Keokuk, Iowa, became badly frightened when Leroy Moore, seven years of age, went from door to door, giving those who desired Judge Rutherford's booklet *Intolerance* an opportunity to get it upon contributing a part of the cost of printing and delivering at the door. The two priests stirred up the police department, and incidentally the whole town, with the result that they finally locked up Leroy and 65 others, two of whom were ladies over 70 years of age. Newspaper accounts accomplished wonders at the thoroughness with which they set forth things that were not true, and concealed things that were. The object, of course, was to hide the two priests that were at the bottom of the whole ridiculous performance. At 9:30 that night the 66 witnesses, including Leroy and the two elderly women, were released, none of them having violated any law, and everybody was glad that the two priests had been able to keep out of it. At one time it looked as if they would certainly be dragged in, and, of course, nobody wants to read the truth about the priests; so everybody was glad when it was all over, including the brave chief of police who manfully shoved Leroy behind the bars. The Catholics, Protestants and Jews have been having a fine time conducting lecture tours about the country explaining to the people in general that there is no such thing as intolerance in this country, and in due time they expect to get to Leroy and to the two old ladies and to tell them all about it and explain that it was all a joke anyway. And then the Millennium will have come to Keokuk.

Page Write-up in Worcester "Telegram"

THE Worcester (Mass.) *Telegram*, issue of April 29, 1934, contains over a full-page illustrated article outlining the lives of Jehovah's witnesses at the Sudbury (Massachusetts) 163-acre farm, where 24 of them (9 of whom are pioneers) make their home. The article is sympathetically and intelligently written by Frederick L. Rushton, of the *Sunday Telegram* staff, describes the property, personnel, times of the Gentiles, ousting of Satan from heaven, daily routine, devotions, meals, witness work, farm activities, and what it means to be consecrated. It is the best article of the kind we have seen, and is unique in that it does not contain anything to which any of Jehovah's witnesses could take exception.

The Biggest Calculating Machine

THE biggest calculating machine ever constructed is now being assembled at the University of Pennsylvania. It is 30 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 4 feet high, contains 75,000 parts, and weighs three tons. By means of gears, wheels and mechanical amplifying apparatus, it is able to solve in fifteen minutes a mathematical problem upon which five expert mathematicians of the United States Army worked for four months before finding the solution.

Doctor Wirt Cut off the Air

DR. WILLIAM A. WIRT, educator, of Gary, Indiana, after his denunciation of some of the purposes of the "brain trust" at Washington, was invited to Chicago to address the American Legion on the topic "Which Way, America?" At the last minute it was announced that the radio station WMAQ, which was to have broadcast the lecture, had "found it advisable" not to do so. The public in general was thus denied the privilege of hearing this courageous man say what he wanted to say.

A Reply to a Poet

THE man at the next desk is responsible for this, and it's not *half* bad:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th of June. It seems to us to bear a mournful tune. We're sorry that our notice pained you so, and that it seemed to be a heavy blow. But if you could have read some of the lines that come to us from rapt, poetic minds, you would, we think, excuse our humble jest, and still believe that it was for the best.

The World's Fair of 1934

THE World's Fair of 1934 is said to be bigger and better than ever. There are eighty-four miles of free exhibits, housed in eighty buildings, and spectacular features, some of them of gigantic proportions. Many of the best known articles of commerce are manufactured from the raw materials and finished on the grounds.

What You Do with Your Life

A GERMAN psychologist says that if you live to be 70 years of age you have spent 25 years working, 20 years sleeping, 7 years walking, 7 years in pleasure, 5 years shaving and dressing, 3 years waiting, 2 years eating, 1 year telephoning, 30 hours annually looking into mirrors, and 4 hours annually wiping the nose.

The Larger Universities

THE American universities having each more than 10,000 students are: Columbia, with 30,588; New York University; New York College; California; Ohio; Minnesota; Illinois; Pittsburgh; Boston; Michigan, with 11,256. The smallest college in the United States is at Bethany, Oklahoma, with 8 students and 14 teachers, and another one at Salina, Kansas, with 14 students and 22 teachers. Total students in 640 colleges, 971,584; an average of 1,500 each.

Home Craft Idea Spreading

THE Home Craft idea, which seems to have originated in the province of Quebec, Canada, has spread across the border to the adjoining state of New Hampshire. A growing demand has been noted for hand-made furniture, hand-made copper and brass articles, hand-woven fabrics and hand-made and hand-decorated pottery. It is conjectured that the home industries movement has some possibilities, especially in this terrible era of unemployment.

Tuskegee's Famous Negro Choir

ENGLAND is in for a treat. Tuskegee Institute's famous choir of 150 voices will tour the land, singing the "Negro spirituals" in all their original pathos and beauty. Founded in 1881, in the heart of the Black Belt of Alabama, Tuskegee has trained thousands of Negroes and been a powerful factor in the upward development of this able, kind-hearted, musical and humorous race.

Industrial Accidents in Ohio in 1933

IN OHIO, in 1933, 130,316 injuries to industrial workers were reported to the Industrial Commission. The reports show that 906 workers were killed; 6 were permanently disabled; 112 lost eyes; 22, arms; 7, hands; 19, legs; 6, feet; 800, whole fingers; 501, parts of fingers; and 81, toes. Does it not seem that these figures are tremendous and should be reduced?

A Plucky Girl Student

JANE ANNE SLAUGHTER, 14 years old, confined since last August in a Dallas hospital on account of a crushed vertebra, went right ahead with her studies in high school, by the correspondence method, and became the valedictorian of her class, at Hollis, Oklahoma, attaining a class average of 95.

Public Ownership in Winnipeg

AT WINNIPEG, Canada, under public ownership, the average cost of electric current is 0.879 of a cent per kilowatt hour, and average bill of the householder is $3.05 for the 347 kilowatt hours that he uses. In the United States, in all communities under private ownership the average cost is 5.78 cents per kilowatt hour, and average monthly bill of the householder is $2.81 for the 48.6 kilowatt hours he can afford to use. How does it make you feel to know that in Winnipeg the householder can use more than six times the current he can use in the United States and even then his monthly electric bill will be less in dollars and cents?

The Seven Vultures in a Row

IN JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri, two little electric companies wanted to boost their rates. An investigation was made, and disclosed that both companies were handing over a good share of their revenue to seven Wall Street concerns which provided them with "managerial and advisory services", "administrative affairs," "purchasing of equipment," "auditing," "engineering and construction services," "bookkeeping expenses," and general, all-around, unadulterated, common, low-down, disgraceful stealing. That is why we have these famous great executives. What else do they do?

Electric Bond and Share Company

THE secretary of the Electric Bond and Share Company fills 239 other jobs with the same company, the treasurer has 179 jobs, and the vice president has 112 jobs. Three thousand companies are in a chain of control whereby a controlling company is sometimes 11 companies removed from the actual operating company. In the utilities field 312 persons are affiliated with two or more systems, and 15 of these are in 100 or more each.

The Experience of Logansport

WITHIN the last few years Logansport, Indiana, not only has paid in full for its municipal light and power plant, paid for a new and beautiful city hall and two fire stations, and supplied free current to county institutions and civic welfare agencies, all out of its electric plant revenues, but has meanwhile given the people of Logansport the lowest light rate in the state.

The Skagit River Development

IN DIABLO canyon, 100 miles from Seattle, near the Canadian border, the city of Seattle has a dam 389 feet high, 1,180 feet long on the crest, and 140 feet thick at the base. The power tunnel leading from this dam is 19 feet 6 inches in inside diameter, and 2,000 feet long, through solid granite. The power house has the two largest turbine units in the world, each having a capacity of 95,000 horsepower. As a result of this municipal development the average rate for domestic service in Seattle is 2.8 cents, as against a rate for the whole United States in 1932 of 5.6 cents, which is just twice as much.

God's Kingdom the Hope of the World

CORDELL HULL, secretary of state, in an address at an Associated Press luncheon in New York, virtually admitted that God's kingdom is the only possible hope of the world when he said:

"Outrageous financial manipulation of the stock market and security flotations has stripped millions of people of their life savings and left Finance unworthy of public confidence. Vicious methods and practices, vile abuses, wild extravagance, far-reaching scandals and crimes and many other violations of all ethics and honesty have crept into the financial and economic affairs of the nation."

Reasons for Lower Telephone Rates

REASONS for lower telephone rates (try to get them) are that 80 percent of the telephones are now dial phones, so that everybody is his own operator; the telephone companies have dropped many employees and cut the wages; and they can now send several telephone conversations over a single wire, enabling them to multiply the amount of business done over a given wire without adding to the expense. All the savings effected have gone into dividends, with nothing to the telephone users.

More Powerful than the State

IT IS openly claimed in Washington, and might as well be freely admitted elsewhere, that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company is more powerful and skilled than any state government with which it has to deal. Another correlated statement is that, on account of its vast international banking and other connections, it is more powerful than the national government of any one nation, and in a time of war would possess a power that is unthinkable.

Into the Hands of the Money Changers

REFERRING to the fact that the bill was shelved which would have placed the deposits in closed national banks within reach of the depositors, and at the same moment the Congress was asked for 1,322 million dollars for relief expenditures, which latter sum of money is to be created by issuing tax-free interest-bearing bonds, Robert H. Hemphill, financial authority for the New York *American* says:

"The proceeding is so illogical, so absurd and so outrageous that it is difficult to interpret and comment upon it in restrained language. Surely our brilliant publishers, industrialists and merchants cannot much longer ignore this crude, simple, transparent, but amazingly effective process by which their diminished earnings and their depreciated properties, the results of their genius and labor, are progressively passing into the hands of the money changers, who contribute so little to society."

Train Operation by Radio

NEAR Boise City, Oklahoma, on a stretch of the Santa Fe railroad a small rail motor car was driven seven miles by energy sent by radio. On the basis of this experiment apparatus capable of generating 1,000 horsepower will be built forthwith in Brooklyn, N. Y., and with this the inventor expects to operate a five-car train without material connection of any kind between the train and the power house. Looks as if the locomotive, even the electric one, were doomed.

New York State Ship Canal

UNDERTAKEN as a relief measure, New York state and the United States are about to expend $27,000,000 in transforming the State Barge Canal into a ship canal open the year around, and able to handle coastwise shipping, as, for instance, between such ports as Chicago and Baltimore, without transshipments. It is claimed that by the expenditure of twice this amount boats of 20,000 tons, able to proceed to any part of the world, could be provided for.

Sleeping Berths on Airplanes

THE American Airways now operates a fleet of sleeping planes between Dallas and Los Angeles. There are twelve full-size berths, arranged as uppers and lowers, equipped with every convenience and comfort. Both upper and lower berths have window space. The planes will operate at 160 miles per hour.

A Wave Eighty-five Feet High

IN 1928 the Leviathan encountered a wave eighty-five feet high. In other words, it was necessary to climb eighty-five feet above the ship's water line in order to see the passing crests top the horizon. This is a record wave for the North Atlantic. The waves off Cape Horn are the greatest met with anywhere, for the reason that there are no land surfaces to interrupt them around the whole south polar region.

The World's Biggest Elevator

THE world's biggest elevator is also the world's biggest trough. It is located at Niederfinow, Germany. A ship runs into it and is locked in. Then the ship, trough and all, is hoisted 120 feet, and in twenty minutes from the time it starts to enter the trough it has left it. It takes the place of four locks formerly in the Hohenzollern ship canal across north Germany.

Deadly Automobiles in Britain

A BIG increase in automobile accidents and deaths worries Britain. The number of automobile fatalities in 1933 was 7,202 (about one-fourth that of the United States); persons injured, 216,328; accidents, 191,782. As an item of safety and beauty, all new telephone wires in Britain will be put under ground.

Directors' Salaries on Brazilian Railway

WHEN a Brazilian railway sorrowfully explained to its workers that it could not afford to pay more for their services, the workers embarrassed everybody by inquiring, if that were true, why the company had on its payroll a score or more of directors each with salary ranging from $15,000 to $40,000 a year.

Rockets in Use in Austria

ROCKETS are used in Austria to shoot mails over the mountains, doing in a few seconds a journey it takes a horseman two days to negotiate. Experimenters are hopeful of eventually shooting mails across the Atlantic.

One-Fourth the Pilgrims to Mecca

AN ODD effect of the depression is that in the year 1927 there were 26,000 Moslems who made the long journey by sea from India to Mecca, but in the year 1931 the number had fallen to little more than 7,000.

The Acquittal at Hesse-Darmstadt

REFERRING to the acquittal of 29 of Jehovah's witnesses at Hesse-Darmstadt, the Berlin *Vossische Zeitung* mentions that these faithful witnesses stated that they had continued to spread the truth in spite of prohibition because if they did discontinue to spread the Word of God they would be acting against the Bible; they denied that they are connected with the Jewish religion or with communism; from the one they are separated by their faith in the life and death of Christ, and from the other because they reject on principle the use of violence. The court held that Jehovah's witnesses regard all secular governments as the works of Satan, but stated that a repressive action against them is void by the Constitution of Weimar, and that no constituent state of Germany has a right to enact prohibitive decrees against the exercise of religious liberty. It is of interest that only a few weeks after this acquittal occurred Hitler's execution of those that had planned his overthrow. These very men that Hitler put to death are the ones that had most to do with the sufferings of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany. Hitler himself, on the day this is written, is doubly accused: first, of having betrayed and disorganized the Nazi storm troops that put him in power, and, second, of having illegally sent $1,000,000 of German money to himself at Rome.

Jersey City's Mayor

JEHOVAH'S witnesses have suffered something of injustice in Jersey City, and therefore it is with considerable interest that we read of the mayor of that city, in the New York *Post,* that he "is divorcing Jersey City from the laws of the State and nation. He is on a par with the lynch-law deputy sheriffs of the deepest South. All Americans have a tremendous stake in the battle of Jersey City. If we tolerate violation of civil and human rights in one place, we pave the way for general disregard of these rights everywhere."

The Japanese as Administrators

A GENTLEMAN born in Asia, and who lived there most of his life, reports Manchuria on the road to prosperity, banditry wiped out, trains on time, and Korea turned into a land of plenty, with excellent roads everywhere, education making excellent progress, and the Koreans so completely merged with the Japanese that they cannot be told from one another.

Now or Never in California

SAYS Upton Sinclair: "Los Angeles County going bankrupt! Half a million people to be fed by public charity. A drain of a million dollars a week on the treasury, and only the coming of Federal money to save the situation! The State of California going bankrupt! More than a million jobless. Fifty million dollars in the hole now, and tax warrants being issued. Another fifty million deficit promised by the end of the year. Uncle Sam going bankrupt! One-fourth of our people dependent on public relief, and two billion dollars a month ladled out to banks, insurance companies, railroads, farmers, veterans and unemployed! . . . The teachers' own figures this winter show more than two million children of elementary school age being denied education in the United States because the counties are bankrupt and cannot pay the teachers or heat the school buildings. Other millions of school children are on half time for the same reason. . . . It may be that shrewd and greedy newspaper proprietors will always be able to make the people believe anything they choose. It may be that great corporations which are systematically robbing the public will always be able to put up campaign funds and hire political bosses and organize a machine and carry every election. It may be that our republic is going the way of the republics of ancient Greece and Rome. It may be that our generation is going to see democracy perish in California, as we have seen it perish from Italy and Germany and Austria. Nobody can be sure, but this much we can say—that the test is coming right now. This crisis must be met, and if it is not met by the methods of democracy it will be met by those of Fascism. No people can go on suffering indefinitely as ours are suffering, and either they will find a way to end their present economic slavery by political means, or else their economic masters will be driven to take away from them the means of making a change. . . . Either the unemployed millions in our State must have access to the land and the factories and an opportunity to become self-supporting, or else our State is going into bankruptcy and collapse. This is too obvious to require any argument."

Another Weighty Petition

ON JANUARY 24, 1934, Jehovah's witnesses and their friends placed with Congress their protest and petition against radio censorship, 2,416,141 signatures to a petition which weighed in the aggregate 1,247 pounds, or at the rate of 1,937 signatures to the pound. On May 15, 1934, the second largest petition in history, that of the foes of the League court, was presented to the United States Senate. The latter contained 1,344,337 names and was said to have weighed two and one-half tons, or at the rate of 269 signatures to the pound. How they could each have weighed more than seven times the former is hard to understand, unless they were mounted separately, on cardboard.

Feet in the Trough at Washington

TAXPAYERS will be interested to know that fourteen concerns doing business with the Government boosted their prices on flat-top desks from $19.70 to $50.00, letter-size files from $9.97 to $26.74, and all other office paraphernalia to suit. Somebody must have tipped them off that now is the proper time for pigs to come to the trough; so in they go, feet and all. The puzzling thing is that when they boosted those prices on desks they did not make the new price $119.70 each, with elaborate explanations over the radio, and in the newspapers, that this is the New Deal.

The 'Kick Back' Racket

AT WASHINGTON, D. C., when working on Federal building projects, some employees were compelled to pay the contractors $2 every morning before they were allowed to go to work. A worker on the Chicago post office 'kicked back' $472.50 in order to hold his job. In some places, where the worker is paid by check, he is required to cash his check at the company office, and the 'kick back' is collected when the check is cashed.

"Kick-back" on PWA Projects

IT IS charged that contractors in Boston are making fortunes by compelling workmen on PWA projects to 'kick back' part of their $15 in order to hold their jobs. Some workmen have also been detected holding down two jobs with different employers, putting in 30 hours each week with each, and thus defeating the efforts of the government to employ as many as possible.

The Wreck of America

SAYS Jasper Spurlock, of Oklahoma, in *The Liberty Bell:*

Interest-bearing debts, two hundred and fifty billion dollars. Property value, 1930, Department of Commerce statement, one hundred sixty billion, shrunken now to one hundred billion dollars. Government cost, fourteen billions annually. Interest on debt, fifteen billion dollars annually. Cost of government and interest on debts, $232 per capita; or per family of five, $1,160 each year. Farm income shrunk from thirteen billions in 1920 to five billions in 1932. Ten million men willing to work, but no jobs. Home and savings of millions lost in this thirteen-year-old depression. Result—wreck and ruin of a nation of boasted free and intelligent people.

The Murdering of Tom Mooney

THE murdering of Tom Mooney by the Big Business crowd of San Francisco goes cheerfully on. His conviction obtained by the known use of perjured testimony, ten of the eleven surviving jurors who convicted him have stated that had the subsequently discovered evidence been before them they would not have convicted him, and the trial judge, Judge Griffin, has said that even if they had convicted him he would have set the conviction aside. At every entrance to California should be posted a huge sign, "Abandon hope of justice, all ye who enter here."

In Honor of the Nazi Régime

IN HONOR of the Nazi régime on May Day every business establishment in Berlin was closed tightly and everybody was notified that only a doctor's certificate of ill health or physical unfitness would excuse their absence from the march through the city and presence at the aerodrome. If you value your liberty, make use of it *now*. In Vienna even the schoolchildren were forced to parade. Propaganda against the Nazi state is punishable by death. German cities are allowed to bar country boys seeking work.

Increase in the Public Debt

THE next time you hear somebody saying that those boys down at Washington are not doing anything, remind him that in the five years from 1930 to 1935 the public debt has been increased from $16,000,000,000 to $35,000,000,000, and it takes a bunch of smart men to be able to borrow $19,000,000,000.

How the NRA Is Expected to End

SAYS W. H. Coin Harvey, of Arkansas: "Such money as Mr. Roosevelt gets into circulation will, in a few months, all be taken up by the fifteen billion dollars annual interest due the money lenders. It is as safe to forecast harder times coming as it is to forecast the rising and setting of the sun. The NRA policy is so patently erroneous and absurd its toleration and consideration by the people can only be accounted for by their lack of knowledge and misinformation. It was born in Wall Street for either of two purposes, one to make the usury system work by the possible success of such a crude plan, or to throw the country into such a further terrible condition it would warrant the coming of a dictator, with the approval of the people. The coming of a dictatorship will be accompanied by a ruthless cruelty paralleling what occurred when Christ, His apostles and thousands of Christians were killed to suppress free speech. As the highwayman will protect himself in possession of his loot by killing those who try to take it from him, organized selfishness, incorporated, which has no soul, will tear up the Constitution and commit wholesale murder in defending themselves in the possession of the property they have stolen from the people by operation of laws they have had enacted."

Canada's One-Man Censorship

CANADA'S one-man censor now claims that prior to his assuming office the Royal Canadian mounted police had collected printed evidence which he, the censor, considered "scurrilous attacks on the various Christian religions" and it was because of this that, at the very first meeting of the censorship committee, he had decided that Judge Rutherford should not be permitted on the air. Now if some Canadian who knows the truth, and will tell it, will explain how the Canadian mounted police came to be engaged in that job, and who engaged them for it, and to whom they reported, and why the censor was delegated to work in conjunction with them, we shall have a real story that will be of public interest. Will the censor be so good as to name the particular Royal Canadian mounted police who searched the homes, and also tell where the homes are located, so that honest and truthful men may investigate the statements which otherwise they would under no circumstances believe?

Standing by the Belligerents

TO HELP along the war in South America, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Norway, and Sweden sold all kinds of war materials to both Bolivia and Paraguay, and these nations (both members of the League of Nations, and both signers of the Pan-American anti-war pact) can now go on murdering each other for a long time, as they have plenty of killing material on hand. The United States sent millions of dollars' worth of military supplies into Bolivia; probably into Paraguay too. Spain sent rifles into Paraguay; Czechoslovakia, into Bolivia. All that the Armament Conference needs is time (and a few decades will do it) and the representatives of the armament companies assembled in conference at Geneva will get this world into just the condition desired by the one that Jesus referred to as "the prince of this world", more generally worshiped as "the god of this world" under the steeples that dot the landscape of all the countries named. It is hard to get rooms in the best hotel in La Paz, Bolivia; business is so good. Christians from every country of the Armament Conference are there trying to get orders for their goods.

Indians Ate Recruiting Officers

THAT is not a bad custom inaugurated by the Bolivian Indians. When the recruiting officers came to them, instructing them that they had been drafted into the army that is fighting in the Chaco, they settled all the conscientious scruples of the recruiting officers by making a meal of them. Seems as if it might be a good thing if these Indians would send out missionaries to heathen lands like England, France, Germany, Italy, United States, etc., and explain the method by which they get tough recruiting officers tender enough that they will go down easily. Seems, also, as if something should be included about what to do with the gilt braid and the brass buttons. Manifestly those things are not intended for interior decorations.

In Guysboro, Nova Scotia

IN GUYSBORO, Nova Scotia, a girl was kept in jail from October to May without trial and then the grand jury brought in no bill. There was no evidence against her to support the charge.

Relieving Cedar County, Nebraska

CEDAR county, Nebraska, shipped out 20,000,000 eggs in 1930. The government officials wanted to help these people out, in the hard times, so they sent into the county 65 cases of eggs for distribution, 2½ dozen eggs for every man, woman and child on the relief rolls. The county usually produces about 175,000 hogs annually, so to help on that item they sent into the county 7,000 pounds of pork, which is 10 pounds for every man, woman and child on the relief rolls. Similar relief has been extended to South Dakota. Into the lignite coal belt relief coal came from Illinois, and into the cattle-raising belt came dressed mutton from Chicago. Of course, the haulage of these items gives work to the railroads, but the people of Cedar county don't want eggs and hogs, and the people of South Dakota don't want coal and mutton. Seems like quite a job, dividing things properly, doesn't it?

Rent Collectors Know When to Return

THE Hapsburgs got their start as rent collectors in Switzerland about eight hundred years ago. They were chased out of Austria when the Austrian republic was formed. With the seizure of the republic by the "pope" and the imprisonment of the men who had done a vast amount of valuable work in the interests of the common people, the Hapsburgs have begun to come back. The first to return was an archduke. The account says that when he landed in Vienna his first act was to go to the cathedral and pray, his next to go to the chapel of the Teutonic Knights and pray some more, whence he walked to a church and prayed some more. Now, is that not what you would expect? If a man expects to get favors from the Devil, the natural thing for him to do is to acknowledge the Devil in a handsome manner, publicly.

In South River, Ontario

IN SOUTH RIVER, Ontario, last winter, Mrs. John Taylor, a mother of six children, after a diet consisting for months mostly of dry bread, gave birth to her seventh child. No physician was present. The bed was of planks, covered with straw in lieu of a mattress. The infant died at birth, and after a brief period the mother died also. The infant was buried in a soap box. Until the mother died, its little frozen body was stored in the woodshed. There was no funeral; just a burial.

International Anthem at Toronto

AT THE eighteenth annual Kiwanis jamboree at Toronto the first feature on the program was a double-humpbacked hymn the first verse of which was the British piece of "God Save the King" and the second verse was the American piece "My Country, 'Tis of Thee". The conclusion was the following: "Two empires by the sea, two nations, great and free, one anthem raise. One race of ancient fame, one tongue, one faith, we claim, one God, whose glorious name we love and praise." If you asked the man who composed that "gem" what is the one anthem these two nations raise, he could not tell you; if you asked him what is their one faith, he could not tell you some more, and if you asked him what "God" it is whose glorious name the two nations love and praise, he could not tell you that, though he might think he could. A lot of supposed hymns and anthems, when they are analyzed, are the superfine quintessence of condensed and evaporated bunk. Instead of honoring God, they merely tickle the tongues and the ears of the easily tickled.

Thirteen Women in One Cell

UPON the seizure of the Austrian government by the Roman Catholic hierarchy thousands of Socialist men and women were thrown into prison. In one instance 13 women were confined in a single cell, says the London *News Chronicle.* This parallels the case at Plainfield, where 29 of Jehovah's witnesses were confined in three cells, making it necessary for several to stand throughout the night. The Republic of Austria is officially dead. The new state is known as the Federal State of Austria. Everything that savors of democracy is done away with. The Council of Culture will consist chiefly of priests and representatives of the Catholic church.

When Bulgaria Went Fascist

WHEN Bulgaria went Fascist, in May, two soldiers called for Nicholas Zacharieff. Both he and his wife thought he was headed for prison, but it appeared that he had been named a minister in the new cabinet. Bulgaria, it is claimed, is now the only source of wholesale manufacture of narcotics in Europe, the production of heroin being several times the amount officially estimated as necessary for the world's medical needs.

Tail of the Papal Kite

Fifty-one One-eyed Clergymen

WHEN the government, in a temporary fit of economy, withdrew $100,000,000 mainly from Spanish-American war veterans, the soldiers tried to get their pensions restored. Thereupon fifty-one New York clergymen referred to the Legion lobby as "a sinister and deadly cancer upon the body of our American life". That was done to tickle the ears of the wealthy men that sustain their "churches". But it did not tickle the ex-soldiers, who solemnly called it "a deliberate lie". The Philadelphia *Record* rises to inquire: "Why do they regard it as vicious when men who risked their lives in war ask for pension benefits—and why do they refrain from commenting on a lobby that nicks American utility customers to the tune of $500,000,000 annually?" The answer seems to be that these fifty-one clergymen are one-eyed. Tackling the utilities crowd might cut down revenues a lot. And another thing, in recent years there have been nice gifts of utilities stocks to clergymen.

Salvation Army Men Dissatisfied

FIFTY-TWO workers in the Salvation Army Industrial Home, Louisville, addressed an open letter to President Roosevelt complaining that their wages are but $1.25 per week; that they are housed in dormitories, bed to bed, with no privacy even in illness; that the Army has accumulated wealth in the United States in the past twenty-five years to the amount of $60,000,000; that the officials who do no productive work receive salaries up to $5,000 a year plus all their expenses; that the clothing begged from door to door is not given away, but is placed in stores and sold; that representations which all must make, that their institutions are in dire poverty and threatened with bankruptcy, are false; that goods are obtained under false pretense; and that funds intended for the benefit of the poor can be, have been and are diverted to private ends.

Fosdick on the Unknown Soldier

REVEREND HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, in his address on the Unknown Soldier, said: "I stimulated raiding parties to their murderous tasks. Do you see why I want to make it personal? I lied to the Unknown Soldier about a possible good consequence of the war. . . . The support I gave to war is a deep condemnation upon my soul."

Grateful for Stygian Darkness

RECENTLY a "doctor of divinity" of Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., came all the way to New York to say, "The only man who could understand the Trinity was Jesus Christ; we must be grateful that we cannot understand the Trinity." We merely add that Jesus Christ never mentioned the Trinity; indeed, it is not in the Bible at all, in any manner. Why should any man be grateful for the privilege of believing something that is entirely unscriptural and that neither he nor any other person can understand?

Casting Out Devils in Britain

A BRITISH clergyman says the clergy are learning how to cast out devils. This would be a little more convincing if the same paper did not say that Britain has invented a new shell that will travel 15,000 yards and enable British ships to destroy enemy ships equipped with ordinary shells without putting themselves in reach of damage. Also, Britain has a new military organization, entitled the Woman's Reserve, every member of which can drive an ambulance or fly a plane.

Canon Being Criticized

A CANON of the Church of England is being criticized for saying of pacifists, "I say those people ought to be shot at sight." Why criticize the poor man for living up to the teachings of his father? Don't these criticizers know that it was the canons of Palestine that brought about the death of Christ, and that His death and resurrection is man's only hope of life?

Income of British Clergy

NOT all the income of the Church of England clergy comes from the tithes extracted from the farmers, nor from the slums of London, nor from the whisky distilleries. Some of it, until recently, came from investments in the armament firm of Vickers, Limited, but that investment was given up after news about it leaked out.

Urges a Use for Preachers

A MEMPHIS clergyman thinks he has found a use for preachers. His idea is that theological seminaries should establish departments in horseshoe pitching. When one comes to think of it, that is not a bad idea; it gives exercise and might eventually lead into some kind of honest work.

Public Welfare in Alabama

SAYS Annie A. Griggs, of Alabama: "While a company of witnesses were out witnessing in the rural section of this (Jefferson) county, the first call was at a shack without glass in the windows, almost without a roof. The man told the witness that a preacher had visited them saying he represented the public welfare and they were going to build a church in their midst, and if they did not attend church and Sunday school they would be cut off the welfare and allowed to starve. I called at the next house, just one little room; the lady and daughter were sitting out in the yard. After letting her know the purpose of the call she related the same story, saying she and all her children had made an agreement among themselves to starve if such was the case. They were destitute. She asked if I would give her something that her children could read to her. I gave her a booklet, and as we rode away she waved at us as far as she could see us."

Frightened Too Late

THE Ohio Council of Churches has stated: "We are reliably informed that an organized attempt will be made to defeat those members of the legislature who voted against the appropriation for parochial schools and to elect others who will support said appropriation. This is not only an issue of the separation of church and state, but it involves our entire public school system. The present legislature failed to provide for the financing of public schools for 1935. There are some who are determined to make the appropriation to parochial schools even if that should kill the appropriation for public schools. Our whole school system and the principle of the separation of church and state are at stake." The Ohio Council of Churches is too late. The best thing they can do is to lay in a stock of beads and images and throw their Bibles away. They refused to listen when listening would avail.

Demons Always Seek God's Dishonor

THE defense of an Akron (Ohio) man, that he threw his tiny son into a blazing furnace at the command of God, is interesting, not because it shows that the man was insane, but because it plainly reveals the evil motives of the demon or demons that were using his mind at the time the act was committed.

Clergyman Knocked Him Out

READERS of *The Golden Age* who have the idea that clergymen never do anything will be interested to know that at Ryde, on the Isle of Wight, a retired clergyman who runs a boys' club invited a boy to visit the club; the boy did so, and when he thoughtlessly picked up a football the clergyman hit him so hard on the head with an air pistol that they had to take him to the hospital. The boy in this case was only eleven years old, but it is thought that, in time, the clergyman will be able to hit larger boys and get away with it equally well. It is hard, after resting an entire lifetime, to get used to muscular exercise.

Would Tentatively Stand for Peace

WE UNDERSTAND that the Federal Council of Churches will tentatively consider the following proposition between now and Armistice Week, November 4-11, that is, "The State should not create the dilemma of loyalty to country or to Christ. Should such a dilemma arise, we follow Christ." It is just as well that this position is taken only tentatively, for all history proves that in case of a war they would come tumbling over one another to breathe out threatenings and slaughter as of yore. In time of peace they are for peace, and in time of war they are for war, like other politicians.

"Whose God Is Their Belly"

THE *Putnam County Record,* Granville, Illinois, contains an advertisement wherein the local "reverend" warns the public against Judge Rutherford's books that explain the Bible, and immediately next to it advertises a bakery sale of the Ladies Aid Society of the church. Must have been something like this that caused Paul to write of some, "whose God is their belly." Some men who never had a thought in their lives are supremely happy at all times when their bellies are stuffed with all they will hold.

Richland Center Ministerial Association

THE Richland Center (Wisconsin) Ministerial Association had a 5-inch double-column advertisement in the *Republican Observer* urging all the people to be one by church attendance during Lent, and then forgot to tell the people that there is no mention of Lent in the Bible. The clergy are like that. They had a good big cross at the top of the advertisement; the reason for putting it there is self-evident.

New Use for Electric Eye

NEW uses for the electric eye are being constantly discovered. It is now employed to save growing fruit. Fruit moths begin to fly and lay eggs twenty minutes before sunset, except on cloudy days, when they begin earlier, depending on the density of the clouds. The electric eye automatically lights up the light traps at the right time, the moths fly in, and are slain.

Unshrinkable Wool (?)

A DISPATCH from England says that a method has been developed at Torridon, Leeds, England, by the Wool Industries Research Association, which renders wool unshrinkable, takes the tickle out of it, and adds luster. All this seems too good to be true. The discovery was made accidentally while working out discoveries made in an entirely different industry.

35,000 Tons of Dust on St. Paul

IN A SINGLE day in May, it is calculated, a dust storm deposited 35,000 tons of North Dakota top soil on the city of St. Paul; conservative estimates were that it averaged one-sixteenth of an inch thick, and in places it was drifted several inches deep.

Is It Hot Enough for You?

DOWN in Antarctica, in temperatures 32 degrees below zero, and colder, Rear Admiral Byrd and his men are living and working buried deep down under the snow. The hangar for their airplanes is a pit dug eleven feet into a snowbank and covered with a tarpaulin.

The Nightingale and the Prima Donna

A NIGHTINGALE trills at the rate of sixty pairs of notes a second. The average human throat is good for about seven times a second. The trills of the mocking bird and canary reveal a technical skill that no operatic star could remotely approach.

Photographs His Victims as He Shoots

THE Bushman revolver-camera enables a policeman to shoot at a fleeing automobile, but whether the car gets away or not, the policeman has a picture of the car, its license number, etc. The gun holds 30 feet of film, capable of 720 exposures at one loading.

San Jose Sinks Four Feet

ALONG the line of the San Andreas Fault, which extends two-thirds of the length of the state of California, there is always some uneasiness of the earth's crust, or uneasiness of the people for fear there will be. San Jose, located in this belt, it is now established, has sunk four feet in the last fourteen years, with many people nervous for fear an earthquake impends.

Two Perfect Speed Traps

APPROACHING the problem from two different directions, two perfect speed traps have been produced. One uses the electric eye on two beams of light; the other uses two thin insulated wires across the road several feet apart. Electricity does the rest, and in either case the number of miles per hour which the car is making is automatically revealed.

The Petroleum Derivatives

THE petroleum derivatives are now so numerous that it takes a book of 1,200 pages to summarize them. Synthetic rubber which is expected to compete with the natural, and soap which will lather instantly in very hard water, are among the recent discoveries of which much is expected.

The Hogan Radio Pen

THE Hogan radio pen, a new, and said to be quite simple, invention, designed as an attachment for the radio receiver, will receive and transmit writing, printing or drawings by radio. At its first public demonstration drawings and illustrations were transmitted a distance of five miles.

A New High-Speed Camera

A NEW high-speed camera, in which a disk studded with lenses revolves rapidly in front of a narrow slit of light, enables the taking of 80,000 pictures a second. The pictures are of microscopic dimensions, with as many as 110 of them in a single frame.

Bone Conduction of Sound

"ELECTRIC vibrators, fastened to the forehead or other parts of the cranium, now enable totally deaf persons to receive oral instruction, music or other sounds from the teacher, with whose loud-speaker they are connected by wire."

Official Human Vivisection in Colorado

COLORADO has officially gone in for human vivisection. Two men, under sentence for life, will submit themselves to serum inoculations conducted with a hope of finding a cure for tuberculosis. Freedom is the reward whether the patient lives or dies. Six persons offered to commit suicide in any way desired by the University of California, and run the risk of being revivified by a solution injected into their veins to prevent clotting of the blood and to stimulate heart action. For the present the offers have not been accepted.

Bananas and Skimmed Milk

AT JOHNS HOPKINS hospital, Baltimore, a diet of four to six bananas and four glasses of skimmed milk per day has caused some to lose as much as 50 pounds in a few months. The off-diet periods are of two weeks each, the same as the diet periods. In the off-diet periods meats, fish, eggs and vegetables are allowed, but not fats or starches. It is claimed that this arrangement prevents the patient from feeling hungry and he is able to continue with his regular activities.

Slums an Expensive Luxury

A CAREFUL financial survey of the slum district of Cleveland, Ohio, shows that the cost to the city, in excess expenditures for fire and police protection, is more than double that of other districts of equal population. The complete rebuilding of the district would, in a few years, pay for itself in reduced city expenditures and in improved health of the inhabitants. In New York city (Manhattan) 58 percent of the crime is traced to slum areas.

Teasing Insane Patients in Wisconsin

TWO witnesses, whose sworn testimony was not disputed, testified that in a Wisconsin insane asylum patients were teased and tormented until they became violent and were then beaten by guards who got a kick out of it.

Men Less Able to Withstand Disease

CAREFUL study of 300 cases at the Mayo clinic establishes that men, though less often ill than women, are far less able to withstand disease. Virtually every community has more widows than widowers.

X-Ray Examination Restores Sight

FOLLOWING an accident, an electrical engineer in Wellingborough, England, went blind. Thereafter he submitted to an X-ray examination and, some time after that examination, was surprised to awaken from a deep sleep and find he could see as well as ever. His explanation is that the heat of the X-ray melted the congealed blood which had paralyzed his optic nerves.

Maternity by Artificial Impregnation

THE New York *Times* reports thirteen "synthetic" babies, two of them born to unmarried mothers who never saw the fathers, and the others to previously childless married couples, all brought into the world in New York city within the past two years. It is claimed that the overcoming of childlessness by artificial impregnation has long been used by physicians, but this will be news to many laymen.

Headache Cure Causes Death

PYRAMIDON, widely used along with veronal and luminal to relieve headaches and cause sleep is now known to be the cause of a fatal disease which poisons the bone marrow, reduces the white blood cells to one-third their normal number, and causes a great variety of other disorders starting suddenly with fever, sore throat and ulcers on tonsils, tongue, gums and elsewhere, spreading rapidly.

Ripe Peas for Coffee

CARL A. BAUMANN, of Saskatchewan, says you can grow your own coffee, and will hardly be able to tell it from the kind grown in Brazil, except that it has no caffeine in it. He says to take field peas or garden peas, let them get thoroughly ripe, brown them "good and brown" without burning them, and grind them as for coffee, using a little more for each person than with the South American brands.

Britain's Tribute to Tea

LORD MOYNIHAN says that the treatment of rheumatism costs England nearly £20,000,000 yearly, is responsible for 80 percent of the deaths from heart disease in patients under 20 years of age and for nearly 40 percent of the total death rate from diseases of the heart, which are the principal cause of death in England today.

How to Test an Aluminum Cooking Utensil *By Dr. C. T. Betts (Ohio)*

(Reprinted from our issue of June 24, 1931)

REGARDING aluminum cooking utensils: The proof whether or not the kind you have is fit for cooking purposes can easily be ascertained by using them in making several experiments. This can be done by yourself, to find out whether or not they are fit to use. I would suggest the following experiments for you to make in this connection. Boil some ordinary drinking water in your aluminum kettle for half an hour; place in a clean glass jar. Let set until cool, and note whether or not you can see the white feathery poison in the bottom of your glass jar when the water is cold. This will take only an hour's time, and you should get a result that will be astonishing. The next experiment I would suggest is to color some hen's eggs with dyes of different colors, making each dyeing process in your aluminum kettle. Note especially whether or not your eggs color according to the color they should be when dyed. If you do not get the eggs in the exact color, according to the instructions on the package, a chemical action has taken place with your dyestuffs which would also take place with various foods cooked in that container.

The next experiment would be to bring some water to the boiling point, and add a little cooking soda to the water, then using a very tarnished spoon or knife, immerse one-half of the spoon or knife in the water. If this portion which has been allowed to remain in the water becomes bright and shiny, while the part outside remains discolored, you have evidence of the activity of the aluminum of this dish upon the food which would be cooked therein.

Make a jelly from any good fruit acid that will jell. Make the jell in the ordinary manner, and note if the product, when cold, is a nice, livery jell. If you find it soft and stringy instead, you will have evidence of a product thoroughly contaminated, saturated with aluminum hydroxid. A check could be made especially on this with an enamel or porcelain dish. If the results are the same in both your aluminum and the enamel, then the aluminum dish is O.K. to use; if not, the dish should not be used.

Another experiment I believe would interest you, but which will take a little more time, is to make hard soap in an aluminum dish. If the soap becomes hard after being cooked in your aluminum dish, after making it in the ordinary way, your dish is O.K.; otherwise it is not fit to use. The next experiment would take the least time and trouble and would be very definite in its results. Mix the ingredients for the making of a mayonnaise dressing, using apple cider vinegar for the acid ingredient. Boil the ingredients the usual time and note the color of the product, whether it is the proper color, yellow, or has changed to a dark brownish color. If it is a bright yellow, your utensil is all right; if it is a dark color, it is not fit to use. All food specialists who give their radio talks in America are very particular in advising their hearers not to make any salads, especially shrimp or other sea food salads, in aluminum dishes. To test your dish, make one of these salads in it and let it stand till next morning. Eat salad. If you are alive the next night, your dish is all right. If dead, we advise throwing the dish away.*

Fatality from Vaccination

WILLIAM TUCKER, employee of the Spicer Manufacturing Company, Toledo, Ohio, was vaccinated March 6, 1930, while at his work, and died in 23 days as a result. His widow has been awarded a verdict and judgment against his employers, and it is calculated that Ohio employers hereafter will be less enthusiastic than heretofore about seeing that their employees are vaccinated.

"Cancer: Its Prevention"

IN *Cancer: Its Prevention,* a little 46-page book by H. W. Keens, M.Inst.B.Th., London, published by The C. W. Daniel Company, 46 Bernard St., W.C.1, London, England, for 1 shilling net, the author, a medical man who cured himself of cancer, helps his readers to understand that the prevention of malignancies lies with nature, not with science. He attributes the origin of cancer to the replacing of natural manure by chemical manure, the denaturization of foods by chemical treatment and preservation, and the use of aluminum for the prepara-

tion and storage of foods. Mr. Keens made countless experiments by preparing decoctions of herbs, roots, barks, berries and domestic vegetation and inorganic mineral salts in iron, tinned steel, earthenware, enamel, glass, china and aluminum containers, and always found the results different when aluminum ware was employed. In 1890 the death rate from cancer in Britain was 701 per annum per million people living. Aluminum was first used for cooking utensils, storage and receptacles for food in 1892; by 1900 the death rate from cancer had risen to 1,000 per annum per million people living. "If water in which a small pinch of common salt or soda has been dissolved is boiled in an aluminum vessel and allowed to stand for one hour in a glass container, the aluminum precipitate can be noticed by a floating, feathery deposit and milky condition. The white of an egg stirred in an aluminum pan with a spoon of the same metal causes coagulation and rapid discoloration. A jelly prepared in an aluminum mold will not set firm as when made in other molds, but will remain in a soft, stringy condition. Animals will not readily take food or drink from aluminum containers. . . . I find that when a diet of vegetables, meat and water, all prepared in aluminum ware, is taken regularly a state of morbidity is set up and that small tumors form in the body." Mr. Keens gives a wealth of information as to how one can develop in his own person a cancer or a well-defined case of diabetes through the careful use of aluminum cooking utensils, but we have hardly room to reproduce it. If interested you might send and get his little book; your relatives will find it among your effects after you have gone.*

* This matter of the slow poisoning of millions in their own kitchens is so important that we devote much space to it in the next two issues.

Making It Unanimous

HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK recently attracted much attention by his admission to the Unknown Soldier that he had lied to him, and his declaration that before he would take part in another war he would go to the lions. He recently added: "The nation today conscripts our bodies, our sons. In the next war it will conscript our daughters and all our property." Makes it unanimous; doesn't it?

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Sales Propaganda Keeps Millions Ill

In Two Parts— Part 1

IN THIS issue we present, in condensed form, the record of thirty wholesale poisonings due to the sales propaganda of the aluminum trust. These resulted in the known death of 13 persons and the serious illness of 2,759 others, but this is but a fragment of the damaging evidence against the use of aluminum cooking utensils which is steadily piling up.

Herewith are the names, and we have the full addresses in our files, of 45 that have been cured of stomach troubles, nausea, retching, vomiting, and indigestion of many years' standing, by the simple expedient of ceasing to use for culinary purposes the metal that was slowly killing them.

Herein are references to 23 cases of cancer, ulcers, tumors, carbuncles, boils and swellings cured by the same means.

The poisons ingested by aluminum-poisoned food go the length of the body, cropping up in various ways, according to the natural constitution of the ones affected. Nineteen of the cases which follow were of headache and loss of mental power, with blindness in at least five instances, for periods from a few hours up to nine months.

The mouth, of course, was a great sufferer. Twenty-three mention the great relief which came from no longer having sore lips, sore mouth, sore tongue, bleeding gums and tonsilitis when they stopped overdosing themselves three times a day with aluminum sulphates, aluminum chlorides and aluminum hydroxide.

In 24 cases the heart and respiratory organs bore the brunt of the heavy burden of the slow but steady poisoning of the whole system. Palpitation, trembling, sinking spells, shortness of breath, chills, colds and attacks of the flu, all stopped when the cause was stopped.

In the effort to throw off the load of poisons 35 were subjected to such severe pains in the bowels, diarrhea, loss of weight, anemia, bloody flux and unnatural hunger that, to use their own words, they were in such misery that they did not care whether they lived or died. Imagine the joy of these sufferers to be completely rid of these discomforts that had been with them for years.

Twenty-one of these reports are of excessive burdens on the kidneys, bladder, and liver, all working faithfully to throw off their share of burdens they were never designed to bear. Twelve others had skin eruptions, cracks and sores due to the same cause, and, finally, there are 26 whose nervous systems were completely upset, resulting in exhaustion, dizziness, semi-paralysis, irritability and fainting spells due to their efforts to help pay the salaries and commissions of the clever salesmen who have put millions in the invalid class and caused, without a doubt, many, many thousands of deaths and ruined lives. For convenience, the evidence in this issue is arranged in alphabetical order of the 62 states, provinces and countries from which the evidence was gleaned.

Doctor Betts' Important Discovery

Doctor C. T. Betts (dentist), of Toledo, Ohio, his health gone, his life at stake, discovered that it was his aluminum kitchen outfit that was killing him. In eight weeks from discontinuing its use he was on the road to recovery, and now looks the picture of perfect health. Like any honest man who clearly sees a great truth, he tried to get his discovery before the people. *The Golden Age* first gave wide publicity to this matter.

Doctor Betts is now the recognized authority on this subject. He refuses to put aluminum plates in any mouth, on the ground that they have often resulted in cancers. His opinions are fully supported by many eminent physicians and chemists quoted or mentioned in this article; in his own state, Dr. Josef Reed George, of

Cleveland, Dr. J. M. Morgan, of Toledo, and Dr. H. C. Temple, of Alliance.

Some of the tests which he recommends: Stir the whites of three eggs with cup of butter; add the juice of one lemon and sufficient cream to make a salad dressing; stir in an aluminum dish until thoroughly mixed; cook in the same dish fifteen minutes; look at it, taste it, note the color, throw it out. Shake a pint of sweet cream in an aluminum shaker fifteen minutes; let stand five hours; look at at; smell of it; bury it. To get the verdigris off your utensils, cook tomatoes, rhubarb, apple sauce in them; but don't eat the verdigris, which is then in the food. Mercy, no! Throw the food away. Dr. Betts says some of the aluminum utensil manufacturers admit the metal is poisonous and are gracefully changing over to stainless steel. They should be encouraged in this. To test an aluminum utensil, he recommends preparing a shrimp salad in one; let the salad stand twenty-four hours; have the salesman eat it. If he is alive the next morning the dish is all right; but if he is dead the dish should be thrown away.

Recipe for group poisoning: Prepare fricasee of chicken with veal or pork and gravy in aluminum utensil; season well, and let stand some hours. Usually one in four will succumb, but where the food is allowed to stand twelve hours or more every person who partakes freely will be made ill.

Dr. Betts, like ourselves, has received many letters from people who have benefited from discarding aluminum utensils, and estimates that not less than 1,500 persons have accepted his personal advice and regained their health thereby. He recommends as desirable utensils pyrex, earthenware, Griswold cast-iron ware, Old English, Kochfix, Household Specialty Company, Columbian, Savory, Allegheny steel, Volrath, Polar and Lalance and Grosjean ware, and there may be others.

Alabama, Alberta, Arizona, Arkansas

Mrs. F. C. McCumber, of Alabama, writes that, having discontinued the use of aluminum utensils and alum baking powders, and derived great benefit therefrom, both for herself and family, the family visited relatives, most of whom still used aluminum utensils. Soon the whole McCumber family began to feel the effects; both the children started breaking out with huge boils and Mrs. McCumber herself had a severe attack of stomach trouble and a fever accompanying. This has made her determine to cut out visiting hereafter, as being positively unsafe. Others have written us similarly.

Mrs. L. P. Fogarty, of Alberta, writes that she and her four children were subject to mouth cankers for four years; her ten-year-old son had them down the throat as far as one could see, and they rapidly got more severe and larger. At that time her kitchen was full of aluminum utensils. Upon discarding it all the cankers and the continual attacks of tonsilitis to which the family had been subjected disappeared.

At Olds, Alberta, a group was poisoned at a banquet in honor of Hon. F. S. Grisdale, minister of agriculture. Details just at hand from the Winnipeg *Free Press Prairie Farmer* say the majority of the 250 guests were stricken, and that "according to stories from Olds, the chicken was cooked in *metal* pots and left standing in them." Notice the careful concealment of truth.

Mrs. J. A. Ladd, of Arizona, writes that within five weeks after discontinuing the use of aluminum utensils there was a great improvement in her husband's general health; he was able to sleep eight hours at a time, which he had not been able to do for years; his stomach condition was better, accompanied by an itching sensation as though the ulcerous condition—incipient cancer (?)—was healing.

Helen von Fichthenthal, expert nurse, of Arkansas, writes that at Bauxite is a lake created by excavating aluminum ore. It has been stocked with fish time and again, but they all die, and so does every living thing that tries to make its home in this aluminum-impregnated water. Yet men, the silly sheep, dump carloads of alum into city water supplies supposedly to make it fit to drink. Some of the overflow of the Bauxite lake was turned into Hurricane creek, theretofore always full of different kinds of fish. From the time the aluminum waters were turned into the creek not a fish could live in it, and not even a snail or a frog.

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil

H. W. Allison, of Australia, writes: "I was much interested in the articles on aluminum, as I myself am a chemist. I no longer use aluminum." This ought to be very convincing. It is noteworthy that Belgium and Brazil prohibit the use of aluminum compounds in foods, on account of the injurious effects of aluminum sulphate, aluminum chloride and aluminum hydroxide formed so readily by cooking eggs,

salted meat, etc., resulting in nausea, ulcers and acidosis leading possibly to cancer.

Eduard Sykora, of Vienna, Austria, thinks that anyone who will cook fruits or fruit juices for a sufficiently long time in aluminum vessels, or let such fruits or fruit juices stand in those vessels for twenty-four hours, will know better than to eat any of the contents, which, by then, will have become nauseatingly distasteful. He says that no wine connoisseur will so much as taste wine that has been kept in an aluminum bottle.

British Columbia, California

Mrs. Charles Simpson, of British Columbia, bought a heavy waterless aluminum cooker and teakettle, and within a month thereafter her husband never had a well day. She says: "He would get up feeling not too bad, take about two cups of hot water out of this accursed kettle, and by ten o'clock could not sit up." He lost 35 pounds in weight, his muscles wasted away; he had an uncontrollable thirst. In seven weeks from the time the aluminum outfit was ditched he was as well as ever and had gained fifteen pounds of the lost weight.

Mary E. Ekstrand, of California, canned beans in a jar with an aluminum lid; in time the lid was eaten full of holes. She churned cream in an aluminum utensil; both the butter and buttermilk resulting were so black she threw it all out.

Mrs. Daniel Toole, of California, said that her hubby ate some mayonnaise that had stood all night in aluminum and that she came mighty near losing him as a result. Wives who wish to get rid of their husbands now know what to do.

Mrs. Viola Chritton, of California, noted that her husband suffered terribly with his stomach, and every morning, after drinking his coffee, made in an aluminum percolator, became so dizzy he had to hold on to something to keep from falling. Since throwing out the aluminum poisoning apparatus he had no trouble with his stomach, and not even one attack of dizziness.

S. A. McKenzie, of California, got to the place where no food nourished him, he was hungry all the time, and so exhausted he would rather fall down than lie down, had a cold all the time, and a headache, and at times his mind would not function. He had pains all through his body, and great cracks between his toes. He got entirely well when he junked his aluminum utensils.

The mother of F. A. Robbins, of California, died in eight days after she was given a tablespoon dose of alum(inum) powder by mistake for Epsom salts. An hour after the dose was taken she began vomiting blood.

Mrs. H. S. Clark, of California, writes that while she used aluminum utensils her husband ate nothing at night, claiming that everything he had eaten at noon was still in his throat and sour; he was bloated, and suffered much pain, and she herself was similarly affected. All these difficulties cleared up when the use of the aluminum utensils ceased.

David Davidian's Investigation

David Davidian, of California, investigated forty blocks of his home city after his wife recovered from stomach ulcers and sinking spells following the ditching of her aluminum utensils. His child of two years was cured at the same time, and by the same means, of peculiar sores in and around the mouth and swelling under her arms which the "child specialist" could not understand or correct.

Davidian found hundreds of cases of continual sore throat, vomiting, sick headaches, pains in the bowels, the limbs and other parts of the body, swelling of ankles, sour stomach, loss of weight, griping in stomach after drinking aluminum-percolated coffee, nervousness, anemia and very pale complexion, and in every instance found they cooked their food in aluminum and, in the worst cases, were accustomed to let it stand in aluminum. Some of these had spent thousands of dollars for the services of the physicians who so insistently rush into print with the statements that aluminum utensils are perfectly safe for the people to use.

One woman who said to Davidian, "Damn the Bible; I have a boil on the back of my neck right now," was interested immediately when he said to her: "Madame, do you use aluminum cooking utensils; do you suffer from stomach trouble and pains in the bowels?" She admitted that she did, and in a few minutes took several pieces of literature, and, when he left, said, "I am glad you came." Poor things; they only wish to live.

Dr. William A. Dewey, M.D., of Los Angeles, is wise. He says: "It is necessary to avoid aluminum dishes and utensils in the preparation of the food for a cancer patient." He might have truthfully added that there are now many cancer patients who would almost certainly have been in good health if they had never come in contact with such utensils.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Collins, of California, paid $40 to a specialist to find out why they had suffered for five years from deranged digestion, palpitation of the heart, hot and cold flashes, cold feet and hands, constipation and headaches, and why their children had catarrhal conditions affecting their entire alimentary canals, resulting in colitis and bloody flux. The specialist never found out. Why should he? But when the Collins family ditched their beautiful aluminum kitchen outfit they all got well.

N. A. Yuille, of California, suffered for years from a serious stomach inflammation, which a long fast seemed to remove. At length it returned, but on discarding aluminum utensils it disappeared again; and now he writes that he does not know he has a stomach, and both he and his wife are enjoying better health than for a long time.

Dr. George Starr White, of Los Angeles, does not allow his patients to use aluminum utensils.

Colorado, Connecticut, Costa Rica, Cuba

At Denver, Colorado, 44 clubmen, after a banquet on the best foods that money can buy, had the violent nausea, retching, cramps and hemorrhages which commonly follow the eating of foods cooked and stored in aluminum utensils. The "health authorities" (excuse us while we laugh, please) never found out what caused the trouble, and never will. Why learn something that you have solemnly determined never to learn? But if the clubmen had summoned Dr. J. H. East, of that city, he could have told them; for he knows, and so does every *Golden Age* subscriber of that city.

Dr. Frank P. Underhill, professor of pharmacology and toxicology, School of Medicine, Yale University, Connecticut, has the truth on this subject.

F. A. Swathel, of Connecticut, writes that within a few weeks after leaving off aluminum a gastric ulcer which had been active for ten years became dormant or was healed.

Henry Steele, of Costa Rica, suffered for years with a pain in the right side of his abdomen, which some thought to be appendicitis and some thought hernia. The hernia guessers won, enough so that Steele wore a truss, but without results. His wife noticed that when she boiled cocoa in the aluminum pot it always looked as if the milk had already been placed in it. At length all aluminum utensils were disposed of, and appendicitis and hernia disappeared together and Steele got well.

A neighbor of F. G. Robinson, of Cuba, cooked vegetables for Belgian hares in an aluminum pot. As the food was too hot to serve at once, it was put away till the next day and then fed to the hares. The hares both died as a result of their aluminum banquet.

Czechoslovakia, District of Columbia, England

Czechoslovakia, progressive and intelligent, prohibits the use of aluminum compounds in foodstuffs. In this country everybody is afraid because the Mellons control some $8,000,000,000; therefore little is said, but the Treasury department did at one time admit that food should not be left to stand in aluminum dishes. Two men on record at Washington as having the truth on this subject are W. D. Bigelow, director of research laboratory, and Dr. E. C. Folkmar, M.Ph.

Comical things happen along with the tragedies. A couple got their eyes open. The next day, at the home, the wife packed the new and handsome aluminum set off as a gift to her mother-in-law and, at the office, the hubby, not knowing of the gift, wrote to his mother telling her of his discovery that aluminum ware is poisonous, and to discontinue its use. The esteemed mother-in-law received the gift of the utensils and the letter telling of their poisonous nature at the same moment. This happened in a family at that time high in the official life of Washington.

G. Donaldson, Ph.C., M.P.S., London, after explaining at length the chemical reactions involved, says in *The Healthy Life:* "Since our vegetable foodstuffs contain alkaline salts and chlorides, it will be evident that aluminum utensils are not suitable for the cooking of vegetables and potatoes."

Dr. Alexander Francis, M.D., London, claims to be so sensitive to it that he can tell by sampling any article of food whether it has touched aluminum. In his own case, and in that of six patients, he found that the stopping of the use of aluminum vessels put an end to abdominal pain.

In England, at present, the cancer death rate is five times what it was before aluminum cooking utensils came into vogue. England prohibits the use of aluminum compounds in foodstuffs.

As we go to press we have reports of between fifty and sixty people poisoned in the Lincolnshire (England) villages of Welton, Dunholme,

Snarford and Faldingworth, one of whom, a man 83 years of age, died. We do not know the cause of the poisonings, but it is attributed to food, and we have no doubt it was food of good quality which had been turned into poison by being kept in aluminum vessels after first being cooked therein. The more widespread the propaganda that aluminum is perfectly safe for cooking purposes, the greater will be the harvest for the doctors and undertakers.

Joseph Izzard, of England, had a child, fed by bottle, that passed water of unusual odor and color. The physician prescribed, to no avail, but when the baby's milk was prepared in an iron pan instead of an aluminum one the child's trouble disappeared as by magic.

In any factory where aluminum wares are made it is common for the workmen to have fingers that remain sore for weeks at a time.

John Spofforth, L.R.C.P., Edinburgh, M.R.C.S., England, writes in *The Lancet* of a man of 46 whose job was that of dipping red-hot metal articles contained in an aluminum holder into concentrated nitric acid. The man was in a state of great exhaustion, suffering from severe and persistent vomiting, loss of memory, tremor, jerking movements, and incontinence of urine. A chemical examination of his urine showed a large amount of aluminum.

Aluminum chloride is formed in the stomach when aluminum hydroxide is redissolved by the hydrochloric acid of the gastric juice. Dr. Herbert Snow, M.D., of London, England, is authority for the statement that "aluminum chloride is a powerful narcotic poison". The British War Office has permanently discontinued the use of aluminum water bottles. They discovered that when wine was carried in those bottles, and afterward was drunk, the men were made deathly sick.

Edwin Whibley, of England, writes that he was severely poisoned, with almost fatal results, and is now a complete physical wreck consequent upon the use of aluminum cooking-ware.

Dr. Leo Spira, of Vienna, now in England, has published at length on the "Clinical Aspect of Chronic Poisoning by Aluminum and Its Alloys".

Florida and France

Dr. S. R. Love, St. Petersburg, Florida, writes of a patient suffering at intervals from acute digestive troubles. At length it transpired that when he was in the north, where the cooking was always done in iron utensils, he was always well; when he returned to Florida, where the cooking was always done in aluminum utensils, he was always sick.

Dr. Love himself is so sensitive to aluminum poisoning that one meal cooked in the ware will make him ill. He says: "When I keep free a long time I have a keener relish and enjoyment of food, but when I have been free a long time and get one meal contaminated with aluminum it ducks me under more completely than if I had been continuing its use right along in a groggy, semi-paralyzed condition."

Mrs. Mabel Travis, of Florida, suffered from numb hands and feet, headaches, trembling spells and dizzy spells; her husband also had spells of heart tremble, liver ailment, rheumatism, indigestion and bowel trouble. But when she discarded her bright, pretty aluminum cooking-ware, all these diseases entirely ceased.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, dumps 40,000 pounds of alum into its municipal water supply every three months. It is a marvel that anybody is able to live there at all. Some of the inhabitants protect themselves by drinking rainwater instead.

Mary Ann Mustard, of Florida, found a case of aluminum poisoning where the ankle and wrist joints became swollen and when cut open ejected blood and pus, some of them as many as seven times. When the utensils that caused the trouble were disused the troubles cleared up, except the left hand, which is now permanently useless.

James Russell Price, of Florida, says humorously and poetically: "I took two pails of water, and set them side by side, one porcelain, one aluminum; the mosquitoes could decide. The wrigglers came by thousands inside the porcelain pail; not one in the aluminum to wag its tiny tail."

Dr. Charles B. McFerrin, publisher of *National Health Review,* Orlando, Florida, has the truth on this aluminum-compounds-in-foods question. In his new book, *100 Points upon Health,* four pages are devoted to poisoning by aluminum.

France prohibits the use of aluminum compounds in foodstuffs, and the French Congress of Medicine has officially set forth the announcement that "colloidal hydrate of aluminum absorbs hydrochloric acid"; thus, in effect, stating that aluminum cooking utensils are unfit for human use.

Georgia, Germany, Hungary

Ellen Williams, of Georgia, 65 years of age, became blind and semi-paralyzed. Two years after discarding aluminum utensils her sight returned and she was gradually regaining the use of other portions of her body.

The state chemist of Georgia found more than two ounces of aluminum poisoning in the organs of W. J. Williams, and stated that half that amount would have been sufficient to cause his death. The state chemist is a brave and honest man, and will no doubt lose his job for having told this truth.

Germany and Hungary both prohibit the use of aluminum compounds in foodstuffs. Dr. von Puetensen, official doctor of the palace of the governor of Bavaria, in a review covering six issues of the Berlin *Deutsche Aertze-Zeitung,* concludes that damage to health from the consuming of foods or drinks which have been kept in aluminum dishes is to be expected.

Idaho and Illinois

Mrs. George W. Smith, of Idaho, cooked wheat flakes in an aluminum kettle and let the food stand, to see what would happen. In ten days the kettle had six large-sized holes in it. If you don't believe it, try it.

Mrs. C. I. Allen, of Illinois, for years was a sufferer from stomach troubles and headaches and was much emaciated. When she gave up aluminum utensils these troubles left her and she increased in weight from 100 to 128 pounds.

A little advertising booklet entitled "The Precious Metal of the Kitchen" says, on page 10, that the great Edgewater Beach hotel, Chicago, is one of the world's famous hotels where *all* the cooking is done in aluminum; and the manager of the hotel, in answer to a personal letter, says that *none* of the cooking of the hotel is done in aluminum utensils.

Earl F. Paulson, of Illinois, had a skin disease that for eight years baffled the best skin specialists in Chicago. He kept getting worse instead of better. When the last of the family aluminum ware went into the alley his skin began to heal, and in six months was clear. Until then his mother was often ill with intestinal trouble, but has had no attacks since.

Mrs. E. Pierce, of Illinois, took two plants, slips of the same size, from the same soil, and gave them the same care, one in a regular plant-dish and the other in an aluminum dish, and stood them in the same window. The one in the plant-jar grew rapidly and beautifully; the one in the aluminum dish stood still, and would have died, but after some weeks was transferred to a regular plant-dish and became as beautiful as the other.

Frank Harper, of Illinois, repeatedly drank at night coffee made in the morning and allowed to stand during the day in an aluminum coffee-pot. Taken suddenly ill with chills and fever, he vomited a black substance and his color became greenish. The doctor in this case, an honest and courageous man, unhesitatingly pronounced it a case of aluminum poisoning. He is liable to be thrown out of the Medical Association for admitting this.

The Experiments of Doctor Wood

Dorr E. Wood, LL.B., D.O., D.C., M.D., of Illinois, believes that the use of aluminum is bad for the health of everyone, and submits a list of experiments which will prove it to anybody: Tea looks cloudy instead of clear when made in an aluminum pot; a fresh egg smells bad when fried in an aluminum dish; apple or rhubarb sauce turns dark green when left standing in an aluminum dish; cranberries turn from a bright red to a black color; bread dough gets black when rubbed on aluminum; angel-food cake looks dark, with dark streaks through it, after the batter is stirred in an aluminum dish; peeled potatoes left standing in water in an aluminum dish overnight turn yellow, and after being cooked, turn black; vegetables boiled until dry in aluminum are covered with a light "frost", or powder; lemonade made in aluminum has a very bad taste; butterscotch pie filling boiled five minutes, then stirred five minutes in an aluminum dish, will turn from a rich brown to a dark green color; cabbage boiled in aluminum turns the dish black; one's hands will get black simply from carrying an aluminum tray in a cafeteria; the hotter and cleaner the tray, the blacker one's hands become; tomatoes, apple sauce or rhubarb boiled in aluminum five minutes will make the aluminum dish bright and clean; the aluminum dish in which cherries are boiled and allowed to stand twelve hours will be full of little pits or holes, apparently eaten in; jello allowed to cool and stand in an aluminum dish eighteen hours tastes bitter. More tests are suggested by Doctor Betts, of Toledo. See under *Ohio.*

Although he would far rather we should keep silent about it, Dr. H. A. McGuigan, professor

of pharmacology and therapeutics in the University of Illinois, at Evanston, made statements which were published in his books, as follows, pertaining to the matter of ingested aluminum compounds:

When aluminum compounds are taken internally, the action is due to chemical local action on the stomach and intestines, the acid liberated upon the union of metal and protein penetrating to the tissues with an astringent effect. The local reactions are loss of appetite, pain and discomfort, nausea, vomiting, purging, congestion, hemorrhages resulting from irritant and corrosive action. Ulcers may result from bacterial action on dead tissue.

Plenty of Illinois Evidence

There is plenty of Illinois evidence that aluminum is of no good for humans. Dr. Wm. H. Burt, M.D., Chicago, in his book *Physiological Materia Medica,* says that alumina produces great dryness of the secretions of the mucous membranes and most profound prostration of the animal nervous system.

A. C. Cowperthwaite, M.D., Ph.D., LL.D., in his *Materia Medica and Therapeutics,* says, "Alumina affects directly the motor nervous system, giving a paralytic condition, but it shows its most specific action upon the mucous membranes, and of these the intestinal and vaginal are principally involved."

Dr. Harry G. Wells, pathologist of the University of Chicago, states: "My opinion is that aluminum compounds are poisonous to all forms of life, including the higher animals."

Dr. P. L. Clark, M.D., has done much good broadcasting over WWAE the truth as to how aluminum has been and is breaking down the health of the people. It is a wonder somebody has not killed him before now for some of the truthful things he says about some of the humbugs of our time. He fired all aluminum out of his hospital, after which a persistent poisoning of his own body soon cleared up.

Dr. Wm. Held, of Chicago, was one of the first of the M.D.'s to get his eyes open to the evils of aluminum utensils, and has written powerful articles on the subject. See his "Disease and Early Grave via the Modern Kitchen", published in *The Golden Age* No. 213, issue of November 16, 1927.

Indiana, Iowa, Italy

After the death of twelve-year-old Helen May Oliver, of Indianapolis, from alleged appendicitis and a ruptured stomach, Dr. Julia C. Eberle visited the home and found that the only cooking utensil in the home was a perforated aluminum kettle in which the food of the family was prepared. Another of the family nearly died. It was a clear case of aluminum poisoning.

G. Y. McCormick, of Indiana and other places, points out that no other metal oxidizes as fast as aluminum, that one never sees aluminum flatirons, because they would ruin clothes, and that it just does not seem like common sense to cook in something that smuts off so rapidly, albeit the rust is gray rust instead of the red color associated with iron.

Aluminum bases on electric sweepers have been discontinued because they turned light-colored rugs dark. Some people have much more consideration for their rugs than they do for their stomachs.

Mrs. W. Carnes, of Iowa, writes that she used to doctor all the time, but has not had a physician since she quit using aluminum utensils. Victor C. Myers, professor at the University of Iowa, has the truth on this subject.

W. V. Daniel, of Iowa, writes: "For five years I had terrible pains in my stomach, and for the greater part of that time I was unable to eat oranges, lemons or green onions, but within one month after discontinuing the use of aluminum cooking vessels I could eat anything, and within one year I could walk without a cane, two of which I had been compelled to use for over five years."

Alum, indispensable in the dyeing of fabrics, is not so indispensable to the human stomach. For centuries the European alum industry was under exclusive papal control, and when a Britisher found a supply of the mineral in Yorkshire he was solemnly and vigorously cursed by the "pope".

Kansas, Kentucky, Kenya

Some years ago Bennington, Kansas, had a Memorial Day poisoning. Fifteen persons were made seriously ill by eating good food which was spoiled by being cooked in new aluminum cooking utensils, allowed to stand in them and warmed in them. Not a word of this got into the papers. Even the local papers refused to print the truth about it when brought to their attention.

Mrs. E. Maercker, of Kansas, injured in an automobile accident, nearly died of aluminum

poisoning because all the food in the hospital where she stayed was cooked in aluminum. We do not know whether Mrs. Maercker was cared for at the Bell Memorial hospital, Kansas City, Kansas. Sixty-five persons were recently stricken there by what we believe to be due to food cooked in aluminum and allowed to stand in the vessels in which it was cooked. An official of the hospital said, "We use a great number of aluminum cooking utensils in this hospital." If interested in keeping people sick we should wish to go into the hospital business and use aluminum utensils exclusively.

J. A. Fehr, of Kansas, hardware merchant, ceased selling aluminum utensils, his most profitable line, after discontinuing their use in his own home and taking note of the improved condition of his health and that of his family. A customer, similarly benefited, earnestly urged him to accept $5 compensation for his advice that, to end her stomach troubles, she use some other kind of utensils for but thirty days.

At Kansas City, Kansas, out of 554 guests at a banquet, all the food for which was carefully selected by experts and cooked in brand new aluminum ware, 150 persons became ill within twenty-four hours: a typical aluminum poisoning case.

Mrs. Maude H. Carder, of Kansas, ordered to submit to an immediate exploratory operation, as a last desperate effort stopped cooking in aluminum, and immediately began to get well.

Miss Eva Wynn, sixteen years of age, died at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, when 33 others were made desperately ill from eating food left in an aluminum receptacle. After the death the college authorities ordered all aluminum dishes removed and white enamel ware substituted.

Edward B. Crawford, of Kentucky, pioneer, and his partner, were both made ill from eating a fine chicken, specially baked for them in an aluminum dish by Jonadabs, who intended to be only a blessing to them.

Mary F. Myers, of Kentucky, found that birds refused to use an aluminum basin for their bath, but when she substituted one of galvanized iron, of the same size and shape, they came in flocks, enjoying it immensely.

In Kenya, darkest Africa, the natives refuse to have their food cooked in aluminum, preferring to carry infinitely heavier iron vessels for miles.

Louisiana, Maine, Manitoba, Maryland

At a picnic at Little Woods, Louisiana, 22 New Orleans young people were made deathly ill by drinking punch from an aluminum bucket.

Fred F. Dearborn, of Maine, was nearly dead from stomach and liver trouble, and so low he was unable to leave the house. After throwing his aluminum cooking kettles on the dump he regained his health and was able to return to work. One year when the bees did not have enough honey he fed twelve swarms with sugar dissolved in an aluminum pitcher; every one of these swarms died. Saddest of all, he had a dear little boy who lived just 28 days because his milk was always warmed in an aluminum cup.

Alden McGrath, of Maine, was continuously under medical care for alleged nervous indigestion, renal stones and sinus troubles, but all of these "imaginary" difficulties cleared up completely when he discontinued the use of aluminum ware.

Charles Tovey, of Manitoba, seriously injured by a premature blast, bought a new aluminum kettle in which to sterilize the water and cotton with which to bathe his injured eyes. Infection arose and three operations were necessary, but when the aluminum vessel was no longer used the eyes began to get better at once.

Mrs. O. B. Holbrunner, of Maryland, writes that her father, continuously ill for thirteen years, during all of which time aluminum ware was used exclusively in the home, was alleged to have cancer of the stomach, but, as he was 73 years of age, it was thought not best to operate. However, she threw away her aluminum ware and bought enamel ware in its place; her father got well and the "cancer" disappeared.

May Berg, of Maryland, writes that two beautiful Troller or Chesapeake ducking puppies went on a strike for twenty-four hours and absolutely refused to touch a nourishing meal specially prepared for them in an aluminum utensil. They turned down a fine meal of meat, vegetables and corn meal, but greedily devoured plain corn-meal mush and milk cooked in a vessel fit for the purpose.

Massachusetts Wholesale Poisonings

Despite the wise counsel of Dr. Edward S. Wood, of Harvard Medical School, and Professor Lewis B. Allyn, town chemist, of Westfield, the citizens of Massachusetts hold to their inalienable right to kill themselves in whatever

way they elect, and so we have the wholesale poisonings such as occurred at the Ford plant at Somerville, 60 persons ill, and that at Natick, 74 persons ill, the latter poisoned at a unity church supper from choice chickens, prepared by an expert cook, cooked in an aluminum kettle and kept in it until the hour for the poisoning had arrived, because it was the only dish available that was big enough. By the way, it is now almost impossible to get the good old-fashioned iron pots, the iron from which not only did not harm the user, but actually benefited him.

The Institute of Technology of Massachusetts, under the direction of Prof. S. C. Prescott, made a three-year examination at a cost of $30,000, to determine why coffee becomes poisonous when made in certain utensils. He examined coffee made in aluminum, glass, earthenware and enamels. His verdict was that coffee made in the metal container so commonly used in our homes today has a "disagreeable", "puckery," "bitter," or "metallic" taste. He found that a certain corrosion remaining inside the pot goes into the next brew, producing a form of metal coffee poisoning. He found nothing but scorn for the ordinary coffee percolator because it is universally made of metal. The professor examined only one metal (aluminum). He made his findings entirely upon "metal" containers; so he very carefully concealed the word "aluminum".

J. V. Pelletier, of Massachusetts, took treatments at the Massachusetts General Hospital, for bladder and kidney trouble, without getting any results, but when he quit drinking coffee made in an aluminum coffeepot he got well.

An aluminum salesman told H. W. Newcomb, of Massachusetts, that when he drank in the morning a portion of liquor that had been left overnight in an aluminum shaker he became so ill he thought he was going to die.

Michigan Poisonings Also

The sovereign citizens of Michigan feel that if Massachusetts people can ignore the advice of such men as Dr. Wood and Prof. Allyn, there is no reason why they cannot also ignore the similar advice of their own Dr. Victor C. Vaughan, doctor of philosophy and medicine, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Lewis V. Heilbrunn, Ph.D., of the same university, and Dr. Wm. Koch, of the Koch Cancer Foundation of America, Detroit, and have such poisonings also.

Of 75 persons who attended a picnic at Ionia, Michigan, 18 were confined to their beds, too ill to talk at the time the "investigation" was undertaken to find out why they were ill.

Mrs. Mary E. Lovette, of Michigan, often had to resort to pain pills for continual sore throat, stomach, bowel and bladder trouble, and nearly died from an ailment diagnosed as "gallstones" caused by eating cabbage cooked in an aluminum kettle. When she discarded all aluminum ware, also alum baking powders, she recovered completely.

Harry E. Childs, of Michigan, is sorry his mother died of cancer, caused by aluminum poisoning. He did have a fine set of aluminum, but dumped it all overboard.

Mrs. M. McGregor, of Michigan, found she could give her husband sore mouth by encouraging him to drink hot tea and coffee from an aluminum cap on his thermos bottle, but when a porcelain cup was substituted the fun was all over and the man got well.

Thomas Kiner, of Michigan, traveled to Florida in a house-car equipped with nice bright aluminum utensils, and came back a wreck; but when the new kitchen outfit was ditched he got well right away.

Mrs. Thos. Wilson, of Michigan, nonuser of aluminum utensils, went visiting for one day, with her three children accompanying her. All who went were made alarmingly ill from eating foods cooked in aluminum. Her nursing baby suffered with a rash covering the entire body.

Mrs. J. A. Thum, of Michigan, spent hundreds of dollars to rid herself of neuritis, pains in neck and head, but found no cure until she ditched her aluminum utensils. Now she and her husband are enjoying the best of health and have had no medicine in the house for three years. She says: "We never eat in restaurants or at the homes of friends that use aluminum. After eating candy, ice cream with flavoring boiled in aluminum, or popcorn popped in aluminum I can feel the effects in thirty minutes, and for a day or two have an exhausted feeling and feel very irritable."

At Hubbardston, Michigan, Mrs. Edward Proctor cooked a duck and packed it, still warm, in a closed aluminum container. When she, her husband, her son, Lola Proctor and Mary Feehan, ate the duck in the berry patch, where they worked, it nearly killed them all.

(*To be continued*)

Events in Canada *By Our Canadian Correspondent*

THE government's probe of the spread in price between manufacturer and consumer under what is known as the "Stevens' Price Spreads Committee" has brought much to light concerning the corruption, oppression and graft of big business, making more manifest the need of a complete change in the commercial structure. The following are two interesting reports appearing in the *Mail and Empire* of Toronto:

The biggest incomes for industrial executives ever made public in Canada were revealed today when the Stevens' price spreads committee disclosed that four Imperial Tobacco Company officers divided approximately $1,491,000 between them during the five years 1929 to 1933 inclusive.

D. C. Patterson, former president of the company and now chairman of the board of directors, topped the list with a total of $469,094 during the five-year period. In 1930, his best year, Mr. Patterson received $142,087 in salary and bonus. As chairman of the board, he received only $10,000 in 1933, but in the four previous years, as president, the company paid him an average of $114,773 a year.

While the committee room crowd breathlessly leaned forward to hear, Norman Sommerville, special committee counsel, read figures showing that in these five years Gray Miller, now president of the company, averaged $68,989 a year, while two vice-presidents, W. H. P. Buell and C. D. M. Townsend, had $67,695 a year each.

Sam Factor, Toronto Liberal, produced a report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics stating that in 1930 the 7,215 men and women employed in the tobacco industry had received an average of $689 a year each. He asked Mr. Miller, who was on the witness stand, to affirm or deny this.

The Imperial president replied that he had not the information but would get it. He was subsequently requested to produce full data as to tobacco factory wages. Mr. Factor claimed that girls making nickel cigars by machine were paid only 75 cents a thousand.

According to Mr. Sommerville's statement, five percent of the net profits of the Imperial Tobacco Company are divided among the president, the vice-presidents and directors, the proportions being determined by the president and vice-presidents. Thus, besides his salary of $40,000 a year, Mr. Patterson as president received in 1929 a bonus of $75,744, making a total income of $115,744 for the year. In subsequent years he received the following: 1930, bonus, $102,087, total income, $142,087; 1931, bonus, $67,364, total, $107,364; and 1932, bonus, $53,899, total, $93,899. He retired as president and became chairman of the board on January 1, 1933, then receiving $10,000 salary and no bonus.

Mr. Miller listened silently while his own salary and bonuses were then read out by Mr. Sommerville. The salary remained throughout at $25,000 a year. The bonuses and totals were: 1929, bonus, $45,446, total income, $70,446; 1930, bonus, $61,253, total, $86,253; 1931, bonus, $40,419, total, $65,419; 1932, bonus, $32,339, total, $57,339; 1933, bonus, $40,487, total, $65,487.

The Perils (?) of Free Speech

With six of Jehovah's witnesses sent up for trial in Quebec, charged with having part in a seditious conspiracy, and the more recent trial of one, A. E. Smith, charged with having used seditious language, it seems Canadian authorities are suffering somewhat from hysteria. Speaking of the Smith case the Toronto *Star* editorially says:

After a protracted trial on a charge of having used seditious language A. E. Smith, general secretary of the Canadian Labor Defense League, was found not guilty by the jury and discharged by Chief Justice Rose. The case now being thus disposed of we feel free to say that we think the prosecution of Mr. Smith on the charge of sedition was ill-advised on the part of the authorities and seemed to have its origin in the activity of policemen rather than in the sound consideration of the matter by authorities more competent in handling the affairs of the crown.

If Mr. Smith in his speech had said anything about Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett that was unlawful for one man to say of another, he could have been prosecuted for slander. The laws are there, and the courts are available. Why should it be regarded as seditious to attack Mr. Bennett and not seditious to attack Hon. H. H. Stevens or Hon. R. C. Matthews? Is it to be considered seditious to attack a party leader one year when he holds office and not seditious the next year when he is out of office?

The address of Chief Justice Rose explaining the law of sedition and the nature of the language that is to be construed as seditious was an exceedingly able deliverance, and nobody could hear or read it without admiring its lucid reasoning on an elusive subject. It is quite evident that sedition is a crime rather beyond the capacity of a policeman on his beat to cope with. The best-trained minds in the service of the crown can alone be entrusted with the task of dealing with it. Nor is it a crime likely to be met with around every corner. There have been very few cases of it in Canada, and we feel sure there will be few. It can be nobody's desire to have it on the police court docket every morning.

If it is seditious on the part of a public speaker to seek to "bring the government into contempt" Mr. Bennett was highly seditious four years ago, and Mr. Mackenzie King is likely to be equally so this year. It was natural enough a hundred years or more ago

that the governments of that day should write into the law a definition of sedition that would tend to silence criticism by the people of those who ruled over them. Government, then, was conducted apart from the people. The reforms of 1832 brought great changes. The "sedition" law needs to be brought forward a century or two. There is nothing sacred or divine about a parliamentary administration in these days. It has behind it the ballot boxes of the country. The electors who made the Mackenzie King administration in turn made the R. B. Bennett administration, and in the process of making one and then the other the electors did a great deal of criticizing, censuring and attacking and, in unmaking the present government, will do plenty more of it. Prosecutions for sedition, heresy, witchcraft, will not avail to prevent it.

The law against sedition needs to be brought into conformity with the realities of democratic life. A few years ago the minimum penalty for sedition was twenty years, but Parliament reduced it to two years. Why not redraft the clause on right lines? This is something that needs to be written. Section 98 (a war measure still in force), on the other hand, needs to be unwritten and removed altogether, as those statutory provisions which formerly occupied its place were ample for every right and proper purpose needing to be served.

Grasshopper Statesmen Confused

With the prime minister of Canada, Mr. Bennett, striving to reduce wheat production, and the premier of Saskatchewan, Mr. Anderson, planning to destroy the grasshoppers, we find a situation here somewhat hard to understand. *The Furrow* sarcastically says:

We have said it before and we say it again, that Bennett and Anderson should get together and come to a decision as to whether the grasshoppers were sent by Providence to assist in wheat reduction or to increase the market for poison; whether the government should appropriate some funds for grasshopper hatcheries or for tractors to plow the eggs down. It is embarrassing for good citizens to see the federal and provincial heads of governments working one against the other.

Dividing the Lord's Property

"The secret of the snows" may have more meanings than one, it would seem from the following appearing in the Saskatoon *Star Phoenix:*

A grim and silent war, which has already cost the lives of many men, is being waged by Canada and Soviet Russia for the possession of a vast snow-covered empire in the Arctic.

The prize is supremacy over 2,000,000 square miles of land and a mastery of secrets which may revolutionize the future of the world. The battle is being waged, not by troops and guns, but by groups of intrepid explorers and scientists.

Until recently the Arctic was regarded as a land of frozen waste. Today it is known that some of the so-called barren lands are among the richest in the world.

Oil, gold, silver, lead, zinc, coal, radium, great reserves of fish, game and timber are being found in increasing quantities. It has been learned, too, that in the Arctic are the solutions of many weather problems which have so far baffled meteorologists.

Many of the discoveries made to date have been made on land already in Canadian or Soviet territory. But hitherto unknown islands are now being found by each country and quietly annexed. Airplane bases, settlements and methods of communication with the outside world are being established; for it is believed that the nation which can control the Arctic may in time dominate the world's mineral supplies and monopolize highly important air routes between Europe and the Far East.

The battle for possession of the Arctic was started five years ago when Stalin decreed that "the Arctic must become Soviet Arctic", and ordained a five-year plan for the purpose.

Canada took up the challenge. Since then both countries have accomplished miracles in the vast Arctic wastes, which hitherto had been regarded as useless and uninhabitable.

Russia's five-year plan has just ended, and a report has been issued showing what she has achieved in the polar regions during the past few years. This is what the Russians have done:

'Sailed from the Arctic coast of Russia, down through the Bering Straits and into Vladivostok in one season—a feat never before accomplished.

'Covered 50,000 miles by sea, 40,000 miles by land, and 16,000 miles by air.

'Established towns on land hitherto regarded as uninhabitable. One of these is Igarka, which already has 15,000 inhabitants, and holds the key to the Kara sea, one of the most important areas in the Arctic.

'Increased, by systematic migration, the population of another key position, the island of Novaya Zemlya, and organized it on military lines.

'Mapped and plotted navigation routes along the whole of Russia's northern borders.

'Established on Franz Josef Land the most northerly radio station in the world. It is powerful enough to communicate with the Antarctic.

'Settled a permanent post on Wrangel Island.'

Canada's activities in the Arctic have been less spectacular than those of Russia, but just as successful.

Canada is not driving whole populations into remote territories, but is concentrating on extending her knowledge of the geography of the Arctic. Year by year she is increasing her hold.

The population of the 1,258,217 square miles of land

which Canada has taken over is less than 13,000, but she knows every inlet of their country, and has established for their benefit a vast wireless network.

Already Canada is working the most northerly mines in the world. In a short time she will be selling radium from the shores of the Great Bear lake.

Recently she established a regular air service farther north than Russia has yet attempted.

To insure food supplies, her scientists are now working in laboratories in Ottawa to produce wheat which will germinate in a far shorter period than any yet evolved, and enable grain to be grown well within the Arctic circle.

One of the most remarkable treks in history has just been finished. Four years ago the Canadian government bought 3,000 reindeer from the United States, and has just moved the whole herd from Alaska to the mouth of the Mackenzie river, to form the basis of supplies of food and clothing for a possible great population.

Every year Canada sends ships to visit her settlement in the Arctic, with relief doctors, hospital supplies and the like.

Canada has another secret. In the Far North there are mighty rivers, which are ice-free for short periods. She intends to harness these for electric power.

Movie Short-Cut to Insanity

That movies are very detrimental to the nervous system of children seems apparent from the following report appearing in the Toronto *Star:*

The youth of a nation sees heroes and heroines of the screen commit crimes of housebreaking, kidnaping, robbery and even murder, and few, almost none, of these movie stars "ever suffer much more than to go to the grave of their mother and kneel down and weep", claims Mrs. Robbins Gillman, president of the Federal Motion Picture Council of America, in a statement released today by the Local Council of Women's committee on cinema and radio.

Motion pictures, according to detailed study made by Mrs. Gillman, are "based largely on sex, love and crime".

"We are not advocating the prohibition of these things in motion pictures," stated Mrs. Gillman, "but we are asking that the treatment of the subject material be such that youth need not be overfed with a more mature treatment of them than they are able to assimilate and interpret to their own good."

In the United States, according to Mrs. Gillman, 28,000,000 people under 21 years of age are attending motion pictures once or twice a week.

In Canada the comparative figure is estimated to be 32 percent of the country's population.

"We have obtained a definite picture of the children who have been admitted into institutions for delinquency," Mrs. Gillman's report reads, "and we find that they have attended motion pictures on the average seven times a week. It takes about $350 to $500 a year to take care of each of these children, and that alone makes it an economic question."

Heart beats among children, which ordinarily run from about 72 to 80 beats to the minute, ran up as high as 194 during the showing of pictures, Mrs. Gillman disclosed. "When one boy of 16 saw a picture it ran his heart up from 80 to 154. It was 72 hours before his heart action became normal, and he could not sleep for a whole week."

Rome's Devilish Heart Never Changes

While little is said in the press of the terrible abuse of Indians and others under Catholic control, nevertheless from time to time it comes to the surface and is made known. Concerning the lashing of some Indian boys, the *Family Herald* says:

Displaying nasty scars apparently marks of a lash, nineteen Indian boys claim they were stripped to the waist and whipped by officials of the Indian Reservation school at Shubenacadie, N. S.

Ten of the boys, escaping from the institution, brought the story to the office of the Indian Agent, Allison McDonald, who immediately reported the complaint to the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, and to the Department of the Attorney-General of Nova Scotia.

"The Indians of Shubenacadie are up in arms, and I hardly know what to do with them," declared the Indian Agent.

The flogging of the children, allegedly to wring from among them confession of those who had stolen $53, is now under investigation at Ottawa.

The Department of the Interior have communicated with Rev. Father J. P. Mackey, principal of the institution, asking for more complete information than he had originally sent them. Rev. Father Mackey said that he had been present during the flogging, and had some part in it. He said he did not consider the treatment unusually severe. The beatings had not been administered as punishment, he said, but to elicit information about the missing money.

McDonald, the Indian Agent, stated the punishment was meted out to the lads because one of them had stolen a sum of money from one of the "Sisters of Charity". This, he declared, is the excuse offered for what he termed the "brutal treatment of the Indian boys".

Indians of the reservation were enraged, he said. They were demanding redress and the removal of Rev. Father Mackey. Some of the parents, he declared, were taking steps to remove their children from the home.

Five of the ten boys who escaped from the school, Mr. McDonald stated, showed heavy scars on their backs, and they were examined by Dr. McInnes, Shubenacadie doctor. The boys' parents had been

notified, and they, too, admitted that they had noticed the nasty marks on the bodies of their children.

The flogging is alleged to have been done by Edward McLeod, caretaker of the institution, and in the presence of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer. Indians on the reservation have raised a fund of $25 for legal assistance in probing the whole situation. An appeal has gone out to the Indian reservations at Truro and elsewhere, asking for moral and financial support in contesting their claims.

The Indian Agent said that the whipping has not only incensed Indians, but that the townspeople of Shubenacadie and Truro were stirred up over the affair. From ten to twenty strokes of the lash were given to the boys, ranging from 6 to 20 years old, the agent said.

The Barometers of Trade

Speaking of the Canadian National Railway the Edmonton *Bulletin* says:

The following table showing the number of men employed on the National Railways and the wages received gives a viewpoint of the changes which have taken place in the last few years:

Year	Average Number of Employees	Compensation
1929	111,383	$177,037,682
1930	101,046	159,980,994
1931	91,416	139,784,630
1932	76,616	106,911,608
1933	70,625	95,632,076

That is the story, in figures, of what has happened to the C.N.R. It is also a statistical representation of what has happened to Canada. It is still true that the railways are the "barometers of trade".

Sorrows of Newfoundland

The contrast of the wealth and luxury of the ruling class with the masses' is somewhat brought to light in the following news item from Newfoundland appearing in the Edmonton *Bulletin:*

Cold official figures reveal widespread distress among Newfoundland's population. The rows of neatly tabulated statistics, to the casual reader, tell nothing of suffering among a poverty-stricken people, of hunger and want; but behind them lies the grim truth that close to one-third the population of Newfoundland received the dole during March.

The statistics were released by the Department of Health and Public Welfare. Here, in brief, is the story they tell: About 84,000 persons were on the dole in March. It cost the country $136,879.59 to maintain them. The total cost of the dole for the first nine months of the current fiscal year has been $734,189.30.

What the figures do not tell is how 84,000 persons managed to live on $136,879.59 for a month. Arithmetic reduces it to $1.63 per person per month. Many found partial sustenance through the fishery, or through farming. But for many more this sum must have represented, in terms of dollars and cents, food for a month.

"Little short of appalling," the St. John's *Daily News* terms the situation. And it points out that the island's new commission has been brought up, at the outset, against a "stupendous" problem. It is more than an economic issue, the paper says; it is a psychological issue. "Thousands of people who have been unable to find work or have worked and met with misfortune are now so discouraged that they have sunk into an apathy from which they must now be roused."

But progress is being made. The statistics show that the number of persons on relief in March was less than in the same month last year. The total dropped from around 86,000 to 84,000. At the same time, the cost was reduced from $151,878.98 to $136,879.59.

Over the nine-month period, also, the cost decreased. The $734,189.30 for the first nine months of the present fiscal year compares with $767,871.79 for the same period in the preceding fiscal year. Through the months, the decrease in the number of persons receiving the dole has been slow, but steady.

For March, the cost per head was highest in Fogo, Trinity South and Placentia West. In Fogo, more than half the population were on relief. The figures said 50.07 [percent], and Trinity South was only a few decimal points behind, with 49.59 [percent] of the district's people on the list. Placentia West had 49.05 percent of its residents on the relief rolls.

The average was smallest in the big St. Barbe district, stretching from the island's northernmost tip halfway down the western coast. Here, only 7.60 percent of the outport people accepted government aid. St. John's came next. Just 11 percent of the capital's population received relief.

Officials Polite? Why? When? Where? How?

Under the heading "Tales of the Border" the Toronto *Globe* editorially says:

Commuters from Canada to the United States will wonder what has come over Uncle Sam's Immigration officials at border points. At Detroit on Monday they had a cheery "Good morning!" for Windsor folk going over to their work. One official, in an excess of cordiality referred smilingly to "our cousins over the river". All the old gruff manner cultivated by the Immigration official had disappeared during the night.

Of equal interest is the news that Uncle Sam has ordered it so. Through the proper channels the instruction has filtered down to the man at the gate "to wear a smile and extend the glad hand to visitors from Canada". Perhaps Lincoln's Birthday celebrations and rehearsals of the Gettysberg speech had something to do with it. Henceforth "All men are

created equal" may include Canadian commuters.

Anyway, it is a nice gesture, and there should be a change also in the methods of the Canadian Immigration officer.

Optimists will see in this cordiality at the border a hint that there may be in the mind of Uncle Sam some thought of freer trade with Canada. And, as a preliminary, why not "wear a smile and extend the glad hand to visitors from Canada"? Get the people along the border on good terms, and gradually better feeling will seep back to the dark interiors of both countries.

The man in the White House has a new way of doing things; he knows the value of the smile and the glad hand—and he may have had something to do with an order that has achieved what had been regarded as almost impossible—made an Immigration officer greet a Canadian commuter with a cordial "Good morning". These "tales of the border" may be significant.

The Douglas Plan Still Alive

The scandalous conditions prevailing in the financial and industrial organization is causing many to give much thought to better and sounder methods of distributing the wealth of the nation to the people. In this regard the following from the Toronto *Star* is interesting:

Those who read the press reports of the arguments of Major C. H. Douglas, the British economist, before the committee on banking and currency at Ottawa this week will have found some of his remarks hard to follow unless the reader is already familiar with Douglas' ideas concerning money.

To no previous generation has straight thinking on money been so important as it is to ours.

It is imperative, if we ever hope to peacefully solve the great question of the more equitable distribution of wealth, that new conceptions of money should be dispassionately discussed and understood before accepting or rejecting them.

The report of the Ottawa hearing, as carried by the *Star* on Tuesday, said that during his two-hour examination Douglas remained unshaken in his principal argument "that monetization by the people is no more dangerous than monetization by the banks".

Douglas defines money simply as "tickets" or claims on goods.

A railway ticket is only a claim on a train ride and a seat, but money is a claim on almost anything in the community.

It is not wealth itself, but it is a claim on wealth.

Under our present monetary system the privilege of issuing most of the tickets we use for money is granted to private banks, which lend them out at interest, thus making a profit on them.

Douglas argues that, since the purpose of these tickets issued by the banks is to enable the community to buy the goods produced by the community, there should always be enough tickets in circulation to exchange for all the goods that the people of the community need.

His quarrel with the present monetary system is that there are not nearly enough tickets for this purpose because the banks cannot issue them.

The reason the banks cannot issue them is because the number of tickets they are legally allowed to issue has, under our present system, little, if anything, to do with the goods for which they are supposed to be exchanged.

The tickets the banks can issue are limited in part by the amount of gold to which the banks happen to have claim.

This Douglas—like many other present-day economists—claims is absurd.

Douglas advocates a monetary, or ticket, system based—not on metal stored away in a vault—but on the goods that constitute the real wealth of the community, including not only the goods produced but all the nation's assets—plants, buildings, equipment and anything that has an exchange value.

If we did this, Douglas claims, there would then be enough tickets available for everybody to buy all the goods that the community produces instead of, as now, piling up surpluses of goods for which tickets cannot be found.

Major Douglas thinks that the tickets we call money should not be issued by private individuals for profit, but by the community itself, through its representative, the minister of finance or the treasury.

This is what he means by "monetization by the people".

Sanity Would Be "Dangerous"

Bankers of the old school say this would be dangerous, but Douglas could not be shaken in his argument that monetization by the people would be no more dangerous than monetization by the banks as we have it now.

The elaboration of this argument constitutes the theme of Douglas' books, in which he explains how he thinks such a system might be worked out.

Misled About Canada's Motor Road

TOM KUNST, of British Columbia, says we have been misinformed about Canada's motor road. In British Columbia only 68 miles of this road are concrete; there are patches of hard road, but much of it is dirt road, and in such poor condition last spring that heavy busses and light cars were stuck in the mud up to the running board. We don't know why anybody would wish to give out misleading information regarding a thing of this kind, but suppose the desire for summer tourists led to the misstatements of which Mr. Kunst complains and of which he claims to know the facts.

THE EIGHTH

Another of the series of short Bible talks by Judge Rutherford is here presented. These helpful talks have met with general favor. They are useful in impressing upon the mind vital Scriptural truths, discussed and analyzed in a reasonable, harmonious and understandable way. Each lecture deals with a separate and distinct subject, presenting outstanding Bible proof, with sound reasoning and a demonstration of physical fact, thus "rightly dividing the word of truth".

The subject of the lecture herewith is one which has been grossly misrepresented, and no more cheering and comforting theme could be called to the attention of those who mourn the loss of loved ones or whose hearts are oppressed as they contemplate the immense harvest which "the grim reaper" gathers daily.

The Dead *By J. F. Rutherford*

WHERE are the dead? Would you wish that question answered according to man's theory, or to have the answer as pointed out in the Bible? You will say man's answer would only be a guess, because no man has ever returned from the dead and told us where the dead are. The clergy teach the people that the dead are alive and conscious either in purgatory, in hell or in heaven. Such teaching is entirely false and is based upon Satan's lie concerning the inherent immortality of all souls.

The Scriptures declare that man is a soul and the soul that sins shall die, and that when man dies he does not know anything, has neither feeling, hearing nor any other sense. It is written, in Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10: "The living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing. . . . Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." In another scripture it is written: "For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?" (Psalm 6:5) "Like sheep they are laid in the grave." (Psalm 49:14) "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." —Psalm 115:17.

Why, in the face of these plain scriptures, do the clergymen teach the people that the dead are alive? The reason is the false teaching originated with the Devil, whose purpose is to reproach the name of Jehovah God and cause the people to walk in darkness, and the Devil has overreached the clergymen and causes them to teach false doctrines. Long ago he deceived men in the church organizations and caused these false doctrines to be taught concerning the dead; and upon the false assumption, that the dead are alive, is based the false doctrine concerning purgatory and eternal torment. If the dead are entirely unconscious, as the Scriptures show, and do not feel, and have no knowledge of any kind, then it would be impossible for them to be suffering in purgatory or in any other place.

But why is it man dies at all? The Scriptures answer that question entirely in a satisfactory manner. Adam, the first man, the father of the human race, sinned, and after he had been sentenced to death for such wrong, and while undergoing that sentence, being sick and imperfect, his children were conceived and born. For that reason all the human race inherited the imperfections of their father and were born imperfect or sinners. In Romans 5:12 it is written: "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." Ever since Adam's day men have been dying, and no man could ever get life everlasting unless Jehovah had made provision for man to live. In making this provision Jehovah God sent Jesus to earth to redeem the human race by His own lifeblood, and now God provides that every person who believes this great truth, and who obeys what is written in His law, the Bible, shall live and shall not die. For this reason it is written: "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) The only way for man to get life is through Christ Jesus; hence it is written: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (1 Corinthians 15:22) In order for man to receive the benefits of the sacrifice of Jesus and gain life he must first have a knowledge of the truth as it is written in the Bible. Of course, Satan, by deceiving the clergy and causing them to teach false doctrines, keeps the people in ignorance, but now is God's time to give the truth to those who really want to know it in order that they may get life. The

Bible contains all these truths, and at this present time God has permitted books to be written and brought to you which explain the Bible, and by the use of these books, together with your Bible, you can learn exactly what you need to know.

Since the days of Adam thousands of millions have died and gone into the grave. Not one of these has returned to earth, for the reason, they are entirely out of existence; but God has provided that in due time all the dead in their graves shall be awakened and given a knowledge of the truth in order that they may choose to follow righteousness and live. Jesus said 'all in their graves shall be awakened and come forth'. The words of Jesus are true and constitute a safe guide for man. The dead being in their graves and waiting the resurrection proves that they are entirely unconscious and know not anything.

[The foregoing lecture is one of a series of eighteen, recorded on nine phonograph records which may be used on any disc phonograph. The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society has made arrangements to effect a wide distribution of these instructive and helpful Bible talks in this form, and numerous inquiries testify to the interest that has been awakened in this method of refreshing the mind while resting from labor and spending a quiet hour with neighbors and friends. As the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society is a non-profit organization, the records can be placed in the hands of those interested on a wider scale than would otherwise be possible. Inquiries regarding these records should be addressed to the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., and not to us.]

Items from Jehovah's witnesses

First Steps in Christianity (?)

SOME people in North Fairfield, Huron county, Ohio, are taking their first steps in "Christianity". Two of Jehovah's witnesses had their trailer parked there for two months. Toward the close of the second month, while one of the witnesses was asleep in the trailer, the embryo Christians of the community tipped it over and set fire to it. The sleeper had to break a glass out of the door to escape with his life. The witnesses lost everything, trailer, books, clothing, all. Some of the embryo Christians were heard to say that they could have saved the car, but said instead, "Let it burn, and in this way we shall get rid of them." Another good way would have been to shoot the witnesses, or crucify them, as was done with the faithful and true Witness, Christ Jesus, but the North Fairfield embryo Christians did not seem to think of that. The authorities did nothing about apprehending those that burned the car and attempted the murder of the witness who escaped with his life. The town is very religious; one of the clergy of the community offered to beat up one of the witnesses, but changed his mind. Perhaps he was the one who arranged the more pleasant method that was used. The people of North Fairfield are a very tolerant people, so those who tipped over the trailer say.

Barry Opposed to Idolatry

GERALD BARRY, of Canada, not wishing further to honor the sun god on Sunday, the moon on Monday, Saturn on Saturday, Woden on Wodensday, Friga on Friday, Zeus on Tuesday, and Thor on Thursday, and being further uneasy about wishing to honor the god Janus in January, the heathen festival of expiation in February, the god of war in March, the goddess Maia in May, the goddess Juno in June, and perhaps even shying at Julius Cæsar's hold on July and Augustus Cæsar's grip on August, is in favor of throwing the whole thing overboard and designating the years, months and days by number, as is often done in the Scriptures. Moreover, he cites the command, "Ye shall destroy the names of them [the false gods] out of that place." (Deuteronomy 12:3) He takes comfort in the thought that when Armageddon comes along all this rubbish will be cleaned out; and so do we. Meantime there is confusion, because the British, when they write July 11, 1934, put it in logical sequence, 11-7-34, while we Americans mix it all up by writing it 7-11-34. Our course is wrong and theirs is right. But it is like their sticking to the left side of the road and our holding to the right. It seems as if only the Lord could straighten out such a peculiar tangle.

Not Quite Stationary

THE human race is almost stationary, but not quite. The first locomotive was referred to as a monster which navigated by a tail of smoke and sulphur; the railroad itself was a devil. Steam power in the navy would cause the sailors to be boiled alive. Coal gas for lighting was a pestilential innovation and a grand folly to such men as Napoleon and Sir Walter Scott. In 1845 it was unlawful to bathe in a bathtub in Boston except on medical advice. The first cargo of sodium nitrate to reach England from Chile was thrown into the sea. The first bananas shipped to London could not be given away; the first potatoes were denounced as injurious to society; the first tomatoes were supposed to be injurious morally. In the face of all this we still have people who believe in three gods that are the same yet one is the father of himself and the other the son of himself; we have others that believe that infinite love is expressed by an arrangement that would torture the helpless through all eternity for a thing that was done centuries before they were born; and we have others that pay their fellow men to use their influence with a woman, and to urge her to use her influence with her son, who in turn will use it with his father, so that he will grant release from fires that would cook anybody to a cinder in a few minutes. And then, too, we have vaccination and toxoids, and people who can do sums in arithmetic and yet are so foolish as to believe that the interest system, once called usury, is all right, and that nothing will happen to a civilization that claims to be Christian, yet at the same time would throw Christ into prison if He dared show His head or proclaim His doctrines.

Foreglimpses of the Coming Day

OCCASIONALLY the Lord grants foreglimpses of the coming day, and such seems to be the case with regard to Mrs. Mary Anne Elliott, 75 years of age, of Beaverton, Ontario. Partially blind, she is regaining her sight, her gray hair is turning brown, and she is cutting a complete new set of teeth. Eleven of these have already come through the gums, and Mrs. Elliott has discarded the set of false teeth she has used for years. Of similar interest is the case of Mrs. Margaret Kurzewska, St. Mary's Home, Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The lady is now 71 years of age and she also is cutting a new set of teeth.

Is It True that "They Satisfy"?

AMERICA'S best artists have prostituted their art. The most attractive feminine faces and figures are represented as interested in cigarette smoking. Actually it is not true; for the most attractive women have no use for the stinking weed. Recently in Yugoslavia a miner deep down in the bowels of the earth disobediently and furtively lit a cigarette. The explosion that followed killed him and 146 of his fellow miners, and was felt for twelve miles around. The tobacco manufacturers and the artists are entitled to their full share of the credit for this explosion.

Zaro Agha Dead at Last

ZARO AGHA, born in 1774, died in Istanbul in 1934, which, if you figure it up, is 160 years. He was generally accredited with being the oldest person in the world. A German anatomist was given permission to examine his heart, lungs and brain, to make a record of the changes which sixteen decades make upon the vital parts of the human organism. Seems doubtful if this will accomplish anything of value to humanity. Quite likely Zaro himself would not have wished it done.

Too Old to Serve in Civil War

TOMMY KEMP, of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, was too old to serve in the Civil War, which began 74 years ago; he is still alive and in good health at the age of 119. He admits using some liquor and tobacco and coffee. The only reason assigned for his great age is that he walks much; and that is probably the true explanation.

Peyko Neychoffski Kickski Offski

PEYKO Neychoffski, of Katunetz, Ioxia, Bulgaria, is dead at the age of 120, in spite of his name. He left forty grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a shepherd all his life, a vegetarian, and a total abstainer from the use of alcohol. He lived mainly on milk, cheese and vegetables.

The Prohibition of the Truth

SAYS John L. Dawson, of New York: "Anyone found telling the truth is liable to fine or imprisonment, but the prohibition of the truth will have the same reaction as the prohibition of liquor had: it will be the cause of a mass of jibes and sneers against hypocrisy and will bring about the very thing it seeks to prevent."

Uncle Sam Enters the Side Door of League

UNCLE SAM has entered the side door of the League of Nations. It was all threshed out that he must not go in by the front door. The World Court was denounced as the back door; that also was barred. But Uncle Sam has finally gone in the side door, and is now a full member of the International Labor Office, which astute observers believe will mean the bringing of Japan and Germany back into the League, because, say they, Uncle Sam will now get "into the swing of the real League method for the first time".

The Alien Sailor Racket

UNDER the Alien Sailor racket it is estimated that 500,000 aliens, mostly undesirables, have entered the United States. Some paid as high as $1,000 to ship as sailors and left their ships as soon as they touched American shores. Under a new law such persons, if found, must be returned to the country of origin at the expense of the shipping company that brought them in.

Earnings Eight Times as Much

IT IS claimed that the NRA has helped Big Business at the expense of the little fellow. There seems to be some truth in it. The four hundred leading industrial corporations in 1933 had an aggregate net income of $558,000,000, which is slightly more than eight times the amount of the net income of such companies in the year 1932, while as yet the NRA was not in existence.

Highest Government Costs in 14 Years

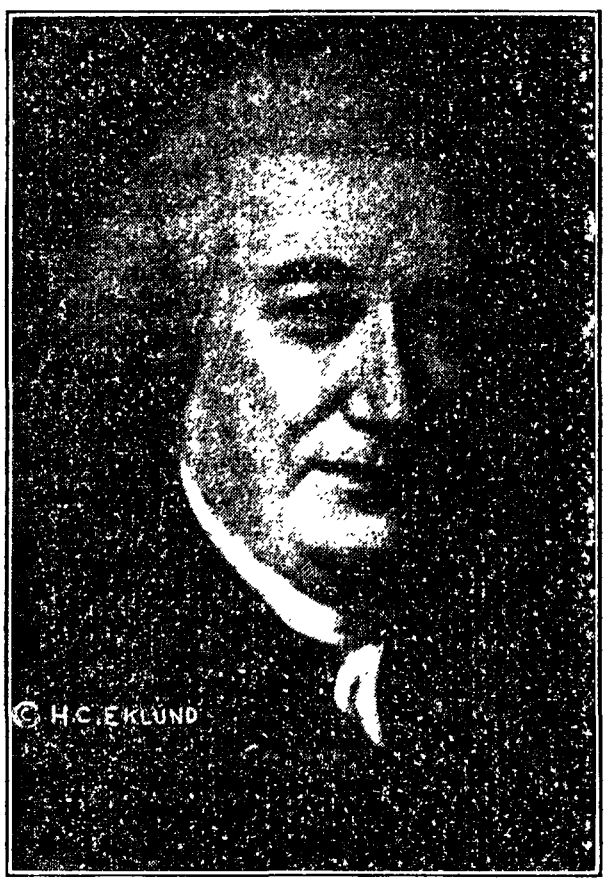
NOT blaming anybody, but merely as a matter of statistics, the Government expended over $6,000,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30; the first time this was done since 1920, when the expenditures were $6,403,000,000. Of the vast sum expended during this last fiscal year, $3,342,715,504 was for emergency purposes, in the vain effort to pull capitalism out of the abyss of interest into which it is slipping.

The Mileage Allowances

BOTH houses of Congress still allow themselves the 40c per mile, all the way from home to Washington, which was agreed upon in 1866 and which is somewhat more than four times what it actually costs. In the case of congressmen living on the Pacific coast the Solon clears more than $1,000 every time he makes the round trip. For his round trip he pays about $275 and receives in return $1,300.

John Hanson, First President

H. C. EKLUND, of Montana, calls our attention to the fact that American histories generally ignore the important item that John Hanson, of Maryland, dominant factor in Maryland's war-time activities, was selected the first president of the United States November 5, 1781, which position he filled until November 1782. Washington came and stood before him to receive the official thanks of the country for the great service he had performed in establishing its liberty. For some reason the section of Washington's diary from November 5, 1781, until the fall of the year 1784 is missing, and Mr. Eklund is of the opinion that this was the work of the same forces that are now operating to bring America under alien control. Washington himself did not become president until 1789, eight years after Hanson's election.



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British Post Office Savings Bank

THE British post office savings bank has over 10,000,000 active accounts, representing a total of over £500,000,000. This is an average of over £50 each. Anyone over seven years of age may open an account and make deposits and withdrawals; trust accounts may be opened for children of any age. An account may be opened by two or more persons jointly, or by a society or club. Deposits may be made at any savings bank post office, no matter where the account is opened. There is no limit to the balance that may be held. Bank books, home safes and stamp-savings books are provided. Withdrawals up to £3 may be made on demand at any savings bank post office. Depositors sailing on British ships can make arrangements to have money paid to them on shipboard. Interest is allowed at the rate of 2½ percent per annum. Interest begins on the first day of the month following that in which the money is deposited, and ends on the last day of the month in which the withdrawal is made. Interest earned to December 31 is added to the principal at that date. Deposits may be transferred from one account to another. Government stocks and bonds and government annuities may be purchased through the savings bank post office; the commission is at the rate of one shilling for a £10 bond.

"Men's Hearts Failing Them for Fear"

SAYS the Toronto *Daily Star:* "Do people know in what plight the world is? Do they know that twenty million people in the United States are being fed, clothed and housed at the expense of the government? Do they know that in Toronto one hundred thousand people are being fed, clothed and housed at public expense? And that in Montreal the number is larger and that the finances of that city are in a bad way? How long is it to be supposed that, under the present system, the cities of Toronto and Montreal, the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, the federal governments of Canada and the United States can go on carrying at public expense vast numbers of the population? It is a sum anybody can work out, and the answer is that it can go on for only a limited length of time. Any auditor can tell you how long. In the meantime the pretense is that we are coming around a corner and will soon be on Easy Street. But look about you. Britain and the United States are placing huge naval and air force orders—not for purposes of war, but in order to give occupation to great armies of men who are turning sour in idleness."

A True Briton at the Microphone

WHEN William Ferrie, a young workingman, was announced as a speaker who would answer a capitalist that had previously spoken over the British Broadcasting Company's system, he stepped to the microphone and said: "What I wanted to tell you has been so cut up and censored by the broadcasting corporation that it would be a travesty to give what is left. I have sent the talk to the press instead." With that he turned on his heel and left the studio, and the board of owls of the British Broadcasting Corporation is still trying to think what happened and to explain it all to the British people. The next week they guardedly announced that a talk would be given by another employee, but were "unable to say whether the address is to be given by a man or a woman".*

War Is on the Way

IN THE most matter-of-fact way the Associated Press states that "as the nations increase their armies, navies and equipment, suspicion and uneasiness grow in Europe"; and backs that statement up by detailed reports of the great increases in the fighting forces of France, Germany, Poland, Russia and Japan. The armament race is on in dead earnest, and only the power of Jehovah God can prevent another world war that would make the last one look like a child's tea party.

Baldwin Has It Right

STANLEY BALDWIN, one-time British premier, has it right when he says, "The whole tendency of a dictatorship is to squeeze out the competent and independent man and create a hierarchy accustomed to obeying."

England Plans to Rebuild

ENGLAND plans to rebuild. The program calls for the building of 300,000 new houses, and the demolition of almost as many old ones. The cost of the project is set at £165,000,000, or an average of about $2,750 per house.

* Seems reasonable, but unconvincing, especially in view of the fact that the clergy that get their stipends from London's horrible Paddington slums (or their confreres) control the British Broadcasting Company, and no thoughtful person would seriously accuse *them* of being either.—Jeremiah 30:6.

Valuable Hard Times Recipes

SAYS W. Ray Linton, of Ohio: "Having to care for a family the past few years on a very small income I give you some recipes that have helped us to live without going hungry. I find that in this locality many have eaten out of tin cans and packages for so long that they do not understand how to procure whole-wheat flour at small cost or how to prepare the many good dishes that can be made from wheat. Why buy everything in packages and tin cans? Why rack your nerves and ruin your health by drinking poisonous coffee and tea, when health-giving drinks can be produced in your own kitchen at very low cost. The recipes are as follows:

WHEAT NUTS: 3½ pints whole-wheat flour; 2 cups brown sugar; 1 teaspoon soda in milk; 1 teaspoon salt; 1 pint buttermilk (preferred) or sour milk. Mix and put in pans ¼-inch to ½-inch thick. Bake in slow oven 1½ hours; cut in narrow strips, and toast; grind coarsely; serve with milk and sugar.

WHEAT CEREAL: Cook whole-wheat flour same as rolled oats; serve with milk and sugar. When cooled, the wheat cereal may be sliced and fried the same as mush.

WHOLE-WHEAT BAKING POWDER BISCUITS: May be made by same recipes as when using white flour. Add a little sugar to suit taste; serve with molasses or with milk and sugar.

WHEAT COFFEE: Parch clean wheat until about one-half has become scorched. During the parching process remove from the oven and stir occasionally. Grind through a coffee mill.

CORN COFFEE: Treat clean shelled corn as above; however, the corn must be burned more than the wheat, to make a good drink."

Rhubarb Conserve

SAYS Mrs. Hanford B. Porter, of Connecticut: "Rhubarb conserve: Wash 4 pounds of rhubarb; peel the stalks and cut them into one-inch pieces; put in a preserving kettle (not aluminum); sprinkle with 5 pounds of sugar; add 1 pound seeded raisins, juice and grated rind of 1 lemon and 2 oranges; mix thoroughly, cover, and allow to stand for one hour. Place on stove; bring to boiling point and simmer for 45 minutes, stirring almost constantly. When done, put in jars and seal with paraffine. One pound of chopped walnuts may be added if desired, and is an improvement."

Vacuum-cooked Wheat

SAYS W. G. Coble, of New York: "Wheat may be thoroughly cooked in vacuum in two desirable ways, without overheating or oxidization. First: Wash ½ cup of wheat in hot water and pour into a one-pint vacuum bottle; fill the bottle with boiling water; cork and set away; if done in the evening the wheat is perfectly cooked and hot for breakfast. Second: Fill glass jars, those with spring-wire clamps, half full of wheat; add salt and fill with cold water; use new rubbers; clamp down the lid; boil in a washboiler which has a wire platform that lifts the cans off the bottom; cook three hours after the water begins to boil; the wheat will swell and burst and fill the jars. Wheat thus cooked can be kept for two or three years in perfect condition."

A Convenient Source of Calcium

SAYS Philip Rogers, of New York: "As chickens are provided with the iron so essential to their health by putting rusty nails in their drinking fountains, so humans are helped by something the chicken itself provides. Lime is essential for run-down men and women; it is to be found in convenient form in every kitchen. Before boiling eggs they should be washed scrupulously clean. The water in which the eggs were boiled makes an excellent health drink, used hot or cold. To make better coffee, put eggshells into the pot along with the water and the coffee, and the guest will likely ask for a second and third helping. Try this for health and good friendship."

A Good Substitute for Coffee

SAYS Mrs. Fred. Dahl, of Minnesota: "Take wheat; to each quart three tablespoons sorghum; wash the wheat; drain off the water; put the sorghum in the wet wheat and mix well. Let simmer until there is no water on the bottom of the pan; stir quite often. Put in oven and roast until it is black and dry; grind and use as coffee."

A Hint on Stove Cleaning

SAYS Alex McDowell, of New Zealand: "Take equal parts of boiled linseed oil, kerosene and vinegar, mix together, apply with a brush, and rub over afterward with a cloth. With this mixture a stove can be cleaned while the fire is in."

The Highest Waterfalls

NO ONE could see Niagara falls, 167 feet in height, without being deeply impressed by it. Illilouette, Yosemite, 370 feet; Guayra, Paraguay, 374 feet; Herval cascades, Brazil, 400 feet; Victoria falls, Southern Rhodesia, 400 feet; King George, Cape of Good Hope province, South Africa, 450 feet, and Tequndma, Colombia, 450 feet, are each more than twice as high. Skjaeggedalsios, Norway, 530 feet; Nevada, Yosemite, 594 feet; Voringfos, Norway, 600 feet; Bridal Veil, Yosemite, 620 feet, and Malletsunyane, Basutoland, South Africa, 650 feet, are each more than three times as high. Fairy, Rainier park, 700 feet; Kalambo, East Africa, 705 feet; Aurstaupene, Norway, 730 feet; Rjukan, Norway, 780 feet; Kaieteur, British Guiana, 800 feet, and Gersoppa, India, 830 feet, are each more than four times as high. Multnomah, Oregon, 850 feet; Trummelbach, Switzerland, 950 feet; Vettis, Norway, 950 feet, and Staubbach, Switzerland, 980 feet, are each more than five times as high. Widows' Tears, Yosemite, 1,170 feet; Takkakaw, British Columbia, 1,200 feet, and Slulskin, Rainier park, 1,300 feet, are each more than seven times as high. Gavarnie, France, 1,385 feet; Upper Yosemite, California, 1,430 feet, and Roraima, British Guiana, 1,500 feet, are each more than eight times as high. Ribbon falls, Yosemite, California, 1,612 feet, is more than nine times as high as Niagara falls. Sutherland, New Zealand, 1,904 feet, is more than eleven times as high; and Tugela falls, Natal, 2,200 feet, is more than thirteen times the height of the great cataract which we justly regard as one of the wonders of the world.

Glut of Money in South Africa

WITH the United States buying all the gold it can get at the highest prices in history, and with Britain welshing on its war debt, South Africa complains that it has a glut of idle money that it knows not what to do with. A Johannesburg paper claims that there is something like $150,000,000 of South African money tied up in London. Meantime, right next door, in Bechuanaland and other protectorates, Britain has intelligent natives that lack schools, training in better methods of farming, water supplies, and markets for their goods. How about spending a little of that surplus money to do the decent thing by natives?

Militarism in China

CHINA has 2,000,000 men under arms. Fifty percent of her national expenditure is for military purposes, and 40 percent goes for the amortization of debts, leaving only 10 percent for the running of the country. The men under arms do not know where they came from or how to return thither. A missionary, describing the passage of one of these armies through a village, states that when the troops came to the village they looted it thoroughly, looking for silver dollars and silks. They took all the draft animals to carry the loot. All the young women of the village were taken away, bound, on the animals. Many men were carried off as hostages, to be held for ransom. The soldiers shot and stabbed indiscriminately; the hospitals were filled with gunshot and bayonet wound cases.

Dangerous to Resign in Cuba

A GENTLEMAN in Cuba writes that the secretary of justice of the Cuban government had threatened to resign. It was feared that he might draw a large following after him and embarrass the government; so he was bumped off. Then word was spread that the secretary had committed suicide, a favorite method, in Spanish-American lands, of covering up deeds of violence. This murder, charged to the president of Cuba, is evidence that he is a coward and entirely unfitted for the duties of his high office. No man of honesty ever fears the rise of another man to power.

The Berlin Fountain of Fecundity

AT A TIME when it is significant that some in Germany are claiming that children are no longer the private property of individuals, but belong to the German nation, there has been erected in one of the largest squares in the suburbs of Berlin a statue of fecundity, consisting of a pink stone woman 18 feet high, clasping a pink stone baby to her bosom, while near her stands a pink stone bull. It would be hard to imagine a greater indignity to the Creator or to true manhood or womanhood.

Cancer Increase in Australia

DEATHS from cancer are rapidly increasing in Australia, as the use of aluminum cooking utensils comes to be more generally regarded as the normal way to cook. Wholesale poisonings are becoming of more frequent occurrences.

Bargain Day for Masses

MEMORIAL DAY, 1934, was bargain day for masses of the Sulpician Seminary, 3218 Seventh Street NE., Washington, D. C. From advertising matter that has come into our hands we note that "the souls in Purgatory ought to be very dear to us". That would seem reasonable, if there were any such place, and if there were any souls there. The question is asked, "Are we doing anything to assist them or are we forgetting them?" Then the suggestion is delicately advanced that it would be good to remember them, and a good way to do would be to return the advertising matter (so as not to have too many of such things floating around), put a list of the sinners on the back, and chip in something to help cool off the "purgatory" climate at least temporarily. At the last comes the bargain. It says, "However, if you are unable to afford an alms at this time, send in the names of your dead and your intentions anyhow. They will share in the thirty masses and be thankful to you for procuring for them a great relief." To this we add the Scripture statement, "The dead know not any thing," and this shows how absolute is their great relief, whether you send in the list or any money or not.

The Stranger at Ellis Island

IN THE Tacoma *Times* Jim Marshall tells about the stranger at Ellis Island. He was asked why he wished to enter America, and answered, "I must preach the kingdom of God: therefore am I sent." He was told he must answer all questions frankly, and replied, "There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, nor hid that shall not be known." Asked for his stand on war, he replied, "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies: do good to them which hate you." Asked for his stand on ownership of property, he replied, "Render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and unto God the things which are God's." Told that he must give his position on upholding the laws, he said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law: I came not to destroy, but to fulfill." Asked what he thinks of the capitalistic system, he replied, "When thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind, and thou shalt be blessed, for they cannot recompense thee." Then, according to Jim, the stranger was refused admission, and as he went away he said, "Whither I go ye cannot come."

The Modesty of Peter

THOSE who claim to be Peter's successor forget that when a successor was desired for Judas it was the whole assembly, and not Peter, that made the choice; it was James, not Peter, that presided over the Council at Jerusalem; Peter claims no superiority over the others; he was taken to task by Paul; it is not stated that he was ever in Rome; after Paul's conversion he found Peter in Jerusalem, not Rome, and four years later, when Paul went to Rome, Peter was still in Jerusalem. Ten years later Paul wrote his epistle to the Romans, and mentions 25 persons by name; he did not mention Peter in any way, which is proof that Peter was never in Rome. Eight years later Paul was martyred in Rome, meantime writing most of his epistles, in none of which does he anywhere mention Peter, but he does say in one of them, "Only Luke is with me." The statement that Peter was the first pope or was ever in Rome is a fable.

Martyrs' Shrine Bonds

A FRIEND sends us advertisements clipped from the Midland (Ontario) *Free Press*, offering Midland Martyrs' Shrine 5% Bonds in denominations of $100, $500 and $1,000, issued by the Jesuit Fathers of Upper Canada. The advertisements state that these "bonds" "may be purchased for cash or by the exchange of marketable securities already held". Just why the Jesuit Fathers would as soon have cash or some other kind of marketable security as to have these bonds is not stated. The shrine business is a good business. Why sell out? The gentleman who sent the advertisements says, "I was told a couple of years ago that on one of their biggest Sundays they roped in fifty-two thousand dollars; of course, I could not say for sure if this is quite correct." Come to think of it, they can sell the bonds and they will still have the shrine.

Would Have Inquisition Reestablished

AN Associated Press dispatch from Vatican City reports the pope as exhorting the Order of Dominicans that they would rally to the standard of St. Dominic and drive out heresy as they did in the days of the Inquisition, when the Dominicans constituted one of the principal arms of the papacy in the suppression of freedom of thought.

Obedience Puts the Choicest Gems in Memory's Casket

EVERY person's happiness must depend, to a considerable extent, upon his memory. You who can recall a father's kind and wise counsel and guidance, how does it make you feel when you think of him? You who have known a mother's tender love and care, what would you be willing to put in its place? Who that grew to maturity in a normal home circle or neighborhood can fail to often think of those that were our early companions in life? Schoolmates have their place in our affections, and teachers, and, later, employers, fellow workmen, and, at length, the life companion, the children, and the grandchildren. Most men and women have some or all of these ties that enrich life, and could not, if they would, exclude the memories that sometimes come surging in, bringing with them a smile, a sigh, a tear, a joy or a regret or longing too deep for words.

It may be only a bar of music, a line of an old familiar tune, a step, a voice, a thought of some that trod with us the wayside dust, yet it has the power to move us to tears. We cannot hope to lay these memories aside. We would not wish to do so. Only the sorrows will be forgotten; for they will be swallowed up in the joys that are to be.

Somewhere, through the kind providences of our God, we came to know something of Him whom to know aright is life eternal. Little by little He led us into the greatest joy that can ever come to any, because it is the joy that can never end. Jesus' whole life was spent in communion with His Father. When He said, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of," He revealed the source of His strength and of His happiness.

And so at length we came to know of the heavenly Bridegroom, and entered in with Him into the secret place, and tasted with Him of the new wine of the Kingdom, and wandered up and down the corridors of the palace of the King, feasting upon the things which the eye hath not seen nor the ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, but which have been graciously revealed by the Father through the Son in these last days. We cannot and we will not forget all these benefits; they are our very life. We may not remember them all, but they come up constantly in memory's garden, to our present and to our eternal joy.

The Seven Miraculous Conceptions

There may have been other miraculous conceptions, but the Scriptures record only those which resulted in the birth of Isaac, Jacob-Esau, Joseph, Samson, Samuel, John the Baptist, and Jesus. Tradition has it that Zacharias, father of John the Baptist, questioned by Herod as to where his son was to be found, and refusing to answer, was slain by the tyrant at the time the babes were slain in Bethlehem.

There is reason to believe that Elisabeth clasped her babe to her bosom and fled for his life to the hill country of Judea; there she lived in a cave, having no other food than that which grew of its own accord, and on this food, locusts and wild honey, John grew to manhood; his clothing a garment woven of camel's hair, attached to the body by a leathern girdle.

At this time it serves our purpose to put ourselves in the place of John the Baptist and try to fathom what things in his memory will give him the greatest joy when, in the mercies of God, he enters into the things that are reserved for *him*. He died before the outpouring of the holy spirit at Pentecost; he was not expecting a heavenly inheritance. Christ Jesus said of him: "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."—Matthew 11:11.

Let us try to imagine the time when Elisabeth took her little one upon her knee, smoothed back the curls from the bright face, and told him how he had come to her as a gift from God, a gift in answer to prayer; how she and Zacharias, his father, had prayed that sometime, if it was God's will, they might have a little one of their own; and how (and here the little chap's eyes opened big with wonder) the angel Gabriel had come from heaven, and taken his stand on the right side of the altar of incense in the temple at Jerusalem, and told his father that their prayers had been heard and that he, John, would come to them in God's due time.

It Would Be a Precious Memory

It would be a precious memory to John how his gray-haired old mother had unfolded to him as much as was necessary of the great secret. He would ponder how his good old father had been so happy and so lacking in proper faith that, even when the angel had told in advance what the child's name was to be (John—"Jehovah granted") he had haltingly asked how he

might know this would really come to pass, this great blessing in the sunset of his life.

Then he would reflect on what had followed: his father had become dumb; the people had waited for him "and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless".—Luke 1: 21, 22.

"And then at length," we can imagine Elisabeth saying, "you came, our gift from the great Jehovah God; you came to take away my reproach. At that time we had good neighbors; they were all interested; they wanted to call you Zacharias, after the name of your beloved father; but I said that your name should be John. The neighbors objected that there is none of our kindred with this name, so I made signs to your father and asked him what he wished to have you called. He asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, 'His name is John.' He well knew that you had been, indeed, 'Jehovah granted.'

"With that, your father's tongue was loosed; his mouth opened, and such a flood of praise and thanksgiving poured forth to our great Jehovah God as I had heard from mortal lips but once before. I will tell you all about that sometime: all about what Mary, my cousin, said. Oh, it was really wonderful when she came to realize that she was to be the mother of the man, the Messiah, the Promised One, on whom hang all the law and the prophets, and who has in His hand the gift of life eternal for us all! She began by saying: 'My soul doth magnify [Jehovah], and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.' Oh, it was wonderful! Sometime you will see this man, you, my John, my blessing from Jehovah God!"

"Sometime You Will See This Man"

Cautiously Elisabeth might have gone on to say: "The same angel Gabriel that stands in the presence of God, and that came to tell Cousin Mary about the birth of our Savior, said also something to your father about you, and I might as well show it to you. Here it is, written on that same little old writing table, by the hand of Zacharias your father in the days when he was dumb. You are a sensible boy; you know that you do not amount to anything of yourself, and never would amount to anything; so when you read this just reflect that Jehovah God purposed that some boy should have this privilege, and you happen to be the one. Here is what your father wrote down that the angel said:

"Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the eyes of [Jehovah], and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the holy [spirit], even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to [Jehovah] their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for [Jehovah]."—Luke 1: 13-17.

A boy would have to be a pretty well-balanced boy to read a thing like that and not turn his head; but John was that kind of boy, and Jehovah God saw to it that he stayed that way: "Now the child grew, and acquired strength of mind; and he was in the deserts till the day of his public appearance to Israel."—Luke 1: 80, *Diaglott.*

Elisabeth Might Have Told Him More

Elisabeth might have told him more. Maybe on that same little old writing table (Luke 1: 63) she recorded the very words of the prophecy which Zacharias had uttered when his speech returned. They were words such as would be very dear to a mother's heart. She would wish to have them preserved, and, anyway, God saw to it that they *were* preserved; and here they are:

"Blessed be [Jehovah] God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us, in the house of his servant David*; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered

* The beauty of this prophecy grows upon one as he reflects that Zacharias was of the house of Aaron, and so was Elisabeth, his wife. His first expression was not that of gratitude for the restoration of his speech, nor of gratitude for the gift of John to the house of Aaron. The prophecy begins and ends with a burst of praise for "the dayspring from on high", of the house of David, addressed to the great Jehovah God. The tender reference to his own child is compressed into half a sentence. Zacharias was interested in Jehovah God and His purposes; that overshadowed everything else; he knew the Messiah was coming; that was the biggest thing in his mind, and when he could talk that was the first thing that came bubbling forth from his heart.

out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

"The Prophet of the Highest"

The tradition of the early church asserts that Mark wrote his Gospel under the special influence and direction of the apostle Peter, and one can almost imagine that the directness of Peter can be discerned in these words that tell us:

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; as it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judæa, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; and preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the holy [spirit].—Mark 1:1-8.

Luke goes more into detail as to what it was that John preached:

Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers! who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth, therefore, fruits worthy of repentance; and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree, therefore, which bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

He thus warned the Jews that their civilization was about to perish; and perish it did. To those who inquired of a better way to deport themselves he counseled generosity and the avoidance of covetousness and violence. The One who was coming would place every Jew where he belonged, either with the wheat, gathered into the granary of God, or with the chaff, gathered, we might say, into the granary of the Devil, which is destruction.

The effect upon the people was thrilling. The news was electrifying; the Messiah they had been promised for centuries was about to be in their midst. Could it be that the Messiah, when He would come, would have a more powerful, far-reaching message, or would he have a greater following? As a consequence, "All men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ or not."—Luke 3:7-17.

John Settled That Question

John settled that question. He told inquirers plainly that he was not the Christ, but, "There standeth one among you, whom ye know not. He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me." John began his ministry in the spring of A.D. 29, just as he reached thirty years of age, manhood under the Jewish law. He knew that the child of his mother's cousin was six months his junior, and he therefore knew that the ministry of the Messiah would begin six months after his own. If the people in general were in expectation, then we may safely say that John was still more in expectation.

It does not appear that John and Jesus had ever met prior to the time that Jesus came to be baptized. That each knew of the other's existence is certain, but it is apparent that they had wisely remained away from each other. Had they been intimate with each other beforehand it is almost certain that collusion would have been charged. God saw to it that John "was in the deserts till the day of his public appearance to Israel". None had ever seen the two of them together; none would ever be able to say it was a prearranged affair.

John was no ordinary man. "He was a burning and a shining light." (John 5:35) We have the testimony of the Scriptures that in the six months before Jesus entered upon His ministry "John had first preached, before his coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel". (Acts 13:24) "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judæa, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." (Matthew 3:5, 6) "For all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed."—Mark 11:32.

As was his right and his duty, John taught his followers to pray; also to fast. He performed no miracles, but he had the manhood to reprove the ruler of his country for incest, and for this he was imprisoned and beheaded. So impressed had Herod been with John's manly conduct and

speech that when he first heard of Jesus' mighty works he thought that John had risen from the dead. "For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man; and [protected] him," until finally his (Herod's) sensuality and vanity combined led him to take the life of one of the seven that God specially arranged should come into the world.

His Life in Prison

Things look different to one in prison from what they do when one is out. It was a good thing for John that he had learned to fast, and to eat the simplest food, and wanted little in the way of clothing, and could get along with a hard bed and primitive comforts of every sort. Prisons were invented and are maintained by the Devil, and only the Devil could do or would do the things that are done in national prisons, city prisons, county jails, convents, "houses of the good shepherd" and other hell-holes where human creatures are kept behind bars. Nothing in the Scriptures justifies their existence on any grounds whatever.

While John was in prison he got to wondering whether Jesus was doing the work of the Messiah of whom all the Scriptures have so much to say. He was like his father, Zacharias, not skeptical, but requiring further confirmation of his hopes. He did not doubt Jehovah God, nor was there anything the least blameworthy in what he did. The story reads:

Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. And, as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? . . . But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.—Matthew 11: 2-14.

The Chief Blessing of All

While it does not come in chronological order in John's eventful life, we have saved to the last the thing that in all the ages to come will bring him the greatest joy of heart. Can you imagine the day when John was just thirty years and six months old, and when he knew that this One whom he had never seen would come to him for baptism?

At length there came toward him the fairest youth he had ever seen. Taught in the school of God in the desert, John read men like an open book. He knew instinctively that this man of heavenly countenance, this One concerning whom even Pilate said, "Behold *The* man," must be the One for whom he had been waiting.

The account of Jesus' baptism is in few words: "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan, unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" John knew that the Messiah, the chosen One of God, was standing there before him; he knew that he himself was but a sinner, like all the rest of us. How could he consent to play a part in which he would seem to be the prominent one and Jehovah's only begotten Son would seem to be even for a moment beholden to him in any way?

And then (though it does not say so, we may be sure that Jesus looked at him out of those beautiful eyes, those deep, tender, true and faithful eyes, those eyes that had never sinned even in thought), "Jesus answering, said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." And then John the Baptist, who had the faithful ones of the whole of Palestine at his feet, showed that he was the right man in the right place. He did not argue; he did not expostulate further; he obeyed.

And when he took Jesus' hands in his left, and supported his head with his right and let the dear head of the Savior of men down beneath the flood of Jordan's waters, he put into his memory's casket the finest thing ever there. We know that John did not understand as much of what baptism meant as Jesus did, but he will understand it sometime; and when he does understand it, and when he realizes that then and there Jesus was made the Head of the New Creation, won't he be happy?

John Gets a Foretaste

John got a foretaste of some of the good things that are coming to him. He himself tells us, "I saw the spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the holy [spirit]. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."—John 1: 32-34.

"And he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."—Matthew 3: 16, 17.

In the days that are to be John will have plenty of memories. He will see his old father again, and his mother, and they will dwell together in happiness. We have the printed record of what they said and did. They will have that, too, but they have something more. They were specially blessed in being personal participants in some of the very greatest events of human history.

Can you imagine how Jehovah God must have smiled on the heart of John when He saw him symbolically immersing His only begotten One into the course that led Him to Golgotha, to His own right hand, to the Temple Eternal, and will eventually lead Him to Armageddon, the vindication of His name, and the reestablishment of perfect government throughout the universe to the praise of that name and the ultimate happiness of all that shall ever live?

Extracts from Letters Received at Paris, April-July, 1934

THE right definition:

Would you please send me regularly your journal *La Tour de Garde* [*The Watchtower*, French edition], and also the special issue of the *Age d'Or* [*The Golden Age*], which I want to distribute in my neighborhood. These are *sane* and *sound* reading matter, and one never gets tired of rereading them. Everybody should have them in his home. Please accept, dear sir, humble respects from

MME M. B., *Loire.*

Like a refreshing shower:

It is like a refreshing shower in this time of falsity, and I personally owe it to the *Tour de Garde* for having regained courage and moral will, after having been discouraged and disgusted, which would have drawn me I don't know where!

Now my only hope, my only dream, is the kingdom of my Father, which seems no longer to be so far away since I know you. I thank you for the good you are doing to your brethren. I should ever so much like to give you all my time in order to help you along in your work of charity, but this is not possible; however, I do what I can to make you known in my neighborhood. With heartiest wishes.

MME M., *Seine.*

Dark Brittany!

Here in a small town of Brittany; few believers. The clergy are the absolute kings and rulers and the Tour de Garde publications are considered as unclean works that are not to be read. I myself continue to seek God, and I remain with all my heart with those who are in fact His witnesses and who serve Him unselfishly and with a sole purpose to make Him known and loved! MME B., *F.*

Thirst quenched:

Some days ago a person called at our door. My husband was working in the garden. She offered him a sample copy of *Dividing the People.* Although he himself hates reading, contrary to what he usually does, he came up to me smiling and bringing me a little booklet. Having but glimpsed at it, I felt taken with it at once: "Hurry up, buy a second one, to lend!" He returned with another booklet and the book *Government.*

The contents of these books meet my most profound needs. I am Catholic and have missed the essential basis for my judgment. O what thirst for the truth and for justice! May the Lord satisfy it! What sufferings in the exile! Still a little while and deliverance will come and we shall find our lost dear ones.

I felt duty-bound to tell you of this experience: I bless you, Jehovah's witnesses, and regret being unable to join you, but I am with you heart and soul!

MME C. G. G., *Haute Saône.*

His resolution:

I have received your letter of June 1 regarding the expelling of the foreign pioneers of the Tour de Garde. It is with great pleasure that I take up their defense; for they have wronged no one, and were honest when calling at the doors. Today, since I know from where the truth concerning God and Christ is coming, it is with pleasure that I am spreading the message of the kingdom of justice and peace of our good and all-powerful God. I have received your leaflets for making known the Tour de Garde, and started distributing them in the town where I live.

H. B., *Pas de Calais.*

The only fault of the *Age d'Or:*

It is with great interest that I have read the series of your books and booklets. I have been acquainted during my life with all sorts of so-called "Christian" sects, but since the war, in which I took a part as all those who are Christians by profession only, I rejected everything, for when talking over such matters, these people always answered in the famous words of Paul: 'Submit yourself to the authorities.' For many years, therefore, I have lived separate from every religious sect.

Right from the moment that the first copy of your journal, the *Age d'Or*, fell into my hands, I was convinced, however, that there are still disciples of Christ on earth. The only fault your journal has is that it is read too quickly! Sometimes I really must reread it on account of its unwavering stand regarding Biblical truths; in a word, it is the full application of the gospel. I consider you, by the way you work for peace, as the true witnesses of Jehovah of which the Bible speaks.

M. J., *Seine et Marne.*

Waiting for Jehovah's witnesses:

I have read and reread with great interest your books published during the last year, and would ask you to let me have the four latest booklets.

Will the people who bring us the good tidings call here this year? I am confidently waiting for them. Would you be so kind as to give them my address? I am living in a center of Catholic fanatics, with the exception of a few who are readers, and I know such a corner is not encouraging to your brave travelers. It is my earnest desire to see them again, for I have been suffering for a long time from an incurable disease, and often my thoughts are with that dear lady who called upon us last year and who was almost unable to make herself understood. I hope that by this year she will know French, for which I have prayed the Lord every day. What a lot I would have to ask her about! Please accept, dear sir, very Christian greetings from

M. E. L., *Maine et Loire.*

A work really up to date:

I have read and reread with great interest your small booklets and the book *Creation,* which has particularly enthused me, showing me the way back to the Bible with each reference thereto. I appreciate the logic and the stable grounds on which your publications are based, and want to tell you of these appreciative feelings of mine. Many of my comrades like me have to stay in bed and are Catholics but have not been going to church for a long time and are unanimously satisfied to have found a work which is really up to date. In following the way of justice and truth we are with you, with all our heart.

H. L., *Seine et Oise.*

Glory to God:

To present you compliments for the publications which you are distributing all over the world would be like praising the brush of a cunning artist or the pen of a famous writer; for what you are doing is easily to be recognized as not coming from men, but from the Lord, who inspires and directs the publications that you are spreading for the welfare of mankind.

Let us give praise to God for the truths I have learned through some books and booklets which I have received. To you, who are His children, many thanks, with a promise to be always at your disposal as long as I can to make known and appreciate such an important cause.

I remain your friend because of having been delivered from ignorance.

M. O., *Somme.*

Worth advertising:

A good friend of mine just happened to give me some copies of the *Age d'Or*. Next month I shall send in my subscription, and I assure you that I shall advertise this journal, which is so reasonable. Would you be kind enough and let me have, in the meantime, the *Dividing the People* and *Liberty* booklets. Please accept the expression of my great joy at having come in contact with you!

G. L., *Seine.*

Listening in to Radio Normandie:

Having listened in to Radio Normandie last night, we appreciated your lecture on "Satan", which interested us very much indeed. Would you therefore be so kind as to enter us on your subscription list for the *Age d'Or* for a year. We herewith send you a postal money order for 6 francs.

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Bravo!

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MME LE T. B., *Seine.*

From Tunis:

Yesterday, April 25, I listened with interest to your lecture which you were so kind as to broadcast by the post Radio Toulouse. May I thank you for it and ask you for a sample copy of your journal, with quotation. I shall be pleased also to receive a catalogue of all your booklets and volumes.

D. E. BEJA, *Tunis.*

Contributed Health Items

Raw Scraped Potatoes for Burns

SAYS Mrs. M. Lockwood, of Ontario: "Raw scraped potatoes are good for burns and scalds. Scrape very fine and apply to affected part very gently; leave on until the fire is all gone; then remove carefully, so as not to break the skin. If the potato is used immediately it gives instant relief and one can still work around the stove without feeling the usual tenderness. The potato should be of a real dark brown color before being removed. I have used this method for years, and guarantee it to be right."

The Cheapest and Best Mouth Wash

A FRIEND, who does not give his name, says that the following recipe for mouth wash and sore throat has been used with the greatest satisfaction for twenty years: "Thirty drops carbolic acid; mix with one pint of boiling water. The water must be boiling in order to mix thoroughly. Very simple, very cheap, and most efficient."

A Few Uses of the Lemon

A CONTRIBUTOR says that she finds the lemon the best antiseptic. "For all skin troubles, pimples, acne, poison ivy, or what not, take a lemon and, instead of squeezing the juice out of it, cut a slice off at a time and rub on the affected parts every day, several times a day, and see what happens. It may get worse at first, but keep at it and see for yourself. And the ladies now using powder and paint, if they will use lemons the same way, will get surprising results. Further, as a douche there is nothing better than lemon and water."

Want to Die of Bright's Disease?

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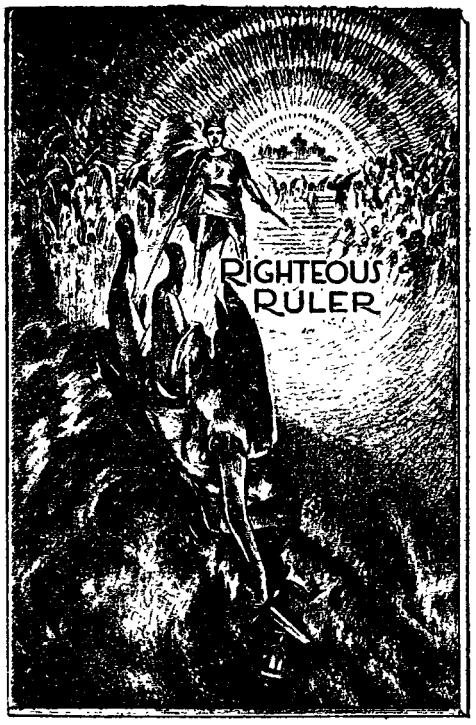
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Sales Propaganda Keeps Millions Ill

In Two Parts—Part 2

MINNESOTA comes next on our list. Doctors got in the habit of exploring J. N. Peterson, of Minnesota, for cancer, but after abstaining from aluminum ware for two and a half years he had a complete recovery.

Mrs. C. Walker, of Minnesota, killed two dogs by feeding them in an aluminum pan, and came mighty near getting rid of her hubby by the same method. For six years he was forced to bed by dizziness, headache and vomiting after a few hours' work, and could take only raw eggs and fresh milk right from the cows. Now he works sixteen hours a day, and Mrs. Walker has no idea when, if ever, she is going to be able to collect the insurance on him.

Mrs. Agnes L. Brown, of Minnesota, suffered with stomach trouble, constipation, headaches, sore mouth, sore throat and heart trouble, dizziness and loss of sight. The children had heart attacks and sore mouths; the husband had trouble with heart, stomach, kidneys and head. All these troubles ended with the disuse of aluminum utensils, but since then a single meal at the home of a friend brought Mrs. Brown headaches, shortness of breath, soreness of tongue and a miserable feeling all over. She noticed that the major portion of the meal was cooked in aluminum. Mrs. Brown had a dear old lady friend who laughed at the idea that aluminum utensils, alum baking powder and white flour could do her any harm; she died of cancer, self-induced. Her son noticed that his baby was getting sores externally and refused to eat. Mrs. Brown told him aluminum utensils were killing his child. He went home, smashed the whole set with an axe, got enamel ware instead, and the whole family got well. She knew of a case where a ham boiled, but not cooled, in an aluminum kettle, made ill every person who ate of it. She says that the alum used to soften the city drinking water of Virginia, Minnesota, is a big help to the M.D.'s and undertakers.

A. L. Dosh, of Minnesota, had in his family a patient suffering with what appeared to be tumors of the breast for over seven years; they were of the size of a large pea, and almost black. Before breaking they became very painful, and the pain spread throughout the body. Six weeks after dumping the aluminum ware the last of these tumors disappeared, and there has not been the slightest return of the trouble; also, a stomach and bowel trouble which was very threatening passed away, and the patient is regaining health. Another member of the family was cured of ulcers and bad skin eruptions by the same means.

Missouri Wholesale Poisonings

Missouri believes in doing things on a generous and noble scale. At the General Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri, 325 employees were made ill. It is the boast of the aluminum ware makers that they have their wares in every hospital. The results seem to show that this boast is true; and when you come to think of it, that it is the business of a hospital to make people sick, and to keep them sick, it is not such a bad here-and-now edition of the purgatory scheme. Every business today is run for revenue only.

The St. Louis *Star-Times* advertises "A New Tuna, Luxury Brand, Packed in Aluminum Can, New, Delicious". We anxiously await reports of results.

Mrs. J. R. Griffith, of Missouri, noticed that when her dog Tim was fed from an aluminum dish he always left some on the sides and bottom, but when fed from an enamel dish he licked up every particle.

G. A. Bauer, of Missouri, had a skin cancer which, it was explained to him, he could have removed for $50. He stopped eating food cooked

in aluminum ware; the "cancer" dried up, and he brushed it off with his fingers.

J. N. Ragan, of Missouri, warmed and drank one morning coffee that had been left in an aluminum percolator the previous morning; as a result he was nearly blind for nine months, until the aluminum worked out of his system. Two eye specialists consulted were unable to understand the case or to help in any way.

E. M. Moore, of Missouri, entertained for a Sunday meal, noticed that it was all cooked in aluminum, and laughingly thought to himself he ought now to get some results. He did: Monday he was ill; Tuesday his back was very lame; Wednesday he was practically helpless from severe pains and soreness in his kidneys; after two weeks they were still sore. The pain was inside, not outside.

Mrs. F. W. Robinson, of Missouri, writes that since discontinuing the use of aluminum ware her husband's hands have become soft as velvet; for years they were covered with a thick gray crust of a grimy color; deep cracks came which would heal and crack again. One physician was honest enough to say he did not know what it was; another said it was tetter; another said old men were subject to it; and the fourth and last told him he must keep his hands out of water. A neighbor who kept hot soup constantly bubbling on the back of the stove in an aluminum kettle nearly killed himself before he found out the cause of his trouble. His liver was so enlarged he could hardly lie down.

At Galena, Missouri, in the family of Richard Crabtree, some chicken was kept overnight in an aluminum pan. Two of Mr. Crabtree's children, a boy of one year and another boy of four years, died and were buried in the same grave. This was all regular; nothing unusual about it in any way. The deaths could have been forecast by any reader of *The Golden Age* as a most natural result.

Natal, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, his wife and thirty others, were poisoned at a dinner given in Dr. Weizmann's honor in Durban, Natal, South Africa. It was a regular, formal, up-to-date poisoning; no unusual features of any kind.

At Verdel, Nebraska, the wife of Fila Sherman, his seventeen-year-old daughter Vivian and his thirteen-year-old daughter Esther died within a week after they had eaten corn prepared in an aluminum pan; very sad, but quite to be expected.

Mrs. F. W. Morse, of New Hampshire, writes that when she ceased to use aluminum ware she ceased to have stomach trouble; she is quite sure it was these utensils that caused her to have a skin cancer, now also healed.

At the Overbrook Hospital for the Insane, Newark, N. J., after a Christmas dinner, out of 280 guests all but 50 were taken ill within two hours after the feast. There was nothing the matter with the food itself. The answer is so plain that anybody can understand it. The aluminum utensil people boast that nearly all the hospitals in the country cook their food in nothing but aluminum.

Matilda R. Wellman, of New Jersey, writes that her dog died of cancer of the rectum; his drinking pan was of aluminum ware.

New York Wholesale Poisonings

If the smaller, less important states can have wholesale poisonings, they are not to be denied to the Empire State. There was one at White Plains, where 65 persons became desperately ill, and another at Jamaica Hospital, Richmond Hill, New York, where 60 were stricken; everything regular. The "health authorities" never know any reasons for these wholesale poisonings, and never will know any.

It would seem as if the opinions of Dr. Hal Truman Beans, of Columbia University, New York city; Doctor N. S. Hanoka, of New York city; Doctor Frank C. Gephart, chemist, New York; Andrew Dingwall, Ph.D., chemist, Brooklyn; Lester C. Himebaugh, biochemist, New York; Max Kahn, associate in biological chemistry, Columbia University; John Allen Killian, professor of chemistry, Fordham Medical School, New York; Dr. Matthew Steele, Ph.D., instructor at Columbia University; Dr. William J. Gies, professor of biological chemistry, Columbia University; Dr. Hattie L. Hoeft, physiological chemist, Teachers College of Columbia University, ought to have some weight, but apparently their well-considered advice that aluminum compounds, when taken internally by man, are poisonous, has not registered as it should. Even though most of them may not wish it, we are helping to get their ideas before the people, as a public duty.

Doctor Royal S. Copeland, United States senator from New York, and former commissioner of health of New York city, states that

food should not be allowed to remain overnight or for any period of time in aluminum cooking-ware.

E. W. Symondson, of New York, lost his mother, presumably by operation for cancer; he is now well convinced she would be alive today had she never had any aluminum utensils. When he notices people who look ill, and inquires, he often finds they cook by what may be called "the great graveyard way".

Buffalo Boy Scout Troop 66 left some onions piled on aluminum dishes used by the troops, and they were overlooked; in a few months the dishes were still more useless than ever, as they were pitted with holes.

Miss Edith Hollenbeck, of New York, had vomiting spells three or four times a week; the doctors said it was cancer; she threw away all her aluminum utensils, and got well.

Chris Jenson, of New York, became entirely incapacitated for work as a result of the habit of using for drinking and cooking purposes water left in an aluminum kettle, but his palpitation of the heart and fainting spells all disappeared within a year after he threw the aluminum ware away.

Clayton J. Woodworth, of New York, tilted an aluminum skillet in a gas flame; the skillet took fire and fell in pieces; as the aluminum hydroxides, sulphates and chlorides had worked out into the food, their place had been taken by the fats used in cooking. An aluminum teakettle was mended several times, due to aluminum hydroxide passing out into the foods and drinks of the family. Pie crust rolled out on a table top of pure aluminum was so gray it could not be eaten. Obviously, a metal unfit for a table top would be a metal unfit for use as a cooking utensil.

O. O. McIntyre, New York newspaper man, divulged that 900 were poisoned at a bank executive luncheon in New York. Same old story: nothing of this was allowed in the newspapers; it is thought better to risk the lives of a few men such as Mitchell and Morgan than to have aluminum shares go down.

Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes, of New York, made a shampoo in an aluminum basin; immediately after using the shampoo her hair felt like a coil of very fine wire and broke off most unaccountably.

Mrs. H. V. Champlin writes of the death of her father, after his eating of chicken cooked in aluminum and allowed to stand in it for a few hours; two other members of the family were also made seriously ill. The mother, Mrs. C. J. Baker, died from the poison three days later.

In the nine years from 1920 to 1929 cancer rose from twentieth place to second place as a cause of death; it knows no help but the knife, the X-ray and radium. One would think that all doctors would be willing to recommend fresh fruits and vegetables and to cut out white bread, pork and aluminum utensils and see what would happen. They would learn something.

New Zealand and North Dakota

Dr. R. Atkinson Reddell, of New Zealand, in a letter to Doctor Betts, states that he has long held the view that the cooking of foods in aluminum ware is destructive to health and was glad when Betts' book *Aluminum Poisoning* put scientific information on the subject within his reach.

Mrs. Ivy Gillanders, of New Zealand, was very ill with stomach trouble and colitis, but, since ridding her home of every aluminum article in it, now finds herself in greatly improved health.

Roe E. Remington, biological chemist, North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, North Dakota, found by experimentation that aluminum compounds, when taken internally by man, are precipitated therein, and thus are poisonous.

Henry W. Haven, of North Dakota, had a sick kitten, and incidentally a sick wife. He made his wife feed the kitten for ten days in something else than aluminum, so the kitten would get well, and then happened to think of his wife and made her feed herself the same way. It was hard on the doctor who had had her as a regular customer for eight years; for she got entirely well. Henry says the only place for aluminum utensils is on the rock pile.

Ohio Wholesale Poisonings

Ohio is a great state, one of the very greatest in the Union. It claims the same rights as any other great state to allow its citizens to be poisoned wholesale as well as retail. The Toledo Y.W.C.A., famous for its cleanliness, carefully selected chickens, cooked them in aluminum, and allowed them to stand therein from afternoon till eight at night, when they served a banquet to 300 high school young women. The result was regular in every way; 70 of the young women became very ill. Any "medical authority" that would have dared discover the truth on this would have lost his job. There is too much

profitable advertising at stake. What is an occasional wholesale poisoning of our finest citizens when we have the reputation and integrity and dividends of our greatest financial institutions at stake?

Mrs. Elsie Hoppe, of Toledo, boiled beef hearts and tomato soup in an aluminum kettle; the result was regular. She, and four of her children, ill. Mrs. Everett Smith, and daughter Lois, died from home-cooked food, allowed to be stored for some time in aluminum before being packed in glass jars.

W. L. Bryden, of Ohio, suffered from a gnawing sensation in his right side and up the colon to its turn; he thought he had cancer; he discarded his aluminum utensils, and recovered entirely.

Dr. P. D. Pottle, of Ohio, observed that on a hot July day seven goats refused to drink water from an aluminum bucket, but drank eagerly when a different bucket was provided.

Mrs. Lawrence Harbauer, of Ohio, told Dr. Betts she had used aluminum ware for years without any ill effects. She died in less than thirty days after she made that remark, and they found in her gall bladder a stone over $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. Her husband, even after her death, continued the use of the utensils which had ended the life of his companion; shortly thereafter he died from ulcers and cancerous tissue, aluminum-caused.

Mrs. Charles Frazer, of Ohio, cooked the food for goats in aluminum. One of the goats developed bowel trouble; when enamel ware was substituted the goat got well.

Mrs. Louis Cook, of Ohio, bought a set of aluminum ware at a big price. After using for a time she noticed in the kettle a crystal, like salt, touched it with finger tip, and tasted. It was sour, and produced a sore on her tongue that took two weeks to heal. If you want that kind of sores on your intestines, you just go right ahead and use all the aluminum utensils you wish to. Don't allow anything we may say to stop you. You have a right to die by a self-induced cancer the same as anybody else, and should be protected in that right; only don't get sore when somebody tells you about it.

Dr. Arles Pottle, of Ohio, reports a case of a patient with heavy ulceration of the stomach completely healed when the lady discontinued using aluminum ware.

Garnet Pearl Walker, of Ohio, writes of a neighbor girl who had violent vomiting spells for years; she switched over to using granite ware, and the trouble ended completely.

Mrs. I. A. Hall, of Ohio, says her mother broke out with hives, became unconscious, and was so swollen as to be unrecognizable. A physician said it was from her kidneys; another said it was rheumatism and her teeth would have to be extracted (he overlooked the fact that she had worn false teeth for thirty-five years); a third said it was from her liver; a fourth said her tonsils must come out, and he had his wish. The attacks continued nine months, but in sixty days after discarding all aluminum ware she became a well woman. Incidentally, antagonism to the literature of the Kingdom turned into friendliness. All the people need is to have the liars stop lying to them.

Mrs. Grace Daugherty, of Ohio, had sore mouth and a sore lip from wearing an aluminum plate and cooking in aluminum ware. These troubles disappeared when the causes were removed. A stomach trouble of long standing also disappeared.

The mother of L. V. Gates, of Ohio, had violent attacks of gallstones for several years and was told she must be operated upon; but when she stopped using aluminum ware she had no more attacks.

At Steubenville, Ohio, it was noted that Tom Parry's canary will neither chirp, sing nor bathe when given water treated with alum and other chemicals, but bursts into song and bathes bird-fashion when given pure spring water. Says Dr. Betts: "Thousands of voices of little children are similarly silenced as reported concerning this canary."

One reason why cows occasionally give poisoned milk and children are slain thereby is that the cows eat white snakeroot (in Ohio) or rayless goldenrod (New Mexico) and the excessive amount of aluminum compounds which these contain is more than the human system can handle.

The people of Columbus have 500 tons of bauxite (aluminum-ore compound) thrown into their drinking water every year. It is used to purify (?) the water and help the chemical companies continue to operate at a profit. Iron sulphate should be used instead, and is harmless.

Adolph Kurzen, of Ohio, talked with an aluminum worker who said there is a disagreeable and sickening smell from working in aluminum, the fingers become sore, and the worker lives but about ten years.

Charles Howard, managing editor of the 86-page Toledo *Times,* was dismissed within twenty-four hours after he allowed to be printed an article by himself upon the aluminum question, after he had thoroughly investigated the facts. It is dangerous to tell the truth.

It took the Federal Trade Commission five years, required 158 witnesses and 4,000 pages of closely typewritten testimony to reveal to the Mellon government the facts that are freely revealed to our readers in this issue. As soon as the report was published it was immediately suppressed for reasons which are so self-evident that it is a public shame to even mention them.

Oklahoma Has Poisonings Also

Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1933, dumped into its water supply 251 tons of alum, undoubtedly affecting the health of thousands. Iron sulphate could have been used instead, with perfect safety.

Mrs. Jack McKenzie, of Oklahoma, writes that vomiting spells were killing her boy, but he recovered when she stopped using aluminum-ware utensils.

J. H. Barger, of Oklahoma, had a constant pain in his stomach, sharp pains in chest, was very nervous, and lost twenty pounds in weight; tried all kinds of doctors and medicines without result, but obtained complete relief when the aluminum ware was discarded. Now, at meal time, he is hungry, eats all he wants, and feels fine.

Arthur J. Edens, of Oklahoma, was kept ill by eating food carried in aluminum containers in his lunch kit. After lunch came a nauseating feeling, followed by pains in the stomach. The malady disappeared with the utensils.

W. V. Stanley, of Oklahoma, was bothered with stomach trouble and heart trouble, was forced to stop on the street and sit down on curbs or in doorways, and could not climb stairs. Not one of these symptoms has appeared since he quit killing himself by small doses of aluminum hydrate taken from his kitchen ware three times a day.

At Tecumseh, Oklahoma, 90 girls were poisoned at the State Home for girls. Everything about this poisoning was regular, including the absence of any explanation by the medical "authorities".

A subscriber in Oklahoma noted a letter from the president of the American Medical Association, deploring the increase in trench mouth. The lady wrote Dr. Fishbein that the cause of trench mouth, which he had admitted he did not comprehend, was that the soldier boys tried to drink from aluminum containers. He replied: "Careful scientific study in various parts of the world indicates not the slightest danger to the human from eating food cooked in aluminum cooking utensils."

Under the circumstances one can partly comprehend the following from the *Journal of the American Association for Medico-Physical Research:*

The *Journal of the A.M.A.* is the vilest sheet that passes the United States mail. Its language merely keeps within the Postal Regulations. It is conducted meticulously upon the principles of graft. Nothing new and useful in therapeutics escapes its unqualified condemnation. Its attacks are generally *ad hominem.* Its editorial columns are largely devoted to character assassination. No reputation, no life, no character is above its libelous assaults. It is of such reputation that the statement of a fact in its columns is *prima facie* evidence of its untruth. Its editorial writers work in the seething ooze of corruption and write with a "muck rake". This reputation of the *Journal of the A.M.A.* is general in the United States. Its editor is of the type of Jew that crucified Jesus Christ.

Ontario and Oregon

Margaret Carson, trained nurse, served twice in the largest hospital in Toronto. Each time she developed cankers in her mouth, due entirely to the fact that at that time the cooking in that hospital was all done in aluminum. Since then the hospital in question has done away with all aluminum utensils. Looks as if, in Canada, the health authorities were willing to learn something.

W. A. Sinclair, of Ontario, writes that a Doctor C., having made a study of aluminum compounds, is warning the people against the use of aluminum for cooking and fully agrees that the position of *The Golden Age* on the subject is correct. He is not generally supported by the medical board of his city.

A. S. McKenzie, of Ontario, tells of a surgeon who rejected hot water for the purpose of sterilizing a surgical instrument, when it was brought to him in an aluminum container. He said the contaminated water coming in connection with the blood stream might cause serious trouble. The Pelton and Crane Company, sterilizer manufacturers, made them of aluminum. For some unpublished reason they now make them of stainless steel.

Mrs. C. R. Fair, of Ontario, had heart trouble and sinking spells, gradually coming closer and

closer together; often her husband had to resort to artificial respiration to pull her through. Paying attention to *The Golden Age,* she noticed those attacks always came after eating cabbage, rhubarb, spinach or anything that would clean the kettles of their verdigris. She then discarded all aluminum ware, and has not had one spell since. A hardware man to whom she confided admitted that aluminum ware is not fit for anybody to use, and stated that he advises customers never to purchase it.

J. A. Manning, of Ontario, took a quantity of defibrinated cow's blood, and stirred into it alum (one of the acid salts of aluminum) in hot water, with the surprising result that the blood turned into a solid. He thinks this shows why people are slowly killed after eating meat cooked and allowed to stand in aluminum vessels.

Mrs. Dudley Ryan, of Ontario, very ill of stomach trouble, threw out all her aluminum, and got well. (She reports a neighbor who had a piece of beef turn green when left in a pot overnight; another churned in an aluminum vessel and the butter turned black; another mixed a white cake batter in an aluminum bowl and a black streak followed the spoon.)

At Reed College, Portland, Oregon, 75 students were made terribly ill from eating foods cooked in aluminum ware which had remained overnight in the aluminum containers. This poisoning was in every way regular. All possibility of chemical poisoning was eliminated by the state board of health.

Mrs. Aurelia L. Culp, of Oregon, finds that she and her husband are benefited physically, and their minds made more clear, by discontinuing the use of aluminum ware in cooking. Recently for four weeks in a hospital she was able to identify at once the foods which had been cooked in aluminum, noting a slightly bitter taste.

Kate Ronde, of Oregon, writes two remarkable letters, each of which would make two pages of *The Golden Age.* We wish we had space to print them. Six years of investigation makes her certain that when she stopped using aluminum she stopped having the flu, and that most flu victims are regular users of Mr. Mellon's metal. She discovered that five cats refused food that had stood in aluminum containers, and would not taste it even when sugared and creamed, yet they were hungry enough at the same time to eat plain bread. Since discontinuing the use of the metal she has ceased having neuritis, and is no longer always tired out, has no need of laxatives, and misses the palpitation and sharp pains around the heart which were regularly hers before.

Pennsylvania Wholesale Poisonings

Pennsylvania has as able chemists as are to be found anywhere. Prominent among these are H. J. Force, of Scranton, Dr. Clarence A. Smith, of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Dr. Arnold K. Balls, associate in chemistry, University of Pennsylvania. These men have all borne testimony to the fact that aluminum compounds, when taken internally by man, are poisonous. These men are honest and they are disinterested. Their advice should be heeded. However, wholesale aluminum poisonings in Pennsylvania go right on, year after year. Eight were poisoned at the Capolozzi wedding at Pittsburgh. Everything about the poisoning was regular.

At Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, 200 church diners were poisoned at the First Baptist church, due to the fact that the entire supply of gravy was collected into one aluminum container. When the highly paid advertising experts got on the job they quickly changed the word "aluminum" to "metallic", so as to throw the public off the track. An advertising man is a useful man.

At McKeesport, Pennsylvania, soup made of fresh and excellent materials was allowed to stand from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in a closed aluminum container. When eaten it sent a father, mother and two children to the hospital deathly sick. This is not a complaint: it is only telling about it.

The Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette* mentioned that the new Thompson restaurant is equipped with Allegheny metal, which contains no copper, zinc, tin, or aluminum to react with food acids or taint foods with a metallic flavor. Allegheny metal is not plated, and is unrusting and untarnishing, and is considered the very best. Probably Mr. Mellon uses this in his own kitchen.

Prof. H. J. Force, of Scranton, thirteen years a pharmaceutical chemist in New York city, and twenty-two years chief chemist of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, humorously tells how to kill your friends with the aluminum sulphates, aluminum chlorides and aluminum hydroxide formed by cookery:

"Give them the following dinner: Sauerkraut cooked

in aluminum; tomatoes with salt and baking soda, cooked in aluminum; bread baked with alum baking powder; custard pie baked in an aluminum pan; and coffee made in an aluminum percolator. Let all stand twenty-four hours in aluminum, and then reheat and serve, but tell your friends what they are eating, and let them read this first. This should prove to anyone who is honest about aluminum that it is poisonous. If people will not believe the best authorities, then they must take the consequences."

Mr. Force says further:

"A friend of mine, after having seventeen carbuncles, threw out his fancy aluminum ware. The carbuncles disappeared. Another fed his dog from an aluminum dish; the dog died from a cancer of the face. Two others each gave a dozen young ducks water in aluminum pans, and all the ducks died in less than two weeks."

Mrs. G. Lippenot, of Pennsylvania, always cooked in aluminum, and every four or five months had severe attacks starting with diarrhea and pains in the abdomen as though someone were sticking a knife in and twisting it. Sometimes she could hardly get her breath. When she switched over to enamel-ware utensils these attacks, which had persisted for years, ceased.

A. K. Brubaker, of Pennsylvania, jeweler and optometrist, is not purchasing any more aluminum frames, finding that they give some patients a sore nose and sores back of the ear.

Paul Pierce, of Pennsylvania, writes such a comical letter that we reproduce it entire:

"After reading about aluminum about four years ago, and promptly discarding every piece of the darn stuff, we have derived great benefits. My wife had a small tumor in her one breast which left entirely in three weeks, with no recurrence in four years. She was sick continually. I was fat, ugly, and a chronic grouch. We got along like a tomcat and a bulldog in a barrel. After we sold the catalytic stuff to a junk peddler, I lost 38 pounds in a year; I lost that ever-hungry feeling. Thanks to the good articles published, we get along wonderful."

Harry C. Knapp, of Pennsylvania, dropped in weight from 195 to 140 and was so dizzy that he staggered like a drunken person. Everything he ate passed right through him, and he could get nothing to stop it. In three months from the time he replaced his aluminum ware with iron pots and granite ware he was back to himself, and has not been sick since.

H. D. Pitzer, of Pennsylvania, had a brother-in-law about to be operated on for appendicitis; they used aluminum ware exclusively in their house. Pitzer advised a change of cooking-ware as a substitute for the knife, and the prescription worked like magic.

Lawson H. Force, of Pennsylvania, took a new aluminum shaker, filled it half full of fresh cream, and shook it violently for fifteen minutes. At the end of that time the aluminum in the cream was so strong it could be smelled; one taste was enough to make one spit it out immediately. He believes that to drink the cream would have caused harmful results, if not death.

Claude C. Corle, of Pennsylvania, had heart trouble, Bright's disease, and strangling spells at night; his wife had kidney and bladder trouble and headaches and underwent three operations in septum, tonsils and breast. Change of cooking-ware made them completely well. Since the change they have not spent a cent for either drugs or doctors.

F. E. Koob, of Pennsylvania, is employed in a place where he has seen much food cooked and served in aluminum containers, with many resultant cases of indigestion, gastritis and headache readily observed. A doctor of his city ordered a patient to discard over $100 worth of aluminum ware.

In a work published by Dr. Arthur R. Cushny, of Pennsylvania, in 1906, it is established that even then it was well known that aluminum poisons the bowels and kidneys and causes degeneration of the nerve cells and fibers of the spinal cord, particularly those of the lower cranial nerves.

Emmett Baxter, of Pennsylvania, when he discontinued using aluminum ware noticed a great improvement in his kidneys in two or three days, and in ten days a long-standing trouble had disappeared.

Quebec and Queensland

Professor R. F. Ruttan, of Montreal, Quebec, is one of the authorities that aluminum compounds when taken internally by man are poisonous.

William E. Comfort, also of Montreal, reports great benefit to his health since entirely ceasing the use of aluminum ware.

Sid. Dalla Vecchia, of Queensland, nearly lost a sister and a nephew who drank milk which had stood for fourteen hours in an aluminum container. Out of twelve adults and five children at the place where the poisoning occurred these were the only ones to drink of the milk which had stood in the aluminum container, and the only ones to be made ill.

Saskatchewan, Scotland, South Dakota

Mrs. A. M. Cook, of Saskatchewan, received from her hubby some cured finnan haddie that looked and smelled very tasty. She put it in an aluminum kettle in the cool cellar over night and boiled it twenty-five minutes the next day for the midday meal. It was so bitter it could not be eaten. Mrs. Cook noted an entire disappearance of digestive troubles since discontinuing the boiling of coffee in an aluminum percolator.

Peter Crown, pioneer, of Saskatchewan, had no appetite, but did have cramps in legs and a splitting headache and expected to die almost any time. He got well from the time he gave up using aluminum ware.

As we go to press we have reports of 58 men of the Highland Light Infantry poisoned at Gailes, Ayrshire, Scotland. The 58 men belonged to two companies, but no cases were reported from other companies in the same battalion, or other troops encamped at Gailes. When this is sifted down it will without doubt be found that the food for the two poisoned companies was cooked and kept in aluminum containers.

There was a grand wholesale poisoning at the Ziebarth home in Elkton, South Dakota, that would have warmed the heart of any aluminum ware advertising man. Previous to the day of the action beef and pork were cooked in a large aluminum pot. The gravy was stored in the same utensil over night, reheated the next morning and poured over the meats, after which buns were prepared and placed in cartons for the noon lunch. Within three hours 250 persons were acutely affected with food poisoning, many lost their sight temporarily, and the use of their limbs. More than 150 persons received hospital treatment.

Switzerland, Tennessee, Texas

Switzerland prohibits the use of aluminum compounds in foodstuffs. In Switzerland such a thing as happened at Elkton, South Dakota, would result in something being done for the people, but in the United States the only result would be to have somebody rush into print in *The Scientific American* or *The Literary Digest* and air his profound and invincible ignorance by telling the 250 people who were nearly killed that aluminum utensils are perfectly safe. And they would prove it by quoting from the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and other large advertisers of aluminum ware.

Lucy Templeton, of Tennessee, noted that the birds would not drink out of an aluminum dish. They have no advertising section to maintain.

A. L. Butcher, of Tennessee, writes that squirrels will not eat nuts that are proffered to them in an aluminum container, and birds will not eat food that has been mixed in aluminum ware. On his own account he notes relief from excessive fatigue, improved memory, and a complete freedom from attacks of the flu and neuritis with which he was previously affected.

Mrs. W. A. Lee, of Tennessee, had an open wound on an injured leg for seven years. At one time she was in bed seven months with this, and at another time two months. The trouble disappeared completely when the aluminum ware was discarded.

At La Grange, Texas, a lady and her daughter were made desperately ill by drinking buttermilk made in a churn the rod of the dasher of which had been painted with aluminum paint. The paint worked off with the churning process and was drunk with the buttermilk.

Mrs. H. D. Warren, of Texas, and her daughter, were subject to frequent vomiting spells until they threw their aluminum ware on the dump, but have had no trouble since.

D. E. Logan, Jr., of Texas, found that his boarding-house lady used for him her own aluminum coffeepot instead of the one he furnished: result, his tongue became sore and swollen on one side; but when he stopped drinking coffee at his boarding-house the tongue got well in two days.

Sarah Wallace, of Texas, was under a doctor's care for fourteen years, too wretched to care whether she lived or died. During all that time she used aluminum ware exclusively. Now she says she has no aluminum ware but can put in eight hours in a day in the Lord's service and the only thing wrong at the day's end is that she is somewhat tired and as hungry as a bear.

Mrs. Ruth Lloyd, of Texas, had a forty-five-piece set of aluminum ware that kept her husband, herself and two children often ill with stomach trouble, bloody flux, flu, and pains in the head. Since they discarded their nice, pretty set the whole family has been well except when they went visiting relatives who cooked in aluminum.

Mrs. J. J. Johnson, of Texas, reports a woman, angry because her sick husband came home with enamel kettles, insisting, on a doctor's orders, that all his food be cooked in them, instead of in the nice aluminum kettles she had

always used, and which had kept him continually ill with stomach trouble. However, in three weeks her hubby was permanently cured, and the wife was so delighted that she took all her aluminum ware out into the back yard and, with a hammer and a large nail, made sure that every piece was ruined so that nobody else would ever be harmed by it.

J. B. Lassiter, of Texas, with his five-year-old daughter Mary, were both killed by eating poisoned beans, carried over from a previous meal in an aluminum vessel. His wife, a sixteen-year-old son, and two daughters were made ill from the same cause. A two-year-old baby that went to bed without supper was the only member of the family not poisoned. When this poisoning case got into the papers it was carefully referred to as "metal" poisoning, not as "aluminum" poisoning; and thus the advertising man saved his job, and the hardware man the profits on his aluminum-ware business.

Virginia and Washington

G. M. Kitzmiller, of Virginia, writes that though he had been eating crabs all his life, yet when he first ate crabs cooked in aluminum utensils the crab juice ate holes in his clothing and even in his shoes wherever it touched them.

Martha B. Smith, of Virginia, never had neuritis until she cooked in aluminum, got over it when she discarded the utensils, and got it immediately again when she went to a convention where the food was thus cooked, and was so ill that for two days she could not walk.

R. O. Chandler, of Virginia, was told to part with his teeth and tonsils, to recover from bleeding gums and awful pains in the stomach. His wife was not told what to do for her impending cancer of the stomach. Now they no longer have any aluminum ware in the house, the husband, wife and four boys enjoy the best of health, and Chandler still has his teeth and tonsils.

B. W. Branscome, D.C., D.O., of Virginia, released fourteen puppies, fifteen days old, one by one, into a room containing milk in an aluminum receptacle and also in a granite-ware receptacle, and every one of the puppies went to the granite-ware receptacle for its food and shunned the aluminum one.

C. A. Downey, of Washington, suffered so with gas in stomach and bowels that he lost six to eight weeks' work each year. When he discarded his aluminum utensils he got well at once, and gained 21 pounds in weight.

Wason Brothers, of Seattle, Washington, advertise: "Don't use aluminum or nickel coffeepot: use only seamless enamel ware." Occasionally there is a merchant with a conscience.

Mrs. Theodore Nordenum, of Washington, reports that a neighbor 88 years of age had suffered from stomach trouble for years, but gained immediate and permanent relief when he ceased using aluminum-ware utensils.

West Australia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

A gentleman, in a West Australian newspaper, merely signing himself "C.H.", tried three times churning in aluminum ware. Each time the butter had a greenish tinge and an unpleasant taste and was thrown out. Others have noticed that mixing butter in an aluminum bowl imparts a slight color, a disagreeable odor, and a bitter, unpleasant taste.

F. D. Forquer, of West Virginia, had sour stomach and gas in stomach and bowels and a nice set of aluminum cooking utensils. His kidneys pained him very much, he lost weight, and his friends thought he was going to die. His house burned down, he had to buy new utensils and selected enamel and iron, with the result that he got entirely well.

Two physicians and a clinic of physicians advised Mrs. Ethel Lemburg, of Wisconsin, that her only hope of life was to have her gall bladder removed; but she removed her aluminum ware instead, as being less expensive and less dangerous, and now she has perfect health and still has her gall bladder.

What a dastardly thing it is that men who already have more than heart could wish will in avarice persist in the business of poisoning millions of fellow creatures, making life miserable and hastening death. The definite breaking of the everlasting covenant does not, we may be sure, escape the notice of Jehovah. "He that is higher than the highest regardeth." (Ecclesiastes 5:8) The covenant which emphasizes the sanctity of life cannot be lightly broken.

Nor can the perpetrators of slow murder come to plead ignorance of the fact that the metal they urge unsuspecting people to use for preparing their food is dangerous to health. They know the facts and have thoroughly organized their forces to suppress the truth by means of a subtle and ubiquitous censorship. The Lord Jehovah knows and will recompense the wicked. He will deliver the people, "and precious shall their blood be in His sight."

The Men Who Voted Against War

WHEN the United States Congress voted for participation in the World War, 455 for and 56 against, it made the biggest mistake ever made in the history of any nation. The influence for good then lost will never be regained, and the billions then loaned will never be repaid. Only 7 of the 56 men who voted for peace are still in Congress, but all agree that their course was right in 1917, when Uncle Sam was flattered into pulling the Allies' chestnuts out of the fire. Britain's default puts the finishing touches on American bitterness over the deal America received as a reward for its generosity, its resistless energy and courage, and its colossal foolishness. Before America would participate in another World War she would see the earth open her mouth and swallow the whole of Europe from the Urals to the Bay of Biscay. The flattery that worked before, the propaganda that was so wonderfully clever and successful and untrue, would be hooted and jeered from one end of the country to the other. Never again! If the poor of Europe had benefited to any extent, we would say less about it, but they are as badly off as the people of America.

NRA Easing the U.S. into Fascism

LEO GALLAGHER, Tom Mooney's attorney, recently returned from Germany, is convinced that the NRA will fail, and that when it fails the American people are in for worse things than have recently happened in Germany. He believes the course of events will be, as in Germany, persecution, industrial deadlock and, eventually and inevitably, Communism. But we are convinced that God's kingdom, man's only hope, will cut the whole performance short. Meantime, no doubt, the Inquisition in all its "glory" is ahead. Let it come.

General Butler on War

GENERAL SMEDLEY BUTLER told the Veterans of Foreign Wars that war is a racket espoused by Wall Street and munitions trusts, that the marines are a collecting agency, that the same crowd that gets up a war, and collects the profit from it, is the one that calls the veterans 'treasury raiders' when they endeavor to get the compensation that is needed, and that in the new war that is in the making the Americans will probably be in it on the side that owes them the most.

Getting Rid of the War-Makers

HENRY FORD thinks that if the world could get rid of about 100 men who control the munition business we should then have a warless world. That is something like what Jehovah God has declared His purpose to do. All these munition makers, and all the other troublemakers, no matter how many they are, or how powerful, will be destroyed by the angels of Jehovah God in the impending battle of Armageddon; and thereafter, according to the Scriptures, there will indeed be a warless world. A dispatch from London says that Edsel Ford, son of Henry Ford, has been threatened with kidnaping and is being closely guarded. All the kidnapers will be destroyed in Armageddon, too. Henry ought to get Judge Rutherford's work *Vindication* (in three volumes, at 25c each) and see the wonderful things that are going to happen; it would surely interest him if he got started to read it once.

Blood Lust Up 100 Percent

IN THE year 1900, in the 31 principal cities of the United States the homicide rate was 5.01 per 100,000; last year, in the same cities the rate was 10.7 per 100,000. In other words, following the war which was to make the world safe for democracy, the murder rate has more than doubled. It is observed that many of the murders are committed by persons of education and refinement—a considerable number of them by women.

America's Scarlet Army

AMERICA'S scarlet army is said to consist of 400,000 persons, guilty every year of 12,000 murders, 3,000 kidnapings, 100,000 assaults, 50,000 robberies, 40,000 burglaries, and 5,000 arsons. If the entire sum of the crime bill ($13,000,000,000) and the annual racketeering bill could be saved for one year the national debt could be wiped out. The interest racket and the purgatory racket are two major crimes not included in the list.

World's Fastest Fighting Plane

THE United States is shortly to have a fleet of the fastest fighting planes ever built. They will have speeds up to 260 miles per hour. The undercarriages will draw up into the under surface of the fuselage during flight, thus adding 20 miles per hour to the top speed.

Great Britain Stood by Germany

GREAT BRITAIN stood by Germany during the World War. Coal was sent without restriction to Scandinavia and handed on freely to Germany. Shipments of oil seeds, tallow, lard, fish oils, animal oils and fats were more than doubled, and went into Germany for the manufacture of glycerine used in high explosives. The export of copper to Sweden doubled; that of copper from Sweden to Germany trebled. In the first six weeks of 1916 Great Britain shipped 20,000 tons of zinc ore to Rotterdam, whence it went to the German munition makers. In 1915 Britain sent Sweden twelve times the amount of nickel sent in 1913. By these means Germany was able to hold out two years longer.

A Reproof of Christian Britain

IT SEEMS in order to reprove Christian Britain for shipping 16,000,000 rounds of ammunition to her well-oiled Bolivian brethren and only 2,000,000 rounds to her Paraguayan brethren. There must be some reason for this injustice, and (excepting for unanimous confidence in the world's richest oil company) one is almost tempted to think that Britain sent more to the one than she did to the other because there was more money in it. But would it be right to lay such charges to a Christian nation like Britain? Maybe we can straighten out the kink in this by singing "God save the kink".

Germany No Longer Needs Colonies

GERMANY no longer needs colonies, or other sources of raw materials. Her chemists now produce sugar in large quantities and very edible biscuits for humans from ordinary wood; the fodders thus produced for cattle, hogs and poultry are so nutritive that meat, lard, butter, eggs and milk are thus produced indirectly. Cotton, wool, silk, gasoline, oil, grease, alcohol, are all obtained from a cheap grade of bituminous coal and ordinary forest timber.

Penniless Colonists Return from Australia

A GROUP of penniless colonists returned to Great Britain, after nine years of failure in trying to wrest a living from the semidesert lands of Victoria. Finally the Victorian government advanced them enough to return with their families to England, there to enter the ranks of the unemployed.

The Joys of Life in Russia

PETER STEPOVOY, Ukrainian, writing in the Sault Ste. Marie (Canada) *Daily Star*, gives the following extract from a letter to him from Russia, dated January 8, 1934: "I am informing you that I am alive and also my family and we wish the same to you, though I did not know what we are living for, or how we live. Last spring we bought buckwheat chaff, ground it up fine, mixed it with molasses, cooked and ate it, until the weeds grew. After that we lived on the weeds until the grain began to ripen. Then we cut the heads from rye, dried them and ground them on stones, and made bread. I can't explain to you how glad we were when we saw the first bread on the table. Other food, such as meat, pork, fish or any kind of fats, we have forgotten how it looked. We eat chaff, and that is not so bad. Others eat their own children, cats, horses, anything that they could eat. It was frightful the way people died from starvation, and it was not possible to pick them up and bury them each day. In our village 1,300 people died." This is one of five similar letters published in the *Star*. In another Mr. Stepovoy's correspondent tells of a man in poor health, with a sick wife and two small children, ten and twelve years of age, who had to live an entire year on 13 bushels of grain.

Rockefeller and Soviet in Collaboration

POLITICS makes strange bedfellows. Here are two dispatches sent the same day, one from London and one from Paris. The London dispatch says that the International Research Library of the League of Nations is the gift of John D. Rockefeller, jr.; it is one of the great libraries of the world, and cost $2,000,000. The Paris dispatch says that the League of Nations is so near collapse that the Soviet Republic is proposing that both Russia and the United States join at once, so as to save it. France is eager to have Russia join the League. The British Labor party is very desirous that both Russia and the United States should join.

Treaties Outmoded in 2½ Years

IN 3,000 years in which such records have been kept, it is known that 8,000 peace treaties have been effected. The average life of these treaties was 2½ years. Since the World War the number of peace treaties has greatly increased, and their probable value greatly decreased.

Severe Discipline in Russia

ANY worker who falls below his quota, in either quality or quantity, will have his wages cut up to as much as one-third, says a dispatch from Russia. An engineer, responsible for a fatal train wreck, was ordered shot. Aviation is developing rapidly. By the middle of last August the aviation mail lines were 31,815 miles in length, and it is expected that within three years from now they will reach 124,280 miles. This summer 5,000,000 Russian youth received military training. All Siberia is well covered with aviation lines.

How France Looks After Her Veterans

FRENCH veterans receive pensions, half fares on all transportation systems, preference in government jobs, rebates on certain taxes, cash loans at low interest and without security for starting in business, special grants up to $1,000 for purposes of home building, assistance in meeting payments on insurance policies, assistance from government welfare projects. Additionally, the law requires that in every business 10 percent of the personnel must be war-wounded or pensioners.

No Taxes in Tel-Aviv

IN THE beautiful Jewish city of Tel-Aviv, Palestine, a community of 80,000 is maintained by merely passing around the hat. When anything is wanted for the city the inhabitants cheerfully chip in, and in this way have paid for a municipal building, a sports ground and theater, for hospitals, and for exposition grounds and buildings. There are no Gentiles. There are now 250,000 Jews in Palestine, 50,000 having come in the past year, many of them driven out of Germany by the persecutions.

The Krupps Received Their Reward

THE Krupps, Germany's great armament firm, did not go unrewarded. Not only did they receive the highest decorations for patriotism from the kaiser, but after the war was over they received 123,000,000 shillings from the British government royalties on the Krupp patent hand grenades which British troops used in killing many thousands of Germans. Not even in America do we have a finer example of the 'honor' to be found among Big Business concerns.

Recent Sayings of Doctor Goebbels

DR. PAUL JOSEPH GOEBBELS, German minister of propaganda, recently said: "I know that it is a sacrifice for us not to have a new war. War is the most simple affirmation of life. Suppress war and it would be like trying to suppress the processes of nature. These are also terrible. Every living thing is terrible." We submit that a man who can talk like that, so soon after the most terrible of all wars, is demonized, unquestionably.

3,500,000 Political Prisoners

IN THE New York *Times* Van Gheel Gildermeister, a Dutch Quaker, who has devoted much of his time during the past twelve years to bringing about the release of political prisoners, declares that, excluding those in concentration camps, and excluding Russia, there are now 3,500,000 humans in prison in the Balkan states on account of their race or their political views.

German Children's Country Year

TWENTY THOUSAND Prussian boys and girls, new graduates of the German school system, compulsorily left their parents on April 16, 1934, to spend eight months on the land, under the leadership of 1,800 teachers. The boys will work in the fields, while the girls will learn household tasks. Book learning will be strictly national, folk and race knowledge, political history, technical knowledge, field and map work.

Russia Has 2,000 Fighting Planes

A TACOMA business man who makes frequent trips to the Orient declares that Japan has 350 fighting planes, while Russia now has 2,000, built by the Germans. On account of the fact that Japanese houses are built of paper it is thought possible that if war breaks out the Russians might do incalculable damage if they select a windy day for an attack.

27-Year War in Morocco Ends

THE 27-year war waged by the French in Morocco has finally come to an end with the complete subjugation of the last of the wild Berber tribes. The victory is considered important because the airline to South America traverses the country where the last fighting occurred.

Interesting Facts About Bees

BY ARRANGING themselves in hollow cube formation bees keep their hives at 57 degrees even when it is 30 below zero. The membership of the hive is in two classes: those on the outside, that keep the cold out, and those on the inside, that work to keep up the interior heat. From time to time these change places with each other. In the summer a worker works himself to death in six weeks: the first two weeks he is a packer, working entirely on the inside of the hive; the next two weeks he is a pollen gatherer; and the last two weeks he gathers nectar, sometimes flying 8½ miles and back for a single drop. The nectar when gathered is 80 percent water. This has to be condensed until it is but 18 percent water. This is done by hanging a drop on the top of a cell, where it is continually fanned by wing movements until it is ready to pack away. If humans were fed food as nutritious as that fed to the larvæ of bees a baby would grow to weigh 7,000 pounds in a few weeks. Very few bees sting: it may mean death to the stinger. Bees can tell other bees when they have found a rich supply of prospective honey, but they cannot tell where it is, though they can lead the other bees to it. Bees have police that prevent strangers from entering, although bees do sometimes get into other hives than their own and steal the honey there stored.

The Dry Blizzards of 1934

THE dry blizzards or dust storms of 1934, due to soil erosion, are but the precursor of further and worse storms, yet they were so bad that whole fields of seeded oats were blown away with the soil, high drifts of fine dust formed, snowplows were used at Valparaiso, Indiana, and in the Twin Cities (St. Paul-Minneapolis), at the height of the storm, and throughout the entire day, motorists drove with lights. Over a large area it was necessary to suspend flying, surgical operations were postponed, and telephone operation was considerably interfered with.

Could Easily Have Swallowed Jonah

IN APRIL a creature with a mouth three yards wide was washed up on the Romani beach, between Egypt and Palestine. Its body was more than fifteen yards long. Such a creature could easily have swallowed Jonah.

"Did You Know?"

SAYS William Kean Seymour, in *Progress Today:* "Did you know that thousands of lives ebb out slowly and piteously with little cries and squeals and snarls on the red altar of 'Science'? Did you know how a committee had conceived a plan, world-wide and international, to give one thousand dollars for the best report of year-long dental torturing of dogs? The advance of 'Science'! Each dentist takes a dog, infects with pus his jaw, and waits, and watches, and notes his torment for a year, and then kills off the dog and sends his paper in. War against decaying teeth! Science! Progress! The dog again shall prove his loyalty and help some fiend to win a prize. I do not ask this sacrifice; you do not ask it."

At the Close of the "Holy Year"

AT THE close of the "holy year", in the holy city of Chicago, and in the holy Y.M.C.A. of that city, dogs were run in a treadmill to study exhaustion; the exhausted dogs were pushed back into a tank full of water to see how long they could avoid drowning; and a dog that had been starved for 21 days was denied water on the 26th day. At the Johns Hopkins Hospital forty pairs of dogs, 80 dogs in all, were joined together, Siamese fashion. Do you wonder that God is about to destroy this civilization?

Can You Swim?

A SUBSCRIBER in Nova Scotia says that if the ice at the poles should melt enough water would be added to the oceans to raise their level 150 feet. This would mean that all the seaport cities, and these are the largest cities in the world, would be drowned out of existence. Can you swim?

Effect of Sounds upon Liquids

BY INTENSE sounds liquids may be thrown into such violent vibrations that small holes or cavities are produced in them, the sides of which clap together with great violence. Flowing milk is sterilized by exposing it to intense audible sounds.

Farm Population Greatest in History

THE farm population of the United States, which was 32,509,000 on January 1, 1934, was at that time the greatest it has ever been. Due to AAA and other legislation the move is now from the farm back to the city.

Sheba Seems Definitely Located

SHEBA seems definitely located, eighty miles north of Mareb, Arabia. French aviators flew over this marble city, which stretches for three miles along a ridge. They took numerous photographs, and came down to within 200 or 300 feet, despite the fact that they were frequently shot at by the hostile Arabs. The existence of this city, first reported by Napoleon's soldiers, was doubted for many years. It must have housed 200,000 people, and still houses a considerable number, as all the buildings seem to be intact. It is in the midst of a farming district.

The Goddess of Smallpox and Cholera

AT VEERASINGANPET, Central India, in order to appease the goddess of smallpox and cholera, devotees permit hooks to be inserted in the muscles of their waists and drag around a small chariot containing an emblem of the rather unsanitary and unpleasant lady. Recently the British authorities tried to put a stop to these orgies, resulting in deaths of two devotees, and one magistrate and one constable. The poor natives have not yet learned the value of sanitation, and that incisions into the body are entirely useless and foolish as cures for either smallpox or cholera.

No Defense Against Air Attacks

OF THE German planes that bombed Britain during the World War, less than 5 percent were lost, and when a daylight raid was made on London, June 13, 1916, and a fleet of 94 planes went up to fight the invaders, only 5 of the 94 planes even succeeded in locating the enemy formation. More recently, in a night test, a fleet of planes flew over London, and with all the latest aids, such as powerful searchlights, only about one plane in 10 of the 300 in the flight was even located at all. This all seems to show that in the next war there will be substantially no defense against air attacks.

The Blue Danube Express

THE Blue Danube Express, new 28-hour train between London and Budapest, runs once a month. The coaches are bright blue, fitted with radio. A gypsy orchestra boards the train at the Hungarian frontier. In Hungary recently 20 farmers were thrown into jail charged with the high crime of listening to the Soviet Russian broadcast.

Occupations in India

FROM the 1934 *Hindusthan Year Book* we learn that when the last census was taken, three years ago, they then had in India the following occupations: professional identifying witnesses, drivers of epidemics by charms, horoscope casters, wizards, witches, mediums, earwax remover, setters of gold nails in teeth, breakers of horns of dead bullocks, suckers of bad blood, searcher of conch shells, cradle swingers, and sellers of grasshoppers.

Buddhist Monks Are Cleaning Up

REALIZING that their swindle has seen its best days, Buddhist monks at Peiping are cleaning up on the proposition. Three of the monks hocked some 400 sacred objects, some of them several times life-size, and then started in on a 108-day prayer fest, thinking thus to throw the government off their trail. They were dragged away and sent to jail, as the Chinese government paid them wages to safeguard the things that they stole.

Longest Double-Track Tunnel

THE world's longest double-track tunnel is now in Italy, where the mountains are pierced between Bologna and Florence by a hole 11⅓ miles long. Ninety-eight workmen lost their lives in its construction, which took twenty years. The electric line of which it is a part, a remarkable engineering feat, cost in the neighborhood of $100,000,000. The new tunnel cuts seven hours out of the running time between Naples and Milan.

Restoration of the Electrocuted

PROFESSOR SMIRNOV, of Moscow University, claims he could quite easily restore to life persons electrocuted for crime, or otherwise. He lays bare the heart, makes injections in the direct path of circulation, and induces artificial heartbeats by means of ultra-short radio waves. Two persons have thus been revived in Moscow, one supposedly dead of heart disease, and the other had been electrocuted.

Paris Plans to Out-Eiffel Eiffel

THE Eiffel Tower, 1,000 feet high, constructed in Paris in 1889, and now used as a wireless station, will be put far in the shade by a new steel tower which is intended to be 3,250 feet high, projected for the Paris Exposition of 1937.

THE NINTH

in the series of short Bible talks by Judge Rutherford is presented herewith. The doctrine of "purgatory" is considered by many to be a Bible doctrine. Others, aware of the fact that it is not mentioned in the Bible, think that it is in harmony therewith. It is therefore appropriate in this series of Bible talks to consider the doctrine of "purgatory", viewing it in the light of the Word of God. This Judge Rutherford does in his usual direct and straightforward way of dealing with questions which are of vital importance to the people. He does so, not for the sake of controversy, but that the people may be enlightened and have the comfort which only a proper understanding of the Holy Scriptures can bring to mankind. The lecture presented herewith deserves prayerful and thoughtful consideration.

Purgatory

THE Catholic clergy in particular, and many Protestants, teach the people that those who died in sin are now in "purgatory" or torment. What is meant by "purgatory"? and who are there? "Purgation" means to "cleanse" or "make pure"; and the supposed "purgatory" is presumed to be a place for the cleansing of men from their sins, so that when a sinner dies he might be cleansed after being dead. The clergy claim that this may be done while he is dead. They also teach that the prayers of priests can be said for one in "purgatory" and thereby his term of punishment shortened and his release be much earlier. Many good people have paid large sums of money to Catholic priests to pray for their dead ones upon the theory that they could get them out of "purgatory". It is therefore seen that the "purgatory" teaching has been used as a means of obtaining revenue.

The doctrine of sinners suffering in "purgatory" is wholly false and has brought a great reproach upon the name of Jehovah God. It would be a terrible thing if the Almighty God would commit men to "purgatory" and then permit other men to pray for them to get them out, and to receive a money consideration for so doing. As the Bible plainly teaches, those who have died are entirely out of existence and unconscious, not knowing anything. If we believe the Bible, then we must certainly know that there is no person in "purgatory", and that there is no such place in existence. There is not one scripture in the Bible to support the "purgatory" theory. The false doctrine of "purgatory" began to be taught in the Roman Catholic organization some 1600 years ago, and since that time Catholic priests have continued to preach it and collect money for prayers upon the pretext of getting men out of "purgatory". The people have paid their money and got nothing in return. This is another false doctrine of Satan based upon his original lie, his purpose being to deceive the people and cause them to suffer both mentally and materially. Because this doctrine has been taught so many centuries doubtless many priests in the Catholic organization verily believe it to be true; but that does not make it true. Ask them to show you one text in the Bible to the effect that the dead are conscious in "purgatory", and they will not be able to do so.

Some will cite the case of the thief that was crucified the day that Jesus died. The thief said to Jesus: "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Jesus replied: "I say unto thee today [that is, now], shalt thou be with me in paradise." The word "paradise" means a garden or beautiful condition of the earth, and has no reference to a place of cleansing. Jesus did not go to "purgatory" or any other place that day, because He was dead and in the grave for three days. After His resurrection He ascended into heaven. "Paradise" has reference to the beautified earth which will be made so by Jesus during the time of His kingdom. The thief died that day and went into the grave, and is there yet. The meaning of Jesus' words, therefore, is this: That because the thief exercised faith in Jesus he would be brought forth during the reign of Christ and have an opportunity to live on the beautified earth. This matter is fully explained in the book *Reconciliation,* which you should read.

Furthermore, priests have no authority to say prayers for forgiveness of sins of those who have died. Only God can forgive sins, and prayers for the dead are not heard by Jehovah. No man's prayers are heard until that person believes on God and Christ and then consecrates himself to do the will of God. To claim that men are suffering in "purgatory" and can be

released by the prayers of others is not only a false doctrine, but a defamation of God's name. The dead are in the tomb awaiting to be awakened out of death. Jesus said: 'Marvel not: the hour is coming in which all that are in their graves shall hear His voice and come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection by judgment.' (John 5:28, 29) Each one must decide for himself whether he desires to believe the words of imperfect men or to take the authoritative words of the Lord. My advice is that you read your Bible, together with the books explaining it, and find out these truths for yourself. Learn of Jehovah and do His will, and He will enlighten you.

[The foregoing lecture is one of a series of eighteen talks obtainable in the form of phonograph records which may be run on any phonograph at the usual speed of 78 revolutions per minute. These records are being distributed by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., with a view to disseminating Bible truths among the people. Judge Rutherford's talks are universally known, having been given by radio, from the platform, by the printed page, by electrical transcription, and now obtainable for the phonograph. Inquiries concerning the phonograph records should be addressed to the Society, and not to us.]

Items of Interest Near and Far

Tucker Prison Farm, Arkansas

FOR no reason, except that certain types of so-called "white" men find pleasure in torturing black men, or other unfortunates that come under their power, convicts do the work of mules on the Tucker prison farm, Arkansas. Eight teams of six convicts each do the work of eight mules drawing cotton planters up and down the mile-long rows.

Otoes Want Their Pay

IN 1870 Uncle Sam gathered up most of the Indians and put them in what is now Oklahoma, but was then Indian Territory. The Otoes, taken from Nebraska, are now wondering why Uncle Sam failed to pay them a little sum of $11,000,000 for their Nebraska holdings, which they claim is their due, and have asked permission to sue the government for the amount.

D.D.'s Bark Better than They Bleat

THE Reverend Harold Anson, rural dean of Oxted, England, is quoted in a London paper as saying that he never could make out why so many of his clerical friends who spoke with charming voices to their fellow men found it necessary to bleat like sheep or howl like dogs when talking to God.

Asiatic Quarrel Ended

THE rift between China and Persia, which lasted for 1,300 years, was closed May 8, 1934, and as a result Persia will establish consulates in Shanghai and Nanking. That's right, boys. "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

London-Australia Air Service

THE last contracts have been made, and regular weekly air service will be maintained between London and Australia, starting in December. The schedule calls for the trip each way to be made in 14 days. Five four-engine planes will be employed, with a cruising speed of 145 miles an hour, and the initial contract will be for five years; subsidy, £318,426.

Highway Tunnels Through Mont Blanc

FRENCH and Italian delegates have discussed the building of two motor tunnels through Mont Blanc, so that tourists may go between the two countries by way of the Alps all the year around. The tunnels will be of concrete, each 21 feet in diameter, and connected at intervals, throughout the length of 7¾ miles.

Swiss Railways Operated for Public

THE Swiss railways, owned by the state, are operated for the convenience of the public. A Swiss pays $12 a year for transportation, and, having bought his ticket at the first of the year, he can thenceforth go anywhere he pleases, and as often as he pleases, without further expense until the next year.

Black Cat Upsets Bulgaria's Nerves

AT MIDNIGHT, May 8, while great doings were on at the Union Club, in Sofia, a black cat fell into the electric light machinery and plunged the Bulgarian capital into darkness. Great excitement prevailed, and it was feared some great plot was afoot, until the cat's burned body was produced.

Labor Provisions in Constitution of Mexico *By John C. Harding*

(Reprinted from *Typographical Journal*)

ARTICLE 123 of the constitution of Mexico covers "Labor and Social Welfare". What has taken the labor movement of Europe and the United States many years of agitation, organization, struggle and sacrifice to establish is sought to be accomplished in Mexico by constitutional provision.

Economic reforms are established with magnificent courage and thoroughness in Article 123 of the Mexican constitution and written into the basic law of the land. No supreme court can declare these measures unconstitutional, for they are part and parcel of the constitution itself.

The labor of workmen, journeymen, employees, domestic servants, artisans, and, in general, all labor, is governed by laws in conformity with the following principles laid down in the constitution:

Eight hours is the maximum limit of a day's work, and seven hours the maximum limit of a night's work.

Workmen must receive at least one day's rest for every six days worked.

When necessary to work overtime it shall be paid for at the rate of double time. In no case may the overtime exceed three hours daily nor continue for more than three consecutive days.

No women of any age nor boys under fifteen years are allowed to work overtime.

Unhealthy and dangerous occupations are forbidden to women in general and to boys under sixteen years of age.

Children under twelve years of age are not permitted to work in factories, and for children over twelve and under sixteen the maximum limit of a day's work is six hours.

The minimum wage paid a workman must be sufficient to supply the normal needs of life of the workman, his education and his lawful pleasures, considered as the head of a family.

In all agricultural, commercial, manufacturing or mining enterprises the workman has the right to share in the profits.

The fixing of the minimum wage and the profit-sharing is done by special commissions appointed in each community.

The same wage must be paid for the same work, regardless of sex or nationality.

During the three months immediately preceding childbirth, women shall not perform any work requiring considerable physical effort; during the month following childbirth they shall enjoy a rest with their wages paid in full and retain their employment. During the time of lactation they are allowed two daily periods of rest of one-half hour each in order to nurse their children.

The employer who discharges a workman without just cause or for being a member of a union, or for having taken part in a strike, must, at the option of the workman, either continue employing him or indemnify him by the payment of three months' wages.

(It is said that President Obregon used this section of the constitution to compel British and American oil operators in Mexico to continue operating their works when they at one time threatened to lock out their Mexican workers by shutting down.)

In all agriculture, industrial, mining or other class of work, employers are obliged to furnish their workmen with comfortable and sanitary habitations, for which they may charge rents not exceeding one-half of one percent of the assessed value of the property.

In labor centers, when their population exceeds two hundred inhabitants, a designated space of land shall be set aside for public purposes and the construction of places of amusement. The establishment of saloons and gambling houses is prohibited in such labor centers.

The laws recognize the right of workmen and employers to strike and suspend work.

Strikes are lawful when their object is to secure a balance between the various factors of production and to harmonize the rights of capital and labor.

Suspensions of work shall be lawful only when the excess of production renders it necessary to close down in order to maintain prices above the cost of production, and when previously approved by the board of conciliation and arbitration.

Every contract between a Mexican and a foreign employer must be legalized before a competent municipal authority and viseed by the consul of the country to which the workman wishes to go, with the understanding that in addition to the usual clauses it is clearly specified that the cost of repatriation of the laborer shall be at the cost of the foreign employer.

The following stipulations are null and void and not binding on the contracting parties, even

though included in the contract: Those which provide for an inhuman day's work, on account of its notorious excessiveness. Those providing a wage which in the judgment of the board of conciliation and arbitration is not remunerative. Those which provide a period of more than one week before wages are paid. Those which assign places of amusement, eating houses, cafes, taverns, saloons or shops for the payment of wages, unless employees of such establishments are the ones involved. Those which involve a direct or indirect obligation to purchase articles of consumption in specified shops or places. Those which permit retaining wages by way of fines. Those constituting a renunciation on the part of the workman of the indemnities to which he may be entitled because of labor accidents or diseases contracted from the work, damages occasioned by nonperformance of the contract, or for discharge from the work. All other stipulations which imply the waiver by the workman of some right vested in him by the labor laws.

Considered of social utility: Institutions of popular insurance for old age, sickness, life, lack of employment, accident, and others of a similar character; therefore, both the federal and state governments encourage the organization of such institutions, to instill and inculcate habits of thrift.

The cooperative associations for the construction of cheap and sanitary habitations for workmen are likewise to be considered of public utility, when these properties are intended to be acquired in ownership by the workmen within specified periods.

Minimum Wages in Canada

CANADIANS trying to find out minimum wages being paid workers in that fair land found girls working in a biscuit factory in Montreal 72 hours a week and receiving in wages, salary, emoluments, bonus and compensation in general the munificent sum of $1.50 per week. In Quebec, where the Roman Catholic system is in full control of everything, they found one family with six persons working, two females and four males, and among them they earned a gross income of $20 per week. A big slice of this $20 goes to the priest, as a matter of course. And if any of the six dies, then another big hunk must go to him or he won't say any masses for the "repose of their souls". And that would be just too bad; now, wouldn't it? One of the girls in this family works 55 hours a week and receives $2. If this girl goes wrong and then subsequently dies one wonders if her Catholic employer will do the handsome thing and come across with a nice little bonus to be turned over to the priest for the "repose of her soul". Seems as though it would be a nice thing to do, doesn't it? It seems there is a direct relation between income and subsequent "repose of the soul"; the less income you get here, why, according to Roman Catholic theology, the less chance of "repose for your soul" hereafter.

Who Is the Most Valuable Citizen?

WHO is the most valuable citizen, the man with the little income, who is forced to spend almost all that he receives, or the man with the big income, who spends only a very little of it and is almost forced to see his pile of riches get bigger and ever bigger? The man with the little income helps everybody with whom he comes in contact. The man with the big income cannot even help himself, because the safety of his pile depends upon the contentment of the common people. It is calculated that in 1929 the classes with incomes of $1,000 or under expended 94 percent for goods and services, 3 percent went for taxes, and 3 percent was saved, while in that same year the classes with incomes of over $1,000,000 expended but 6 percent for goods and services, 17 percent went for taxes, and the huge amount of 77 percent was saved to accentuate still further the difference between the moneyed classes and those that have little.

Work for 200 Men

SOMEONE who does not give his name is circulating a printed memorandum to the effect that he thinks it would be a good idea if each 100 working married women whose husbands are employed would give up their jobs to 100 single men who would marry 100 working girls who in turn would give up their jobs to 100 married men. Well, it does not seem just the right thing, in these days when jobs are so scarce, for the childless married women to be working for good wages while their husbands are also working for good wages.

Carl Thompson's Embarrassing Question

CARL D. THOMPSON, able editor of *Public Ownership* magazine of Chicago, and secretary of the Public Ownership League of America, which has done so much to keep the wolves of high finance out of some two thousand of American cities that now own their own utilities, is demanding an answer to the following question. He says: "Think it over—what's the answer? What do you think of a system that makes it possible for one man, Eugene Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, to receive as salary and bonus $5,450 PER DAY, while 14,000,000 are unemployed and get nothing?" For his own highly important work Mr. Thompson last year received in salary a sum so small that the only way he could live was by fees received for outside lectures. The hogs that have ruined America are not even interested in the only things that would enable the old usury system to stagger a few paces farther ahead. They prefer, and will justly get, complete ruin.

Stealing from Widows

THE Denison (Texas) *Press* tells of two widows, mother and daughter, left with a quantity of bank stock and $35,000 in cash in the bank. The bank management loaned out their money to parties who owed the bank, demanded and received payment from such parties, and maneuvered the books in such a way that in the end the widows had neither cash nor security, lost all they had and were reduced to the bread lines. A Denison subscriber who knows of the circumstances is in hearty favor of the death penalty for all such rascals, and approves the action of the governor of Georgia in releasing two highwaymen as a protest against the light sentences or no sentences at all imposed upon the biggest thieves of our time. Armageddon will straighten it all out.

The Federal Reserve Staff

THE staff of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks, including branches, is 10,522, and their combined annual salaries are $18,833,670. One could hardly have supposed that so few men could succeed in getting the finances in such a condition that it would be necessary to put all the banks in the country on a holiday. The 24 chairmen and governors have salaries of $641,735 per year, an average of over $25,000 each.

The Wire Cage Swindle

SAID Hon. George G. Sadowski, congressman from Michigan, in an address on the floor of the House of Representatives: "I should like to see the interest-paying game taken away from private bankers. I cannot understand why bankers who do not own the money they lend, have a right to charge interest, or toll, on the use of the money. . . . The government has permitted the Federal Reserve system to buy interest-bearing bonds with non-interest-bearing currency, made legal because the government delegated its sovereignty to private bankers, the Federal Reserve system. The Federal Reserve promised to the people of this nation an even and proper flow of bank credit and an adequate currency. It has done neither. The Federal Reserve should be abolished; all private banking should be abolished. The right to issue money and credit should be returned to the Federal government."

Hartford and Cleveland

HARTFORD, Connecticut, has a population of 164,072; its citizens pay $3.00 for the first 15 kilowatt hours of electricity that they use; and, of course, they buy their current from a privately owned plant. Cleveland, Ohio, has a population of 900,429; its citizens pay 59c for the first 15 kilowatt hours of electricity that they use. Cleveland has its own municipal plant. The people of Hartford just dote on being robbed. The city of Holyoke, Massachusetts, is but 33 miles from Hartford, and located on the same river. Holyoke also has its own municipal electric plant, and the cost to the citizens for the first 15 kilowatt hours is but 60c, as against Hartford's charge of $3.00.

High-Speed Bike for Level Ground

AN ITALIAN priest has invented a high-speed bicycle for use on level ground, which it is claimed will do 40 miles an hour. A rocking pedal transmits power to the rear wheel by means of a lever. Sprocket and chain are done away with.

Banks Slowly Reopening

OF THE 4,609 banks closed in the United States in 1933, only 1,260 had been reopened a year after the bank holiday. The other 3,349 were still closed tight, with funds tied up for future liquidation amounting to something like $4,000,000,000.

The Odd Magic Square

THE following information, showing how to construct the magic square of any size in which there is an odd number of figures, was sent in to us by C. F. Henkels, of Pennsylvania. The square is so constructed that the totals of the numbers in the two diagonal lines, and of the numbers in each perpendicular and horizontal row, are all the same. In examining the examples given below it will be found advantageous to trace out the largest one first, beginning with the number 1 and concluding with 81. The rules will then be more readily comprehended.

(a) Square of 9 numbers:

4	9	2		5	10	3		6	11	4
3	5	7	or	4	6	8	or	5	7	9
8	1	6		9	2	7		10	3	8

It will be observed that these numbers are always in the same relative order. In the first illustration the numbers total 15; in the second, 18; in the third, 21. In the second illustration the start is made with the number 2, and in the third illustration, with 3, but the manner of arrangement thereafter is always the same. The start is made with the square immediately below the one in the center.

(b) Square of 25 numbers:

11	24	7	20	3		12	25	8	21	4
4	12	25	8	16		5	13	26	9	17
17	5	13	21	9	or	18	6	14	22	10
10	18	1	14	22		11	19	2	15	23
23	6	19	2	15		24	7	20	3	16

It will be observed that these numbers are also in the same relative order, and that they are sympathetically in order with the numbers in the squares of nine. In the first the numbers total 65; in the second, 70. In the second the start is made with 2, instead of 1 as in the first, but thereafter the manner of arrangement is the same. The start is always in the square just below the center one; and any number may be used to start, provided there is no change made in the manner of arrangement, and the result will always be accurate, and a multiple of 5.

(c) Square of 49 numbers:

22	47	16	41	10	35	4
5	23	48	17	42	11	29
30	6	24	49	18	36	12
13	31	7	25	43	19	37
38	14	32	1	26	44	20
21	39	8	33	2	27	45
46	15	40	9	34	3	28

(d) Square of 81 numbers:

37	78	29	70	21	62	13	54	5
6	38	79	30	71	22	63	14	46
47	7	39	80	31	72	23	55	15
16	48	8	40	81	32	64	24	56
57	17	49	9	41	73	33	65	25
26	58	18	50	1	42	74	34	66
67	27	59	10	51	2	43	75	35
36	68	19	60	11	52	3	44	76
77	28	69	20	61	12	53	4	45

The rules are as follows: Construct empty square, with ruled lines, 4 lines each way for a square of (3 by 3) nine numbers, 6 lines each way for a square of (5 by 5) twenty-five numbers, 8 lines each way for a square of (7 by 7) forty-nine numbers, etc. Find the center square. Start to number consecutively and fill the spaces as follows: (See square of [9 by 9] eighty-one numbers.)

Begin just under the center square; always drop down to next square to be filled, that is, down one and over one. When you drop below the bottom line, or to the right of the last perpendicular line, proceed as shown in the movements 4-5 and 5-6. When the square is occupied, proceed as in the movements 9-10 and 18-19, where such procedure is possible, but in other cases proceed as in movements 36-37 and 45-46.

Mr. Henkels says: "The sums are always equal and must be worked according to rule; errors are detected at once when figures do not fit. Why this works out I do not know. If it interests the 'figure minded' it serves its purpose. With a little practice the solution is almost automatic, so easily is it performed."

Just to show what can be done with this arrangement, we take a square of twenty-five numbers, and instead of starting with 1 we start with 3. Then instead of placing in consecutive numbers we place numbers three apart and get this:

33	72	21	60	9
12	36	75	24	48
51	15	39	63	27
30	54	3	42	66
69	18	57	6	45

In working this out we find that when the uniform sum of the columns in any 'magic square' (195 in this instance) is divided by the number of figures in a column (5 in this instance) the result is the figure which goes in the center square (in this instance 39).

Refer again to (b), square of 25 numbers,

and note that besides five vertical, five horizontal and two diagonal columns each totaling 65, the same number is obtained by every orderly grouping of four squares surrounding the center square added to the figure in the center square. Some of these are as follows: 13-1-21-25-5, 13-14-8-12-18, 13-19-9-7-17, 13-15-3-11-23, 13-22-16-4-10, 13-2-20-24-6.

Some of the Biggest Things

THE highest mountain is Mount Everest, 29,141 feet; the largest library is Bibliotheque Nationale of France, with over 1,000,000,000 books; the tallest building is the Empire State, 1,250 feet; the largest palace is the Vatican, with 1,100 rooms; the biggest ship is the Normandie, of 76,900 tons; the tallest statue is the Statue of Liberty, New York, 151 feet; the tallest church is the Ulm Cathedral, Germany, 532 feet; the biggest church is St. Peters, at Rome; the longest corridor is that of Rameswaram temple, South India, 4,000 feet; the longest railway platform is at Sonepur, India, 2,415 feet; the largest pearl is the Beresford-Hope, weighing 1,800 grams; the longest railway run is from Riga to Vladivostok, 6,000 miles; the largest telescope, at Mount Wilson, will have a 200-inch reflector; the largest railway station is the Grand Central Terminal, New York, with 47 platforms; the largest dome is the Gol Gumbaz, Bijapur, India, 144 feet in diameter; the longest wall is the Great Wall of China, over 1,000 miles in length; the longest tunnel is 25 miles long, under the Pyrenees; the largest battleship is H.M.S. Hood; the largest island is Greenland, 827,300 square miles; the largest dirigible is the U.S.A. Macon; the largest seaplane is the Do-X; the largest bell is the Bell of Moscow, 21 feet high, 21 feet in diameter, weight 432,000 pounds; the largest park is the Yellowstone National, 3,350 square miles; the largest archway is the Sydney Harbor bridge, Australia; the largest army is that of Russia; the largest movie theater is the new Radio City Music Hall, New York. The highest jump by a man was 6 feet 8¼ inches, by Osborn of the U.S.A.; the highest jump by a woman was 5 feet 5¼ inches, by Jean Shiley, also of the U.S.A. The longest jump was by C. Nambu, of Japan, 26 feet 2⅛ inches; the longest jump by a woman was by K. Hitomi, of Japan, 19 feet 11-1/10 inches. The longest non-stop flight was from New York to Rayak, Syria, 5,912 miles, by Codos and Rossi. The fastest time around the world was by Wiley Post, in 7 days 18 hours 49 minutes. The fastest time was by warrant officer Angelo, an Italian flier, who covered a measured course at 437½ miles an hour. Jevdo Kinos dropped 20,000 feet from a plane before pulling the parachute cord, after which he safely drifted 2,000 feet to the earth. Italian pilot flight lieutenant Boscola flew in the air upside down for 5 hours 51 minutes, near Rome.

People Love to Be Humbugged

A FRIEND in Watervliet remarks on the fact that a lady took off her diamond ring in a ten-cent store, to try on the cheaper rings. At length she made a purchase and went off without her diamond ring. After three days she went back and found the ring just where she had left it. Meantime hundreds had pawed it over; they preferred the bogus to the genuine. The friend says that the people prefer the old bogus doctrines and to throw away the kingdom of God with all its blessings of life and happiness; and it is true. The people have a positive mania for being misled and wishing to have it so; Satan has so blinded their minds that black seems white, and white, black; the crooked seems straight, and the straight, crooked.

Arrangement of the Hollow Square

FRANCIS J. CERVES, Michigan, calls attention to the fact that, by arranging them in the form of a hollow square, 8 objects can be arranged in 4 rows of 3 each; 12 objects can be arranged in 4 rows of 4 each; 16 objects can be arranged in 4 rows of 5 each; 20 objects can be arranged in 4 rows of 6 each; and 24 objects can be arranged in 4 rows of 7 each. The last arrangement named is particularly interesting, because 7 is a symbol of completeness and 24 is the symbolical number of all the true and faithful elders. Whatever way they are looked at they are true to their covenants, or, in this arrangement, they are seen as on the square.

Children Absorb Instruction Readily

ONE of the finest things about children is the readiness with which they absorb instruction. Learning from almost every newspaper and magazine and billboard that the finest thing they can do is to smoke cigarettes, orphans in the attic of the orphan asylum at Campulung, Rumania, smoked cigarettes, with the result that Campulung was totally destroyed by fire.

A New and Pleasant Way to Obtain Iron

SAYS Joann Barnhill, of Kansas: "I have a heart lesion and am unable to eat any food that is harsh in fiber, such as spinach, bran, pineapple, etc. Knowing I need fresh vegetables, and being unable to eat any raw ones or raw fruit, I have had a problem. Here is what I found, by experiment. Spinach makes a delightful drink, tasting much like cherry juice, when I get it ready to drink. To illustrate my point: I have a friend who abhors spinach. I said one day, 'Do you like cherry juice?' The answer was 'Yes'. I said, 'I believe I will fix you a good drink.' He thought it was cherry juice, wondered about the color, but said it was most refreshing. I then told him it was spinach juice; he looked horrified for a minute and then remarked that 'anyway, it was a darned good drink'. Since then we have had several good laughs over it. Being a male creature, and very set, it was quite a concession for him to make. Pull the leaves from fresh New Zealand spinach and extract the juice. My method is to shred with scissors, place in bowl and mash and mash and mash until the leaves are bruised and juice runs out; then I pour cold water over them, stir well, pour in sieve, drain off the juice and add to a tart lemonade. I cannot retain orange juice with any degree of comfort, but this green lemonade, which tastes exactly like cherry juice, seems to agree with me perfectly. I thought perhaps some other of the Lord's poor sick ones might be benefited, so am happy if I could bring a little comfort to someone in sending it to you. Spinach is so rich in minerals, and yet so many folks do not like it. I feel sure if they will only try this delicious, refreshing drink they will never again say, 'I don't like spinach.' None of the rich minerals are lost when served in this manner, as they are when the spinach is cooked."

Rotondi's Raisin Bread

L. J. LAMOREAUX, of California, says that Doctor Rotondi's raisin bread is most delicious: 6 cups whole-wheat flour; 3 spoons Royal baking powder; 1 teaspoon salt; 1 cup raw sugar; 2 pounds raisins; 3 cups shredded carrots; 1 cup olive oil; 3 cups boiling water or milk; 2 teaspoons of cinnamon; bake for one hour in a slow oven. Lamoreaux did not say what kind of spoons to use in measuring out the baking powder, which is just like a man, but if he had inquired of his wife she would have said that teaspoons were what he meant.

Deaths from Vaccination

ON THE same day there fell into our hands a list of 27 persons who died from vaccination, and an item from the Carlisle (Pa.) *Evening Sentinel.* The latter tells of John Marsh, South Mountain farmer, in jail from November to June because he steadfastly refused to have his children vaccinated. At the latter date Judge Fred S. Reese broke up this man's family, sent the wife and mother to the County Home, and placed the children in the care of a probation officer, whose duty it will be to find homes for them. They are eight in number, one of them having been born in February, while the father was in prison. Edgar M. Crookshank, M.B., professor of comparative pathology and bacteriology in Kings College, London, who investigated this whole subject most elaborately for the British medical profession in 1889, denounced the whole practice as a futility bound to be generally acknowledged sooner or later, and prophesied that vaccination will disappear from practice and be of interest only in a historical sense.

A Bunch of Ideas from Weeks

T. R. WEEKS, pioneer, on Decoration Day found the entrance to the cemetery an excellent place to put out booklets appropriate to the time and place. He says that equal parts of olive oil and vaseline make a good hair tonic. For a morning tonic (and it is good for asthma too), "Slice one lemon into 1½ cups of water, allow to simmer for 30 minutes, add one teaspoon of honey, and drink it hot." When it comes to locating a faulty spark plug, he says: "Idle engine a little faster than usual; disconnect all plug wires except No. 1, leaving motor run on No. 1 for about a minute; then connect No. 2, removing No. 1, and allow the engine to run on No. 2; and so on. When you come to the faulty spark plug, motor will stop quickly or plug will labor engine a few turns and then stop."

Blame Mrs. Deming for These

SAYS Mrs. Deming, of Michigan: "Equal parts of kerosene and peppermint oil make a fine liniment. For moderate-sized burns keep the burn in cold water or a wet cloth over it until the pain stops, and you will not have a scar. Filing the chipped edges of granite-ware dishes with a knife sharpener tends to prevent more coming off."

Jesus Born About October First

JEHOVAH has caused to be written in His Word all things necessary for the man of God. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17) By overlooking the plain statements of the Bible man throws himself open to the temptations of the enemy, spends his life foolishly, and brings much sorrow both upon himself and his friends. Especially now are all men invited to study the Word of the Lord, because the truth is being revealed as never before, it is the time of preparation for a new kingdom on earth, and a knowledge of Jehovah is essential to life everlasting.—John 17:2, 3.

Since Jehovah has made it very plain in His Word in respect to the details of the event, and since millions of people have for centuries been laboring under the wrong impression, it must be pleasing to the Lord that His people examine the scriptures concerning the time of the birth of Jesus. While it is true that there are more important things relative to the Son of Jehovah than the exact time of His birth, yet there are several reasons why a correct understanding at this time is profitable and praiseworthy. As we examine the correctness of the Lord's Word we can appreciate a reliance upon Him rather than put confidence in the teachings of men. At once we are struck with the blindness of the teachers of religion, both Catholic and Protestant, and how the archenemy has kept the people in subjection. (Matthew 15:14) We can see in the light of God's Word that there are two organizations: the teachings of Jehovah's kingdom lead to usefulness, praise, and life everlasting; the precepts of Satan's hierarchy result in burdening the people with more than they can bear, the teachings are a reproach to Jehovah, and they result in destroying the faith that many honest-hearted people desire to have in the true God.

What is here written is not done to harm any creature or to make a personal attack upon individuals; but the truth is plainly stated to help some honest-hearted that they might see the light, be set free from the entanglements of error, and be enabled to take the first steps in becoming joyful workers in this new kingdom which is even now operating among men. Be it noted at the very outset that the purpose of getting the truth is not one of personal satisfaction in itself, but that one might be furnished for the real and the only work profitable under the sun. Man's entire make-up bears evidence that he is an expressive creature, and when his faculties are intelligently directed in accordance with the Word of God he becomes a praise to his Creator. That man might praise Jehovah is the Creator's purpose in placing him on earth. —Psalm 145:10.

Scriptural Proof

Scholars, including some of the theologians themselves, have admitted that the time and practices of the Christmas season have a heathen origin. We will not take the time to examine how the various customs and ceremonies have crept into the observance of Christmas; sufficient has already been written thereon by students of history. Then, too, that would be a negative way of treating the subject. On the other hand, the Bible furnishes us with the positive information upon which we can form definite conclusions. We just can't improve upon the Bible.

Jehovah caused the necessary information to be written by Luke to help us to arrive at the correct time of the birth of Jesus. By the way, it may be noted according to the Scriptures that Luke was a physician, and his practical knowledge would enable him to take a greater interest in stating the details relative to the birth of the Savior. (Colossians 4:14) In Luke 1:5 we read, "There was in the days of Herod, king of Judæa, a certain priest named Zacharias, *of the course of Abijah:* and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth." (*A.R.V.*) It is important to note that Zacharias functioned in the priest's office in the course of Abijah. The specific time of this course is referred to in the eighth and twenty-third verses of the same chapter.

Now, what connection has this course of Abijah, which according to the Scriptures was a period of about fifteen days, to do with the birth of Jesus? Why was it so carefully stated in this chapter bearing upon the conceptions of both Jesus and John the Baptist? If we can show from the Scriptures the exact time during the year when the course of Abijah occurs; furthermore, if we can prove that it was at the end of this course that John the Baptist was conceived; and then if the Bible discloses that the conception of Jesus was about six months later, all of these things would form an unbreakable chain leading to the certain conclusion as to when the birth of Jesus occurred. So

that the reader may be assured of the objective, it can with certainty be said that each of the above steps may be proved by the plain statements of the Bible.

Courses and Months

According to the commandment of Jehovah there were twenty-four courses of service each year to come into the house of the Lord. (1 Chronicles 24:1-19) Those who served in the various courses were the sons of Aaron, and they served in the capacity of priests in the temple. This would allow of two different sets of priests each month to serve in that capacity. Concerning Zacharias it is written, "And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without, at the time of incense." (Luke 1:8-10) According to the Scriptures, be it noted that the course of Abijah occurred the *eighth* in order, and it was this course that Zacharias filled in the capacity of priest. (1 Chronicles 24:10) Since two sets of priests served each month, and Zacharias served eighth in order, it naturally follows that his course of service fell in the latter part of the fourth month according to the custom of the Israelites.

In order to more specifically locate the time of the year when Zacharias served as priest in the temple it will assist us materially to know when the first month began. According to Jewish reckoning the month began with the new moon. In the new moon the Israelites were commanded to offer burnt sacrifices unto the Lord, in addition to those offered on the sabbaths and in the set feasts. (1 Chronicles 23:31; 2 Chronicles 2:4; 31:3; Amos 8:5) So the Lord gives us Scriptural information connecting the new moon with the beginning of the month, in 1 Samuel 20:24-27. It was customary for David to sit with King Saul to eat meat "when the new moon was come". Furthermore, in the twenty-seventh verse it is written, "And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty." See also verse 34.

Beginning of Year

Jehovah provided a means whereby His typical people might determine the beginning of the first month of their year. It marked the time of the spring harvest period, which in the land of Israel occurs about the time of the spring equinox. Today the Jewish first month is calculated by Jehovah's witnesses from the new moon nearest the spring equinox. According to the law the priest was to wave the sheaf of the firstfruits of the harvest on the morrow following the sabbath after the passover. In Leviticus 23:5-11 we read, "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest; and ye shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: *on the morrow after the sabbath* [next day after passover] the priest shall wave it." This first month of the year was called Abib; later, after the captivity, it was called Nisan, and in it was celebrated the Lord's passover. "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." (Exodus 12:2) The details of the Lord's passover are stated in Exodus 12:3-51. More recently it has been customary to reckon the beginning of the first month under consideration at the new moon nearest the spring equinox. But the Scriptural proof is sufficient in itself that this month began in the spring of the year, and at the new moon of the harvest season; the fourteenth day thereof, Jewish reckoning, would mark the full moon and the time of the passover.

Since Zacharias who became the father of John the Baptist served in the course of Abijah (Luke 1:5), and this course was the eighth in order (1 Chronicles 24:10), it follows that he served the latter half of the fourth month, which would at the earliest be the latter part of our month June. While serving in his course the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John." (Luke 1:13) And now note how carefully Jehovah fixes the

time period in Luke 1:23-25, "And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after those days, his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me, in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." This occurred early in July according to our reckoning.

Time of Annunciation

And now follows the clue to when we may know to be the time of the conception of Jesus. "And *in the sixth month* the angel Gabriel was sent from God, unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." (Luke 1:26, 27) Among other things which the angel spoke to Mary were these: "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is *the sixth month* with her who was called barren." (Luke 1:30, 31, 36) This occurred about December 25 according to the Jewish manner of reckoning.

According to Jehovah's fixed time, nine months later Jesus was born. It was while Joseph was in Bethlehem "to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn". (Luke 2:5-7) Thus the birth of Jesus occurred about October first.

It might be added by way of reasonable explanation that according to our way of calculating the days and months the exact birthday anniversary of Jesus from year to year would vary at most about two weeks for six lunar months after the spring equinox, the beginning of the month Nisan being at the new moon nearest that equinox. The Jewish month, calculated according to the lunar cycle, is somewhat shorter than our own modern solar month, and hence every several years an extra month was added to the Jewish lunar year. These facts were taken into consideration in reaching the calculation of about October first. However, the exact day from year to year would not fall more than two weeks away from the date October first. The confusion in calculating time is not due to any fault with the lunar system of calculating the months and seasons, but to our own modern way. Undoubtedly at some time in God's kingdom man will use the right way of calculating months and seasons as appointed by Jehovah God. "He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down."—Psalm 104:19.

Corroborative Proof

Another line of proof supports the above finding and is also based upon the Scriptures. Jesus became the Messiah of Jehovah at the time of His anointing, and this took place when He was thirty years of age. It was at the Jordan river that Jesus was begotten as the Son of God by the spirit of Jehovah, and then the call to the Kingdom was extended to Him, which call He accepted, and He was there in line for the Kingdom as the great Prince or Son of the King of eternity. (Luke 3:21, 22; Jeremiah 10:10) The actual anointing of Jesus took place within a reasonable time thereafter (Luke 4:1-21); but it is sufficient to know from the Scriptures that at that time "Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age".—Luke 3:23.

Now, according to Daniel 9:24 "seventy weeks" were determined upon the nation of Israel to "make reconciliation for iniquity". As in the case of Genesis 29:27, these were "weeks" of seven years each. A day is appointed for a year in the construction of this prophecy. (Ezekiel 4:6) It will be noted that Christ as the Messiah of Jehovah came at the end of the sixty-ninth week and the beginning of the seventieth week appointed for reconciliation. Daniel 9:25 states: "Know, therefore, and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem [454 B.C.], unto the Messiah [the Anointed One] the Prince, shall be seven weeks and threescore and two weeks"; a total of sixty-nine weeks. Verse 26 continues: "And after threescore and two weeks [which followed the seven weeks] shall Messiah be cut off," in death. Now, in the twenty-seventh verse it is stated: "And he [Christ, the Messiah, or Anointed One] shall confirm the covenant with many for one week [the seventieth week]: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease."

According to the above the Messiah was literally "cut off" "in the midst of the week", when

His sacrifice ended. The "midst of the week" would be at the end of three and one-half years after His coming as the Messiah or Anointed One. Hence it follows that Jesus was just thirty-three and one-half years of age when He was crucified. The ministry of Jesus extended over four passover seasons, and at the last one thereof Jesus was actually killed and became the great Passover for the sins of all who believe on Him. (1 Corinthians 5:7) The several passovers during His ministry are specifically mentioned at John 2:23; 5:1; 6:4; 19:14. Since the passover of the Jews occurs in the spring of the year, in the middle of the lunar month Abib, or Nisan, or about the first part of the modern month of April, it was at that time that Jesus was thirty-three and one-half years of age, when He was crucified and thus "cut off". Counting back one-half year, or six months, previous to that time would bring us to about October first, the birth season of Jesus.

Circumstantial Evidence

Circumstantial evidence also corroborates the time features pointed out, that it was not in the beginning of winter when Jesus was born, but at a milder time of the year. The shepherds were out in the fields at nighttime, tending their flocks, when Jesus was born. (Luke 2:8-20) In the latter part of December such a thing would be unreasonable, for the rainy season and cold weather is over Palestine during that time, and there is no grass to feed the sheep in the open. (Ezra 10:9, 13) The sheep during that time are kept in folds until milder weather invites them out.

Since the statements of the Bible show that Jesus was born about October first, should we celebrate that season of the year in honor of the birth of the Savior? No! Jesus never instructed His followers to hold any such celebration; neither does Jehovah at any place in the Scriptures warrant the observance of such a season. Much of the money that is spent in getting sick on such an occasion, and the time spent fussing around trying to make creatures happy (if they are actually made so), might better be spent in talking about the works of Jehovah and about the time coming, under the Kingdom, when men will think right and act right and be a real praise to the Creator.—Psalm 145:10-13.

Political and Miscellaneous

Reduction in Number of Politicians

WEARY of supporting an unnecessary horde of officials, steps are under way in Montana, Indiana, Oklahoma, Washington, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Alabama, Virginia, Nebraska, New Mexico and Michigan to do away with some of the counties, which, in these days of automobiles, can be made to include much greater areas and larger populations without imposing hardships upon anybody. It is easier to go 50 miles than it was 10 when the counties were formed.

Ohio's Old Age Pension Law

OHIO'S old age pension law, effective during the second half of this year, provides $25 per month to persons over 65 unable to support themselves, with no one who legally could or should support them, and who have no income in excess of $300 annually. If single they must not have property in excess of $3,000; if married, not in excess of $4,000.

Will Do Anything but Work

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, famous Kansas editor, addressing the graduates of the University of Kansas, said: "We have dumped at the portals of your life one of the most elaborate, metallic scrap heaps that the history of civilization has recorded. A gaudy bauble it is. It shimmers with the simulation of bright reality. It roars, it clatters, it shrieks and hums like a going concern. It will do almost anything but work. The prospect is appalling."

Operation of the Sales Tax

IN CALIFORNIA it has been calculated that, on account of the sales tax, the average head of a family works from 3 to 10 days in the year for the state and not for the benefit of his family. The money thus paid to the state cannot be used for the personal needs of himself or his family, and thus the whole community suffers. A plan is under foot to secure the passage of a constitutional amendment doing away with it.

American Resources and Achievements

THE United States of America has 16,000 cities, 59,000 miles of navigable waterways, 160,000 miles of electric transmission lines, 250,000 miles of railroads, 316,000 oil wells, 736,000 miles of pipe lines, 750,000 miles of surfaced highways, 2,000,000 miles of rural roads, 6,500,000 farms, 34,000,000 acres of rivers and lakes, 37,000,000 buildings, 88,000,000 miles of telephone, telegraph and cable lines, 100,000,000 acres of cities, 100,000,000 acres of mineral lands, 127,000,000 major machines, 185,000,000 domestic animals, 500,000,000 domestic fowls, 500,000,000 acres of forests, 700,000,000 installed horsepower, and 1,000,000,000 acres of farm land. The productive power of its workers is unequaled anywhere. Man for man the American produces more coal, more metal, more food, more fabrics, more transportation, than does any other worker. Today almost all this vast property is in the hands of a few people who if left to themselves could not make a living, but the ones who do all the work, and have produced all the wealth, have lost their homes, their savings, their insurance and their hope. God's kingdom alone can straighten out this otherwise hopeless tangle. In the face of all this, in radio and other fields, there is the most desperate effort being put forth to get yet more into the hands of those who already have it nearly all.

What the World War Accomplished

WHAT the World War accomplished is clear from the following figures (figures include active force, trained reserve, air force—latest figures):

	Armed Forces of 1913	Armed Forces of 1934	Total Aircraft
*Austria-Hungary**	3,600,000	*30,000	
Belgium	340,000	584,224	195
Britain	803,128	1,141,987	1,434
Bulgaria	450,000	33,000	
France	5,300,000	6,952,213	3,000
Germany	5,400,000	1,100,500	
Greece	150,000	583,450	120
Hungary (See Austria-Hungary)		**35,000	
Italy	3,380,000	6,495,535	1,507
Japan	1,400,000	2,177,000	1,939
Portugal	150,000	419,800	130
Rumania	580,000	1,600,827	799
Russia	5,400,000	16,210,000	750
Turkey	1,928,715	665,800	50
United States	213,445	444,661	2,351
Totals	29,095,288	38,473,997	12,275

Church Receipts Falling Off

THE income of churches and other so-called "character-building" institutions in the United States dropped from $1,101,000,000 in 1929 to $435,000,000 in 1932, and a still bigger drop has taken place since. Something desperate must be done, and so, on Monday, October 1, all the pastors, priests and rabbis are going to get together, along with Rotarians, chambers of commerce officials, editors, and prominent personages in women's clubs and other public organizations, to the intent that on Sunday, October 7, every person in the United States that can be coaxed, wheedled or driven shall go to church. It does not matter what church, nor what the pastor believes, nor if he does not believe anything. An effort will be made to have as many public officials as possible issue proclamations the obvious intent of which is to get the people to go to church, and the real intent of which is to get more money for a failing cause. The 12 "Come to Church" stamps are very neat, but will not avail. Churchianity must go.

Farmer-Labor Party Goes Left

THE Farmer-Labor party of Minnesota declares what is apparent to everybody with a brain, and that is that capitalism has failed. Then it goes on to demand government ownership of all factories, mines, water power, transportation and communication, banking, packing plants, public utilities, all forms of insurance, school textbooks publication, and many similar reforms. It favors price-fixing for farm crops, and exemption from taxation of homesteads to the value of $4,000.

Tropical Park in the Everglades

CONGRESS has set aside 2,500 acres of the Florida Everglades for a tropical park where rare plant and bird life may be saved from extinction. This area, larger than Rhode Island, includes Cape Sable, thousands of wooded islands, and thousands of miles of waterways for light-draft pleasure boats.

National Guard Called Out in Oklahoma

GOVERNOR MURRAY, of Oklahoma, called out the National Guard to prevent the sale for taxes of 100,000 acres of land in ten counties. He was quite within his rights in doing so; and yet, if the sheriffs had resisted, it would have resulted in civil war.

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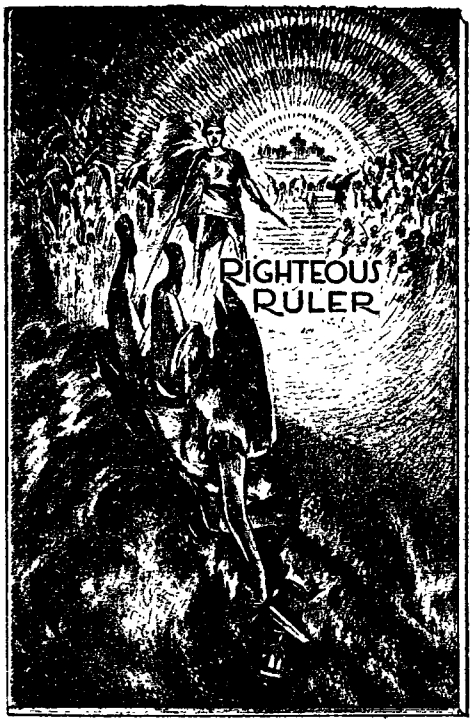
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This and That About the Human Body

THE human body, like all other bodies, animate and inanimate, has size, measured up and down and around, and weight, and exterior and interior. In this article we shall not attempt to exhaust the subject; in fact, the human body, with its various organs and divisions, forms a well-nigh inexhaustible subject for study, and we do not anticipate that we shall do much more than merely touch upon that subject here and there.

As to the size of the human body, up and down, or its height, this varies a great deal, many of us being short and the rest of us tall (excepting, of course, those who are just average). Whatever may be the advantage of the tall, short and average arrangement, it at least makes for variety; and variety is something the human creature seems to crave. Nothing is more distasteful to the mind than sameness. The size of the individual is something about which he has very little to say, particularly his height, and we have the Bible's authority for it that no one can by "being anxious" add a cubit to his stature. That being the case, it is just as well for everybody to be satisfied with what he is, and not to fret about that which cannot be adjusted. When all is said and done, there is no merit in being either tall or short or neither.

When it comes to growth or lack of it, it is probable that those who are moderately short would not want to be of the size of John Aasen, of San Francisco, who measures 8 feet 9 inches and weighs 406 pounds. Doors are generally not made more than seven feet high; and so, anyone who is so indiscreet as to grow taller than that is put to considerable inconvenience in getting through the world. Those of our readers who are rather taller than the average may be glad that they are not so tall as John. Again, they would probably dislike the idea of "growing" shorter, the way Lillie Meyers, of Brooklyn, New York, did during the years from 1922 to 1927, in which time she lost ten inches in height. One instinctively shrinks from the thought of having to undergo such a reducing process.

It is said, on good authority, that lying down increases one's height, or length, sometimes as much as an inch, depending upon the individual's size to begin with. It seems that men gain a little more than women when reclining. But all this is only temporary, for the increased height disappears in the course of the day's activities.

When a boy, however, finds that he has grown to be six feet eight inches tall at the age of 14, he might be excused for trying to have something done about it. Willard Akin, of Denver, at least, thinks so, and has submitted to hypodermic injections of secretions taken from the frontal lobe of the pituitary gland. It may work, but it sounds risky.

Just a word about the way an individual's height may be "distributed". Some are long-legged and short above the waist, while others are proportionately shorter in the lower part of the body, and long from the waist up. In view of this fact we may question the claim of European scientists that they have worked out tables by which the height of prehistoric persons can be estimated by measuring one or two bones. We make no bones about saying that we don't believe it.

The Skin and Beneath

As to the size of the body, around, we shall consider that a little later in the course of this 'learned' treatise. Just now we want to take a look at the outside, that is, the skin. The saying that beauty is only skin-deep is not true. The skin cannot be good-looking if it is not healthy, and it cannot be healthy if the body over which it is stretched is unhealthy. That sounds logical, doesn't it? On the other hand, an unlovely skin will detract immensely from an otherwise well-proportioned and good-looking body or face.

The skin which covers the human body is

made up of two layers. The outer layer is protective as well as ornamental. The inner layer contains the glands, blood vessels and nerves, all of them, of course, very minute. A healthy skin is slightly moist (only slightly) and soft and pliable. If the skin is dry or oily the glands are not doing their work as they should. It doesn't do much good to apply something on the outside. Proper food and needful rest, together with cleanliness, will do more good than all the lotions and creams that the drug stores offer. It is not necessary to use cream instead of water to cleanse the face. Perhaps you won't believe it, but men have better complexions than women, taking them all in all. We hesitate to say this, but the truth must be told. Vegetables and fruits help to keep the system clean and the skin clear. Some advocate applying carrot juice and pineapple juice to the skin. Better apply it from the inside, however. That will do more good, benefiting not only the skin, but the rest of your organism.

Covering and Changing the Skin

Speaking of the skin, a Japanese physician had his entire body covered with thin paper, which was then removed, cut into flat pieces, and measured. Doctor Takahira found that it took 16 square feet of skin to cover him. He is 5 feet 6 inches tall. It is obviously wrong to refer to the skin as one's birthday suit. The skin, together with the rest of the body, is changed every seven years.

If two-thirds of the body surface is burned the victim cannot possibly live. The skin performs an important function, that of breathing out the poisonous substances which are developed as a result of the activity of the body. Sometimes, in theatrical performances, a person is covered with gold paint to make him look like something he is not, an angel, for instance. (We don't know who was responsible for the idea that angels have gold bodies.) Such gilding or other ornamentation of the skin, if not removed quickly, will cause the death of the individual, and the whole business is a risky one at best. The paint must be applied over something else to prevent its being absorbed.

It is not uncommon for savages and other uncivilized people to attempt an improvement on the work of the Creator by tattooing the skin with disfiguring marks, the entire body sometimes being covered with ludicrous designs and crude pictures. The Hebrews, when in divine favor, were forbidden to make any marks on their bodies.

Sun baths are a tonic to the skin, and are said to be beneficial because they decrease the sensitiveness of the skin. It is the ultra-violet rays, not the heat of the sun, that produce sunburn. Blonds are likely to develop freckles instead of an even tan. Some think that freckles and tan are nature's way of providing a shield for the delicate nerve endings beneath the skin. Waves of high frequency are used in the treatment of disorders requiring internal warmth.

On Keeping Warm

American workmen employed close to a short-wave (10 meters) wireless station developed high temperatures as a result of the waves. This gave doctors an idea for the treatment of patients requiring maximum exposure to sun and air. Their beds being placed between two aerials, it was possible to dispense with bedclothes. The waves kept them warm.

The human body constantly gives off heat, and is therefore something like a stove. Instruments devised to measure the amount of heat given off by persons under different conditions show that a man with malarial fever and chills stores up large amounts of heat without affecting his surface temperature. In the normal body 65 percent of the heat generated is radiated, as heat which we do not need must be disposed of in some way. At the normal temperature of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit an individual sends out enough heat every hour to raise three pints of water from room temperature to the boiling point.

Another item about the skin. People who drink too much alcohol often have red noses, and Dr. B. Kauders, of Vienna, has discovered that this is the result of damage to the part of the brain which governs the operation of the smaller blood vessels, resulting in a continually distended condition of these vessels in the nose and other parts of the face.

There was nothing the matter with the skin of S. H. Robison, of Greenville, Ohio, so far as anybody could see, but in the space of five months he changed from a white man to a black man, as far as his color is concerned. Outside, or inside, of that he is just as good as he was before.

How Much to Weigh

Now as to the weight of the human body. Here is a table which represents the average weight

according to height and age. When all is said and done, the human creature refuses to be tabled and labeled, and so considerable allowance must be made for individual differences. Just because two persons happen to be of the same height is by no means a proof that they should weigh exactly the same. But here is the table:

Height	Ages							
	15-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-60
5′ 0″	120	125	128	131	133	134	134	134
5′ 1″	122	126	129	131	134	136	136	136
5′ 2″	124	128	131	133	136	138	138	138
5′ 3″	127	131	134	136	139	141	141	141
5′ 4″	131	135	138	140	143	144	145	145
5′ 5″	134	138	141	143	146	147	149	149
5′ 6″	138	142	145	147	150	151	153	153
5′ 7″	142	147	150	152	155	156	158	158
5′ 8″	146	151	154	157	160	161	163	163
5′ 9″	150	155	159	162	165	166	167	168
5′10″	154	159	164	167	170	171	172	173
5′11″	159	164	169	173	175	177	177	178
6′ 0″	165	170	175	179	180	183	182	183
6′ 1″	170	177	181	185	186	189	188	189
6′ 2″	176	184	188	193	194	196	194	194
6′ 3″	181	190	195	200	203	204	201	198

A person should weigh about two pounds for every inch of his height, according to another authority. This would make no considerable variation from the above table. Generally speaking, women will weigh slightly less and men rather more than indicated in the table. If you are ten percent above the average, don't worry. If you are ten percent under, you need not worry, either, but you might look into your eating habits.

Insurance companies consider an underweight person a better risk than one who is overweight. Thin people are not so likely to succumb to diseases, but are more susceptible to influenza or tuberculosis than are those who are overweight. The latter are liable to such ills as diabetes and gall bladder trouble, as well as high blood pressure and fatty degeneration of the heart.

If one is very thin he is likely to be conscious of his meal (after eating it), and to be troubled with a feeling of heaviness. This is due to the fact that there is nothing to support the stomach properly. This organ tends to hang down too low and to create discomfort, in such cases.

Those who are twenty-five or more pounds underweight show twice the number of deaths from tuberculosis as compared with those of average or more than average weight. Fat folks do not often die of this disease.

"We Glory in Our Fat"

Not all fat people are dissatisfied with their condition. One of them said, "We glory in our fat, our laughter, good temper, sociability, our appreciation of food and drink and company. We would rather die in full possession of our faculties in middle age than totter about in scrawny-legged misery a few extra years, lean and unlovely. . . ."

One genial soul, "Aunt Mamie" Williams, of Jacksonville, Florida, a colored mammy who at one time tipped the scales at 798 pounds, accused troublesome neighbors of causing her to lose 200 pounds and to make her "feel poorly".

Many folks tend to take on weight toward middle age. This process is called the "middle-age spread". It is often considered to be a normal and natural thing, but is likely to be the result of wrong eating.

There is also a tendency, particularly among women, to increase in weight in winter. Cause, same as in preceding paragraph, and less activity.

When not replenished by food the average human body loses about three pounds in weight daily, due to evaporation of moisture through the lungs and pores and the losses due to activity.

Fat people often make heroic efforts to reduce. Some unwise young women, only slightly overweight, have brought about their death by "slimming". Nitrophenol drugs, often used for this purpose, are dangerous. The effort to reduce by improper methods or to an unreasonable degree may also result in undermining the constitution to the extent of bringing about a nervous breakdown.

One radio corporation which broadcasts health exercises stated that in the space of one year 82,000 persons wanted to know how to reduce. Reducing remedies such as salts, tablets or pills, advertised as safe, harmless and efficient, bring results, but they are neither safe nor harmless, and should be avoided. There are proper ways and means of eliminating excess fat and reducing the weight to reasonable proportions. Figures published by the Public Health Service indicate that it is an advantage to be under the average weight when middle age is reached.

How to Reduce

The raw food diet helps reduce weight without injury to the body. One of the benefits resulting from this diet is that the intake of common table salt is greatly reduced or entirely

eliminated. Persons eating foods seasoned with salt have in their organism from two to four ounces of this inorganic substance, which must be kept in solution. This requires 112 ounces (seven pounds) of water for every ounce of salt. The water which makes up a large percentage of the human body is chemically very similar to sea water. Some of the constituents of this "solution" are beneficial and necessary; others, harmful.

When one goes on a raw food diet the salt deposit is gradually eliminated and the excessive amount of water required to keep it in solution is no longer necessary. Experiments have proved that the use of salt will substantially increase the weight of the user. When it is discontinued the weight is reduced, particularly in the case of fat persons.

It undoubtedly requires a considerable amount of determination for a person who inclines to be fat to deny himself the foods which he is likely to crave the most. But the benefits resulting from a reducing diet and a subsequently properly balanced diet will undoubtedly repay the "faster" for his self-denial. Besides, fat is considered the foe of beauty. A bulging waistline, a double chin or a generally overstuffed appearance is deemed undesirable.

We give here, in separate paragraphs, suggestions from various sources as to what should be done to reduce, in addition to the raw food diet already mentioned.

1. Get out in the fresh air, take plenty of exercise, drink nothing but pure water, eat only raw fruits and raw vegetables without seasoning, and go to bed early, getting all the sleep you can. This recipe is guaranteed to bring about wonderful physical and mental improvement.

2. Proper feeding, proper exercise, proper elimination and massage.

3. Massage reduces only the weight of the masseur. Sweat rooms and Turkish baths are no more effective. Generate your own heat if reduction of weight is your object. A cold bath of five minutes, at 59 degrees Fahrenheit, will cause the loss of the energy represented by one egg or nine oysters. (Then why eat the oysters in the first place?)

4. Skating is a wonderful "reducer". It does not encourage undue muscular development and causes no ugly saggings where the flesh has subsided.

5. Diet and exercise. The fattening foods are: All fats and oils, whether of animal or of vegetable origin; all starchy foods; and all concentrated sweet food. Obviously such foods should be avoided. Fish, eggs, buttermilk, the succulent vegetables and fresh juicy fruits are not fattening.

And, in addition to these, there is horseback riding and walking. No doubt climbing stairs and knocking on doors is also effective.

The Benefit of Exercise

Reviewing all these enthusiastic recommendations, probably derived largely from experience, we believe it will be agreed that they are worth considering. Obviously overeating is likely to result in excess weight. This is not by any means the invariable result. Many people eat far more than they should and still remain thin or of normal proportions. Nor is it wise for fat people to entirely eliminate nourishing foods from the diet, though a gradual reduction is not only a good thing, but imperative. Natural foods are the least likely to tempt the individual to overeat. Whole-wheat bread, unpolished rice, and raw foods of all kinds do not unduly excite the appetite. Under normal conditions the appetite would be a safe guide to the kinds and quantities of food that should be eaten; but, with so much highly seasoned and refined food, it is easy to eat to excess and still fail to get the proper elements for the body's needs.

As for exercises, there is much to be said for them, and something against them. Dr. Jesse F. Williams, professor of physical education, made the statement that morning setting-up exercises and a cold plunge are injurious more often than beneficial. Arthur E. Bagley, director of the health programs broadcast by the Metropolitan Insurance Company, has close to a million letters testifying to the benefits of morning exercises in "tuning up the physical and nervous organism", correcting posture and building up the individual's energy. Exercises, when properly balanced, bring into play all the 400 or more muscles in the human body. But every person must be treated as an individual case. What would be too much effort for one would be too little for another, and vice versa. The individual's inclinations should not be entirely disregarded. When exercise becomes burdensome and entirely distasteful it is not likely to do much good. To go through a stipulated number of movements regardless of the feelings and inclinations of the person is as unprofitable as

eating so many meals a day or drinking just so many glasses of water just because someone said that is the thing to do.

How Much Should One Exercise?

Gentle exercise stimulates the flow of digestive fluids in the stomach, but severe, protracted and violent exercise retards the flow, which is subsequently greatly increased. Gentle exercise hastens the emptying of the stomach; severe exertion delays digestion.

If the heart is healthy, exercise is all right; but if the heart has been affected by disease, one must be careful about exercising.

One German physical-training instructor uses animals as examples of the proper way to exercise. After a given number of lessons the pupil becomes proficient in imitating an animal such as, perhaps, the monkey. A good many persons manage quite well without the lessons.

A better suggestion is to watch the children at play and note their enthusiasm and naturalness, or, better still, play with them.

One authority says that exercises should be slow, smooth, regular and rhythmical. That sounds all right, but we have often wondered what makes anyone an "authority" in a thing of that kind.

Special apparatus is undesirable. A man of fifty needs a gentler form of exercise than the man of thirty. Moderation should be the rule, and fresh air is an indispensable ally.

Labor is not "exercise". The man doing hard work is most likely to be overdeveloped in one way and underdeveloped in another. Exercises will offset the uneven use of the body, bringing into play muscles not used in performing the routine tasks of the shop and office. Spinal curvatures have been measurably corrected by means of counteracting exercises.

Physical Culture

That there is something in this exercise business, or physical culture, is evidenced by the fact that Bernarr Facfadden made a tremendous success of his *Physical Culture* magazine, incidentally becoming a millionaire. If he was not the pioneer of physical culturists, he is certainly among the few who have kept before the minds of the public the importance of exercise and other physical culture ideas. Walter Camp, with his "daily dozen", was another leader in the field. When it comes to adopting forms of exercise recommended by enthusiastic physical culturists there is an endless variety to choose from. One recommends this kind of exercises, and another something else. But the basic idea of them all is that the muscles must be used—all the muscles. The degree and manner in which they shall be exercised is a matter of individual judgment. Undoubtedly almost everyone is much benefited by some form of exercise. It has done wonders for many sickly and underdeveloped individuals, particularly when combined with other health measures. The effort of some ambitious youths to develop bulging muscles has sometimes resulted disastrously.

The reasonable objective of exercise should be the development of a natural body, evenly distributed muscles, and a reasonable degree of endurance. Strength and endurance are different things. Strength depends upon the muscles; endurance, upon the state of the blood. Care should be taken not to develop the body at the expense of the internal organs. Gymnastics, therefore, should be followed not merely to develop the muscles here and there, but the entire man.

The healthy human body seeks for activity of some kind. It demands the opportunity to use the strength it possesses. A healthy person will not sit still unless induced to do so by artificial surroundings. Looking at a ball game, sitting in a motion-picture house, riding in an automobile, are results of civilization which bring with them the disuse and consequent deterioration of the muscles.

Amounts of physical activity said to be necessary to healthy persons at various ages are four hours daily at the age of five, five hours from seven to nine, six hours from nine to eleven, five hours from eleven to thirteen, four hours from thirteen to sixteen, three hours from sixteen to eighteen, two from eighteen to twenty, and one hour daily for persons over twenty years of age. This, no doubt, represents the minimum amount of activity necessary to maintain good health. More is better.

Exercise benefits the body because it stimulates the action of the heart and sends larger quantities of blood to the various parts of the body, in turn benefiting both the vital organs and the muscles.

Give Nature a Chance

Children seem to grow and develop with a fair amount of symmetry even when no systematic exercises are prescribed by learned professors. Common sense tells us that if we give nature a

fair chance the results will not be wholly disappointing. The trouble is that grown-ups force themselves to follow an unnatural course for financial or other considerations. Necessity compels them to work at unhealthful occupations for long hours at a stretch, and the additional burden of forced exercises after a weary day of labor does not appear either desirable or necessary. But a half hour devoted to such balancing exercises will yield far more beneficial results than indulging the apparent demand of the body for rest. Children incline to make a game out of their tasks, or injecting into their activities the spontaneous spirit of play. They do things with a hop, skip and a jump, and wise elders will not forget that when all is said and done they are but children grown a little bigger. A grandma who skips and romps with her grandchildren is grandma in name only. Actually she is a playmate and pal, and, incidentally, a lot of fun.

Forcing all the children in a class to go through the same kind and the same amount of exercise is stupid. Each pupil is an individual case, and group tactics are unjust to every member of the class, whether advantaged or disadvantaged by them.

Walking for Exercise

Walking as an exercise is better than sitting still while riding in an automobile. Indeed, stepping along briskly with chest out and arms swinging is a builder of vitality. This seems to be going out of fashion, and so golf is considered a necessary diversion by those who have the time and money to indulge in the pastime. But walking is cheaper, and to most of us just as much fun, especially out of town.

One hundred and twenty steps a minute is the standard pace for the army. A faster pace requires the expenditure of more effort. Perhaps the best pace for the individual is the one that happens to meet the inclination of the moment. Of course, sauntering along is hardly an exercise. One writer says that increasing the pace to 125, 130 or even 140 steps a minute is good for one who wants to reduce. We are told that the results will surprise us. Surplus weight will be reduced, girth diminished, the respiratory effort deepened, and the heart strengthened. You will tingle with the glow of the increased circulation and the healthy perspiration, and by following the walk with a hot soapy scrub and a cold shower, together with five or ten minutes on your back, you will feel that you could "whip your weight in wildcats". All of which sounds good.

Exercise, physical activity, is not a rest from brain-work. In a school where pupils studied hard the entire week, the principal "rested" them by taking them for an all-day hike one day a week. The result was a lot of cases of typhoid, grippe and brain-fag. An adjacent school, though housed in an unsanitary building, had no sickness at all. The body requires rest and relaxation. The provision for sabbaths (rest days) made in the old Jewish law, while pictorial, appear to have had a very practical reason back of them, also.

The nervous system is a very important part of the organism. Worry, excitement and noise irritate the nervous system and interfere with both work and rest. Efficiency is noticeably reduced by noises and disturbances, and rest periods are robbed of much of their effectiveness by discordant sounds and surroundings.

Massage is beneficial to the body, but as a reducer of surplus fat it does the "massager" more good than the "massagee". The Hindus, Persians, Greeks and Romans were familiar with the art long before the Swedes and Finns made it their specialty. The Chinese have been using it for more than three thousand years. In Japan blind men often specialize in massage treatments, and are frequently seen, or rather heard, loudly advertising their profession in the streets, just as peddlers of various kinds may still be heard to make their presence known in American cities.

The Weaker Sex?

Speaking of strength of body, women are not by any means the weaker sex. In many European and Asiatic countries the women work as hard as the men, and frequently they work harder. Women are said to have greater tenacity of life than men. In hospitals male patients will make more fuss and give the nurses more trouble than patients of the opposite sex, nine cases out of ten. The average woman stands pain better than the average man. So the doctors tell us; and they should know. To every 29 girls that die at birth there are 36 boys that die. Women live longer than men; and though they are weaker than men in some respects, they are stronger in other respects. Indian women, according to an observer, "are made for labor; and one of them can carry or haul as much as two men."

Whereas the average woman is 5 feet 4 inches high, the average man is 5 feet 8 inches. When it comes to length of body, however, there is an average difference of only one inch, which indicates that the average woman has better vital organs than the average man.

And now we have about reached the end of our remarks about the human body. Not much has been said about the kind of exercises that should be adopted to keep it fit. Natural movements, such as turning, bending, and moving various parts of the body are the best. They should be continued long enough to induce a slight feeling of fatigue, but no more. Those who are naturally strong will require more strenuous exercises than the slight-figured type. The latter should not be too anxious for muscular development, but seek rather to keep the body in trim by making use of every muscle for a short period daily. Regularity in exercising is of importance. Intermittent and irregular efforts yield no satisfactory results. As strength increases, the exercises may be made somewhat more strenuous, depending upon the individual. Let the objective be to have a balanced and natural body and one that enables you to perform the work that you are called upon to do.

The Next War *By J. Skillicorn (Australia)*

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IT IS quite evident that we are again on the verge of what will probably be the most frightful war ever known.

Notwithstanding the fact that we were assured that the last war was a war to end wars, we are now about to be plunged into another infernal blood bath, with all its misery and degradation, its poison gases, pestilence, and devastation, anguish, death, and desolation.

This means that thousands of the virile youths of the various countries are to be cut off in their bloom in a war which is to be waged in support of vested interest, in a war to enrich pious tricksters and consummate scoundrels, who in the last war enhanced profit from every shot that was fired.

This statement is borne out by an admission in the British House of Commons which shows that Britain paid royalty to Krupp's, and the German government paid royalty to British capitalists, while the soldiers were shattering each other to fragments.

In view of such heinous, barbarous, and pernicious transactions, I would ask: Is there any sane father who will advise his sons to participate in the next war? Is there any mother who will be willing to sacrifice her sons to be slaughtered by guns which send a ton of steel at a muzzle velocity of 3,000 feet a second? We were told that a grateful country would never forget those who participated in the last war, and in some cases that promise has been honored. For instance, Admiral Beatty received a Government grant of £100,000, Lord Haig £100,000, Admiral Jellicoe £50,000, General French £50,000, General Allenby £50,000, Generals Plumer, Rawlinson, Home, and Byng each £30,000, General Hankey £25,000, Generals Robertson, Birdwood, Wilson, Trenchard, and Admirals Madden, Sturdee, Roebuck, Keyes, and Tyrwhitt each £10,000. They will also get ordinary pensions and retiring allowances. But this does not apply to those unfortunates who occupied the trenches. They do not receive £100,000 grants. On the contrary, we find that in England their dependents in June and July, 1915, were actually starving. The *Weekly Dispatch* stated on July 2 that they had over 5,000 complaints, and were receiving up to 600 complaints per day. "We find that innumerable veterans have ended their days in workhouses, including those of the gallant Six Hundred."

From the year 1496 B.C. to A.D. 1862 there were 3,130 years of war. Within the last three centuries there have been 286 wars in Europe. From the year 1500 B.C. to A.D. 1860 more than 8,000 treaties of peace were concluded. The average time they remained in force was two years.

Pensions for All over Sixty

DR. F. E. TOWNSEND, of Long Beach, California, wants to bring prosperity by a pension of $200 monthly to every citizen, man or woman, over 60 who will retire from further labor for gain and will take oath to spend the pension within 30 days from receiving the same. The fund would be raised by a sales tax.

Economics of Robinson Crusoe—New Style

SAYS Samuel Danziger, in the Vancouver *Organizer:*

"'Friday,' said Robinson Crusoe, 'I'm sorry, I fear I must lay you off.'

"'What do you mean, master?'

"'Why, you know there's a big surplus of last year's crop. I don't need you to plant another this year. I've got enough goat-skin clothes to last me a lifetime. My house needs no repairs. I can gather turtle eggs myself. There's an overproduction. When I need you I'll send for you. You needn't wait around here.'

"'That's all right, master. I'll plant my own crop, build my own hut and gather all the eggs and nuts I want myself. I'll get along fine.'

"'Where will you do all this, Friday?'

"'Here, on this island.'

"'This island belongs to me, you know. I can't allow you to do that when you can't pay me anything I need. I might as well not own it.'

"'Then I'll build a canoe and fish in the ocean. You don't own that.'

"'That's all right, provided you don't use any of my trees for your canoe, or build it on my land, or use my beach for a landing place, and do your fishing far enough away so as not to interfere with my riparian rights.'

"'I never thought of that, master. I can do without a boat, though. I'll swim over to that rock and fish there and gather sea gull eggs.'

"'No you won't, Friday. The rock is mine. I own riparian rights.'

"'What shall I do, master?'

"'That's your problem, Friday. You are a free man and you know about the rugged individualism maintained here.'

"'I guess I'll starve, master. May I stay here until I do, or shall I swim beyond your riparian rights and drown or starve there?'

"'I've thought of something, Friday. I don't like to carry my garbage down to the shore each day. You may stay and do that. Then whatever is left of it after my dog and cat have been fed you may eat. You're in luck.'

"'Thank you, master. That is true charity.'

"'One thing more, Friday. This island is overpopulated. Fifty percent of the people are unemployed. We are undergoing a severe depression and there is no way that I can see to end it. No one but a charlatan would say that he could. So keep a lookout and let no one land here to settle, and if any ship comes don't let them land any goods of any kind. You must be protected against foreign labor. Conditions are fundamentally sound, though, and prosperity is just around the corner.'"

Sweatshops in Connecticut

IN AN effort to discourage New York merchants from operating sweatshops in Connecticut such as they would not dare operate in New York city, the *Sunday Herald,* of Bridgeport, mentions a factory near that city where minor children were worked sometimes until midnight on garments bearing NRA labels. One child who, after school hours, put belts and bows on children's dresses, received for three weeks' work a grand total of 75c. On Saturdays and Sundays she worked full time; on other days she started at 4:00 p.m., but sometimes did not stop work until midnight.

What Broke the United States

IN A RADIO address given in Boston, Edward A. Filene, prominent merchant, stated that what broke America was that "when the machines became so productive that the masses could buy only a fraction of their products, the machines had to be run on part time. That meant that millions lost their jobs. And that meant that the masses had still less buying power than before, so less was bought and more machines were shut down and unemployment and poverty increased. Poverty, not because of any scarcity, but because we had learned how to produce so much".

Effects of the Depression

IN 1929 the president of the National Dairy Products Corporation received a salary of $100,000, but in 1932, after the depression had got well under way, his salary was boosted to $168,000 and he was paid a bonus of $10,000 besides. In 1928 and 1929 the chairman of the Bethlehem Steel Company had a salary of $150,000 a year, but in 1930, when the working people everywhere were feeling the pinch, his salary was boosted to $250,000 a year.

Huge Cost of the Depression

THE National Industrial Conference Board figures that the three years of the depression from 1930 to 1933 cost the American people approximately $108,000,000,000, or almost three times what their participation in the World War cost them.

Utopian Society Replaces Technocracy

THE Utopian Society, which replaces Technocracy, is attracting much attention in Los Angeles. At present 2,000 meetings a week are being held in that city. The membership is estimated at 250,000, increasing 5,000 a day. Each is known by number and gives oath not to reveal the time, place or reason for the meeting, nor anything seen or heard, nor the name of any person attending. Announced aims:

"To learn why millions of deserving American citizens are now distressfully unemployed and why an increasing majority of these worthy citizens can never again hope to secure steady or satisfactory employment unless intelligent action is taken by the people themselves; to learn how and why the national tax and debt burden is hopelessly increasing out of all bounds of reason and resources; to learn the true character of a social structure that would be required to function to the greatest advantage of all the American people under conditions of plenty; and, finally, to learn if and how the American standard of living can be advanced by the application of reason to compare favorably with technical skill, equipment, machinery and natural resources of the nation."

The Society projects a new kind of money, but is anti-communistic. It proposes a new social State, with the abolition of profit, but without any change in the Constitution. At a meeting in the Hollywood Bowl, June 23, 1934, 25,000 people paid admissions to hear Jonathan F. Glendon explain the purposes of the Society, and as many more were turned away. Each new member must bring in two more within a week. The speakers of the Society (its organizers were a writer, a salesman, and an attorney) are men of intelligence and ability. They foresee none required to work after 45 years of age, no taxes, no debts, no mortgages, no fear of poverty; new inventions and scientific discoveries to be for the benefit of all. One of the first duties of each Utopian is to write to President Roosevelt, praising the New Deal and imploring the final smashing of the present monetary system. All that the Utopians desire will be here, and much more, when God's name is vindicated at Armageddon and all the devils, big and little, and those that have the Devil's spirit, will be destroyed by the angels of God.

A Slave for Fifty Years

A SLAVE for fifty years, Elizabeth Carter died a few months ago at Sandusky, Ohio, at the age of 119 years. The last years of her life were spent in the Huron County Home.

Contrasts in the Day's News

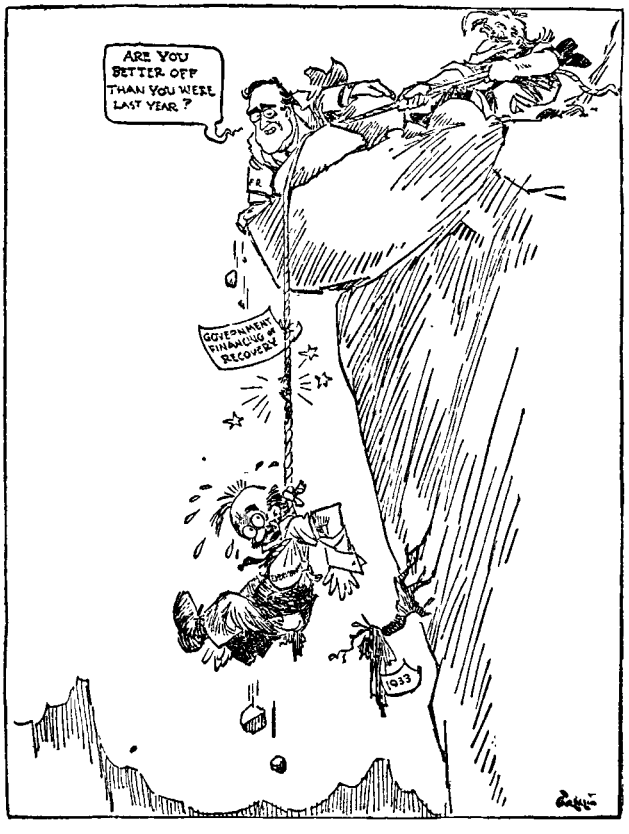
THE AMERICAN GUARDIAN notes the following contrasts in the day's news: An offer of a reward of $1,500 for the return of a bracelet containing 270 diamonds is near an item of a baby boy left in a Brooklyn vestibule with a note pinned to him saying: "Won't someone be kind enough to take my baby, and make a home for him? He's wonderful! It breaks my heart to do this, but I must. I am unable to take care of him. Oh, I love him! God bless him and care for him. From his broken-hearted mother." Another item is of a wealthy turfman burying his dog in a $400 bronze casket designed for a child (vault and monument $1,000 more), with an item of a baby buried in Potter's Field because the father, a waiter, had been out of work eight months. A woman is robbed of jewelry worth $200,000, and near by a jobless man committed suicide and asked that his overcoat be given to some poor man who needed it. The estate of Payne Whitney increased in value over $50,000,000 in two years, and a shoemaker in Kansas put a sign in his window offering to give his children away because he was unable to care for them properly. A party was given to a debutante which cost $50,000, and two men fainted from hunger while applying for jobs at the mayor's office in New York. A prominent banker builds a yacht for $3,000,000, and girl workers in a shirt factory are found getting as little as 25c a day. A mink coat is offered as a bargain at $3,900, and a jobless girl collapses from hunger. A baby of a year old is left a fortune of almost $2,000,000, and a mother in Brooklyn tries to suicide so her babies can have the benefit of the insurance on her life. Is any change needed? What think you? "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end."—Proverbs 19:20.

Making Progress Backwards

DR. NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, president of Columbia University, addressing the students and teachers at the Columbia Summer School, asserted that the world has been going backwards for six years and that the only policy upon which the nations have been able to agree is that each one should borrow without limit. He said that world conditions are such that if not remedied they will bring civilization to an end. He could see no wisdom in paying farmers not to raise cotton and wheat at a time when there are millions without enough to eat or wear.

Starving Ourselves into Prosperity

NORMAN THOMAS puts it very well when he says that under the New Deal we are "trying to starve ourselves into prosperity" and "are to produce less so as to have more". One of the most intelligent men in the country, a college-bred man, recent candidate for president on the Socialist ticket, Thomas was recently



Courtesy New York *Herald Tribune.*

booked to speak in Taylorville, Illinois. The sheriff was so frightened, for fear he might learn something, that he had him hustled into the courthouse while his orderly audience was dispersed by tear bombs.

Gift of Rifles to the Legion

CONGRESS recently gave 75,000 used but good rifles to the American Legion. If they could give used rifles, they could give new ones; and if they could give 75,000, they could give 750,000, or twice that number. One wonders why the gift. Possibly the coupon clippers have the thought that in case of anticipated trouble it might be a good thing to have some firearms lying around for use in case of a pinch.

The New Federal Reserve Notes

THE new Federal Reserve notes will not hereafter contain the words "redeemable in gold on demand at the United States Treasury, or in gold or lawful money at any Federal Reserve Bank". Experience has proved that those words never meant anything when printed there in the first place, so they may as well be removed. It is certainly of no use to repeat a promise which the promiser knows he has previously broken and ignored. Is there anybody in the United States who would believe any promises made by the French or the British government?

Delayed Justice in New York State

IN KINGS county (Brooklyn) New York it takes 27 months to get a Supreme Court jury trial started; in New York county it takes 30 months; in Westchester county (Bronx) it takes 36 months. Six to nine months must be added to these figures for all cases in which an appeal is taken. Some cases were five or six years old before the Supreme Court disposed of them by trial. In many instances plaintiffs or witnesses are dead or scattered before trial is obtained.

Postal Savings Banks

DECLARING that the chief opponents of any improvements in the postal savings banks are the bankers, the National Convention of Post Office Clerks at Chicago has gone on record as advocating simplified methods, larger maximum deposits, checking accounts and joint accounts; and there is not a reason in the world why their advice should be ignored. When all the so-called 'regular' banks in the country were closed, in March, 1933, the postal savings banks remained open.

Mothers May Transmit Citizenship

UNTIL May, 1934, fathers could transmit citizenship to children born abroad, but mothers could not. This ridiculous inconsistency has now been corrected, ending the last discrimination against women in the nationality laws.

Borrowing Himself Out of Debt

UNCLE SAM is desperately trying to borrow himself out of debt, but the more he borrows on an interest basis, the worse off he is. The interest charge on the national debt even now amounts to $3,000,000 for every day.

"British Honor"

THE New York *American* says, bitterly, and truthfully:

When England was backed to the wall; when her civil population was faced by starvation; when her armies were being forced steadily back by the Central Powers; when her merchant marine was being sunk by submarines at the rate of 1,000,000 tons a month and not a week passed but forty ocean-going steam vessels were lost; when India was seething with revolt and Britain was unable, without American help, to maintain her currency system; when she could no longer buy the requisite food to support her civil population nor the munitions to supply her armies; when the shadow of forced surrender hung over the Empire —she turned to the United States for succor in the hour of her extremity. America responded. Our people tightened their belts. They reached down into their savings. They poured their money into British coffers. They said: Here, take this. It will help you. It will stay the disaster which threatens you. Spend it for your needs. We are coming with men and ships and money. We will follow up our loans with our manhood. Our soldiers will come to the rescue of your soldiers.

"Pledged to Mutual Friendship"

SHORTLY before the British repudiation of its debt to America the London *Daily Express,* after noting the general fear in Europe, said: "The British Empire and the United States of America should be two strong watch towers in the world, looking to the East and to the West, pledged to mutual friendship." The British Empire is looking for something it will never see again. If Britain were to be again in the stress in which she was in 1917-1918, when the American people came to her rescue with their all, she would receive no help. The big financiers that pulled off their propaganda then have lost their standing as badly as Britain herself. The trick could not be done again, and all the newspaper palaver is so much wasted breath.

The Children of the Unemployed

AT NEWCASTLE, England, 125 children of the unemployed were given a careful medical examination. Nearly half were below standard height, more than half were below standard weight, 23 percent were found to be anæmic, 49 suffered from chest trouble, acute or chronic, and 45 were unhealthy and unfit. "All my bones shall say, [Jehovah], who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?"—Psalm 35:10.

Britain Losing Out to Japan

IN HER trade war with Japan Britain is losing out. The Japanese are putting their cotton, silk and rayon textiles, electric light bulbs, socks, bicycles, fountain pens, watches, umbrellas and a host of other things into every corner of the world at prices with which no western nation can compete. In 1913 Britain exported 6,780,000,000 yards of cotton goods; last year it was less than a third of that, and Japan's was greater than Britain's. One Japanese worker operates twenty machines; a British worker operates six. The Japanese worker receives about one-fourth the wages of the British worker. The way one mill owner put it was that if he stole his raw materials and paid nothing to his help he could not compete with Japanese prices.

The Shirt Business

THE old idea of running a country was to get some ideas and then try to put them into effect. The new idea is to put everybody in special shirts of some kind, and then it does not matter whether they know anything or not. In Italy and England the stress is on the black shirts, in Germany on brown shirts, in France on red shirts, in Ireland on green shirts, in Spain on blue shirts. In some countries they cannot afford any shirts and have to go back to the old plan of using their heads instead of the sewing machine.

Fascism in England

CAPITALISM is in the last ditch in England, as everywhere, and the last ditch is Fascism. In England the Fascists are coming together under the leadership of Sir Oswald Mosley. He recently addressed a large audience at Olympia, Kensington, subject to constant interruptions by Communists who went there for the purpose. Nothing the Communists could do would help Fascism more than to resort to such tactics.

Gains of the Defaulters

THE German possessions turned over to Britain and France are calculated as worth $198,000,000,000. France, in spite of all her war losses, has more territory, more population and more wealth than before the war. Of the six billions which she borrowed from the United States, she loaned two billions to her lesser allies.

Bertrand Russell on Conditions in India

BERTRAND RUSSELL, British author, writing in the *Oriental Press,* New York, says:

"Who fifty years hence will have a good word to say for the present tyranny in India? No one. The system of promoting criminals to be prison officials, when by their sycophancy they have wormed their way into favor of the authorities, is one which she should not tolerate at home and has no right to inflict upon India. The regulation that prisoners are to have a fresh towel once every nine months does not err on the side of cleanliness. The practice of herding Indian ladies of refinement with prostitutes in the last stages of venereal disease is a questionable one. . . . In some moment of difficulties elsewhere, we shall find ourselves confronted by a movement we shall not be able to repress: and we shall lose India with ignominy."

Demonism in North India

THE *Times of India* tells of a man in Lahore who in the presence of many witnesses was buried alive for half an hour, then dug up and found as fresh as ever. He was laid on a plank studded with six-inch nails, specially sharpened. While he thus lay on the nails a large stone was broken on his chest, with a sledge hammer. His arm was pierced with a long needle, but no blood was drawn. The needle was imbedded so deep that a weight of thirty pounds was attached to it and the whole thing lifted up in the air. These abuses of the body cause but the tiniest scars. The performers say their deeds are done by the power of Kali, that being the name of the demon responsible.

Tuberculosis and Food

STUDIES in England have demonstrated that there is a direct relation between tuberculosis and food; that is to say, that nearly 1,000 people died in England during the past year in the depression areas who might have been spared in the more prosperous towns. Inadequate clothes and food lower the powers of resistance.

Forest Fires in Britain

WHO would ever suppose they could have forest fires in England? Yet in May it was so dry that near Aldershot at one time twenty square miles of heath and forest land were in flames, with the flames leaping forty to fifty feet in the air. The well watered isle is suffering with a water scarcity seldom before experienced.

A Disgusted Canadian Radio Fan

UNDER the headline "One Radio Reformer" the Ottawa *Citizen* contains a letter from Edna Snider, of Westboro, in which that lady says, forcefully:

"I have dismantled my radio and do not intend to use it or buy another until fairness and equal rights have been established for all. To make it clearer, I refuse to help pay the piper and accede to Messrs. Charlesworth and Co. the right to call the tune. I refuse to contribute to what has, in my opinion, become another nesting place for birds of entrenched privilege. I refuse further to be deprived of my right to hear that which I desire to listen to in the way of religious discourses, viz., an intelligent, consistent, and so truthful an explanation of God's Word—the Bible! The claptrap and flapdoodle of professional pulpiteers may appeal to others of the radio audience; it does not appeal to me!"

Floods in South West Africa

AT THE time when, in the Northern Hemisphere, the United States, Canada, England, France, Germany, Russia and China were experiencing one of the greatest droughts in history, opposite conditions prevailed in South West Africa, where floods are the exception and drought is the rule. The African country was swept with tremendous floods which cut communications, contaminated water supplies, and turned vast areas into mosquito-breeding swamps. As a result typhoid and malaria epidemics followed, costing many lives.

British War Office Employs Water Diviner

FACED with a serious water shortage the British war office went to the unusual expedient of employing a female water diviner to show them where to look for underground waters. The woman, manifestly under demoniacal influence, claims to be able to pass her hands over a large-scale map of any unknown country and to point out where water will be found.

During the British Drought

DURING the British drought the government found it necessary to ration some villages to one pint of water per head per day; the health minimum is ten gallons, eighty times as much. In one district water drawn from wells had to stand two hours for the sediment to settle. For their washing water women had to tramp five miles. By the way, Ezekiel was on water rations once.—Ezekiel 4:11.

The Sheep and the Goats in Austria

A GENTLEMAN residing in Vienna tells of the methods by which the Dollfuss government kept itself in power. The sheep, who approved of Dollfuss methods, were given uniforms, full board, lodging and clothes, and 50c per day wages. The goats, who did not approve the Dollfuss methods, were given food, overalls, rude shelters for the night, and the hardest kind of work on mountain roads, and 40c per week. The Heimwehr, Fascist Home Guards, who get about eight times the wages of the goats, have nothing to do but revel in military music, war decorations, titles and patriotism, and, naturally, it is at present more popular to be a sheep in Vienna than it is to be a goat.

Hitler's Eulogy of Hindenburg

IN Hitler's eulogy of Hindenburg he is alleged to have said: "President von Hindenburg is not dead. He lives and moves among the deathless of our own people and among the illustrious spirits of the past as eternal protector of the Reich and the German nation." At this point we are confronted with the testimony of the Scriptures, "The dead know not any thing" (Ecclesiastes 9:5), and "There is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom" (Ecclesiastes 9:10) where the old gentleman went, and modestly suggest that the Almighty is right, as was also the Savior, who said that all the dead are in their graves.—John 5:28, 29.

A Report of Nazi Cruelties

A BRITISH subject in Bremerhaven protested to the German government against Nazi beatings in the prison camps. For doing this he was shadowed day and night, imprisoned three times, his wife was imprisoned, and even his lawyer. While in prison he was assaulted and painfully injured. He was then deported, with five marks in his pocket, with no baggage, and with no time to settle up his affairs.

Thyssen's Power in Germany

THE New York *Post,* in a series of articles, declares that Hitler was put in power and is kept in power by Thyssen, virtual owner of half of Germany; that in his first year wages went down in the Thyssen-controlled steel and electrical industries, and profits in those industries went up 65 percent. The rest is all the horseplay of modern politics.

Germany Preparing for War

A GENTLEMAN who has been many times in Germany says that marching men, in uniform, are everywhere; that when a German business man gets home Saturday noon he puts on his uniform and straps a pack on his back, and spends his Saturday afternoon, and all day Sunday, marching. Thirty-six international conferences, intended to decide what is to be done with 65,000,000 German people, have seemingly had but one sure effect, and that is to put Hitler in power and make another world war seem near.

What German Editors May Not Print

GERMAN editors have been told they must not print any polemics against the former emperor, must not print any antimonarchist propaganda, must not print descriptions of progress in Russia, must not mention the murder of a military officer by a subordinate, must not discuss the artificial silk market, must not discuss religious controversies, and must not discuss disturbances in Poland.

Australians Growing Taller

IT IS noted that Australian school children are taller and heavier at every age in 1922 than in 1912. Freedom from diseases is the cause ascribed. Australians are calling attention to the fact that between 1931 and 1934 the value of the 159 principal shares listed on their stock exchange increased 71 percent, but in that same interval of time the average wages were reduced by 20 percent.

Eye Troubles in Egypt

AFTER centuries of neglect, the people of Egypt are now paying attention to the care of their eyes, with the result that 6,000,000 out of a total population of 14,000,000 underwent treatment in 1931. Among school children 95 percent were found suffering from granular eyelids (trachoma). What a terrible condition the Devil's world is in!

Tourists Avoid Germany

THE murder of Roehm, von Schleicher, and others who helped Hitler to power, no doubt helped him to remain in control, but had the effect of causing a big drop in the tourist business. Immediately after the murders, out of 181 passengers booked through to Bremerhaven, 98 disembarked at Southampton and Cherbourg.

Racketeering Breaks Out in London

RACKETEERING, Chicago style, has broken out in London restaurants. An advance agent delicately suggests to a firm that it would be too bad if its business would be ruined by fights between rough customers. If the firm will join a society there will be no rough house. If the offer is refused the place is wrecked and its patronage destroyed by several fights. The Devil's kingdom, in all the ages past nothing but a succession of rackets of financiers, politicians and clergy, is near its end. Thank God!

"Patriotism Has Lost Its Reason"

IN AN address at Neath, Wales, David Lloyd George made the statement, "Everybody is afraid of war, and everybody is preparing for it. Women and children are now to be included in the sacrifice. Patriotism has lost its reason, and all lands are raving and raging with suspicion and downright fear of the very evils it is helping to create." Sounds as if Lloyd George had read Judge Rutherford's book *Preparation* but had not sufficiently profited by it.

Achievements of Fascism

WAGES in Italy are the lowest in any European industrial country; there are over 1,000,000 unemployed; the decline in trade last year was $250,000,000, and the deficit last year was $350,000,000. In Germany unemployment is estimated at 6,000,000, wages are down, taxes are up, retail prices are very high, the country's supplies of raw materials are low, and the decline in trade last year was $175,000,000.

British Cotton Workers in China

IN THE effort to meet Japanese competition, British cotton-mill owners have sent British cotton workers to China to teach the Chinese all about spinning and weaving. The men in the party will stay five years; the women will stay a year and a half. It is expected that at the end of that time the Chinese will be able to produce cloth at less cost than any other people.

Railway Amalgamation in Canada

DETERMINED efforts are afoot in Canada to unify all the railroads of the Dominion, thus saving, so it is claimed, $75,000,000 a year in their operation. The railroad expressmen and telegraphers see immediately where half of them would be out of work by the amalgamation, and are not enthusiastic. Can you blame them?

Liberians Misbehaving

THE nations that have been supplying arms to Bolivia and Paraguay are disturbed because the Liberians are not conducting themselves as they ought. Thus, they are reported as having driven 12,000 Kru natives from their villages and to have laid waste their habitations and their crops, causing the death of about 150. There is talk of expelling Liberia from the League of Munition Makers, sometimes called League of Nations. The best-known British armament firm secured orders for £1,500,000 worth of arms from Bolivia in six months. The British seem anxious to have Uncle Sam take the Liberian situation in hand.

Christian Scientists Deprived of Justice

AT MINEOLA, New York, a lady, a Christian Scientist, who had sued for damages sustained in an automobile accident was denied justice in the courtroom on the ground that her pains and fractures were not real, according to her faith, and that therefore she had no place in court. It would be hard to imagine anything more unjust. No matter what the woman believed, she had every right to ask for relief, and the court that twitted her because of her faith, and pretended that on account of it she had no right to ask for relief, was every whit wrong.

"No Reason for War Remains"

IN HIS book *Iron, Blood and Profits: an Exposure of the World-wide Munitions Racket,* by George Seldes (Harper's), Mr. Seldes says: "There is now no need of war for trade routes, for colonies, for land, for surplus population, for markets. No reason for war remains, except sudden profits for the 50 men who run the munitions racket."

British Will Continue the Dole

THE British will continue the dole, having learned from actual experience that those on the dole gladly take work when they can get it, and that, in any event, all funds paid out to the unemployed come right back into the channels of trade.

Jewish Boycott Cuts German Exports

THE Jewish boycott of German goods is so effective in the United States, Canada and South Africa that German exports are less than at any time since the end of the war. They fell off twenty percent within the past year.

ANOTHER

of the series of Judge Rutherford's five-minute Bible studies appears on this page. This is the tenth in the series of eighteen, each of which discusses some outstanding and fundamental doctrine of the Bible. The tendency of many exponents of Scripture to stress relatively unimportant matters and to overlook or neglect the great underlying truths of the Word of God is sedulously avoided. Frequent quotations from the Scriptures themselves, as well as indirect reference to their authority, make these talks a valuable means of more fully acquainting oneself with the letter and spirit of the Bible.

Resurrection

THE word "resurrection" means a 'standing up again to life'. If, as claimed by the clergy, the dead are alive in "purgatory" or some other place, then it follows that there could be no resurrection; and yet there is no truth more clearly taught in the Bible than that of the resurrection of the dead. Death means the absence of life, and resurrection means awakening to life again. If the dead are to live again, then they must be resurrected and God has provided that there shall be a resurrection. The basis for the resurrection of the dead is the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. All mankind were born in sin, and the death of the perfect man Jesus provided the purchase price for the right of man to live again, and in due time Jesus will awaken them out of death. Men had been dying for 4,000 years before the death of Jesus, and hence they knew nothing about the value of His death. Men have been dying in ignorance of the value of Jesus' death for the past 1900 years. All of the dead in God's due time shall be awakened out of death, that they may obtain a knowledge of the truth, and then each one for himself must choose to obey God and Christ and live, or else continue in sin and be for ever destroyed. Therefore it is written (Acts 24:15): "There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust."

God has appointed a fixed time for the resurrection of the dead, and that time is during the reign of Christ as King of the world. His reign has now begun, but His first great act is to destroy Satan and his power, and that will be done shortly, at the battle of Armageddon. Then will follow the resurrection of the dead. The resurrection of Christ Jesus is a guarantee that all who have died in ignorance must be awakened out of death and given a knowledge of the truth. For that reason the Scriptural argument, as set forth in 1 Corinthians 15, is this: 'If there be no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen; and if Christ is risen, that is a guarantee that all the dead shall rise.'

The fact of the resurrection is complete proof that the doctrine of "purgatory", concerning people's being in a place of suffering, is entirely false. The Scriptures speak of death as sleep, because man is unconscious when asleep. The dead are asleep in Jesus, for the reason that Jesus has bought the right of man to live. Therefore it is written: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." (1 Thessalonians 4:14) The purpose of the awakening men out of death is to give them an opportunity and trial for life; and this will be given at the appearing of Christ Jesus and His kingdom. (2 Timothy 4:1) During the reign of Christ death itself will be destroyed, in this, that all who then obey His righteous law shall live, and never die, and all the willfully wicked will be completely destroyed. For that reason Jesus said: "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"—John 11:26.

Jehovah God in His loving-kindness has provided for the redemption of sinful man from death, through Christ Jesus' sacrifice, and for the resurrection to life of men who believe and obey. The Devil tries to keep the people in total ignorance of this great truth, and for that reason has caused his representatives on earth to teach false doctrines. What the people must now do is to apply themselves to gain an understanding of the Bible, and to that end must provide themselves with the necessary books to enable them to find the texts in the Bible and learn their meaning. You can do this just as well in your own home as anywhere else. Write The

Watch Tower for a list of these books explaining these truths and you will receive such information free of charge. You owe it to yourself and your family to gain this knowledge. Jehovah's way is always right and true. Learn that way and live.

Death has brought untold sorrow to mankind. The resurrection will bring boundless joy to those who obey God under Christ's kingdom, and concerning which it is written: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Revelation 21:4) The faithful Christians will have part in the first resurrection, which means life in the spirit with Christ. The obedient ones on the earth during the reign of Christ will be given everlasting life on the earth in complete happiness.

[The foregoing talk is one of a series of eighteen recorded on nine phonograph records by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y., designed for use in the home and wherever the consideration of Scriptural truths is timely. The records are such as may be run on any phonograph at the usual rate of 78 revolutions per minute. They fill a long-felt want and are being used by many to pass on the message of truth to friends and neighbors. Inquiries should be addressed to the Society, and not to us.]

Of Interest to Jehovah's witnesses

Hate Books That Explain the Bible

HOW the clergy do hate books that explain the Bible! In *The Leader* Reverend Bert Brower in one paragraph advises his readers to burn Judge Rutherford's books, and in the very next one makes the admission that most professed Christians today are like the eunuch who was honest enough to admit that he did not understand the Bible and needed help. And then, says the Reverend Brower, "Most of us are that way: we know very little about the Book of books; we don't know our Bibles." The clergy are like that. They neither go into the kingdom of heaven themselves, nor permit others who would.

Transcription Meetings on the Thames

THE London *Daily Mail* has two pictures of police boarding a launch on the Thames, on which launch Judge Rutherford's lectures were being broadcast. The errand of the police was peaceful; it was merely to tell the broadcasters that public meetings are not permitted within one mile of parliament buildings while parliament is in session. As soon as this information was imparted, the launch dropped down the river to another place and the meeting went on.

As Might Be Expected

ONE of Jehovah's witnesses (colored) writes from Jacksonville, Florida, that the government sends food there for the relief of the poor, but the pastors of the various congregations direct where it shall go; it goes mostly to their own church members, as do also the opportunities to work; only if there is a surplus is a little given to others. A riot occurred at Wichita protesting against a work schedule of one day a week for single men and four days a week for married men with large families. A riot occurred at Tampa when midday meals to school children were stopped. We expect to see the Devil treat his dupes worse and worse now, until the final end of his inglorious career.

Broadcasting the Truth in New Hampshire

THE Milford (N.H.) *Cabinet* comes to hand. On the front page is a news item extolling the beautiful music coming from one of the transcription outfits operated in that town by a group of Jehovah's witnesses, and on the editorial page a caustic criticism of the very same incident. Probably in the meantime some preacher had gotten on the job and given the editor an ear full and he neglected to kill the news item which told the truth.

Bogus Kingdoms of God

NRA and the Kingdom of God

MARK SULLIVAN claims to have had a "Handbook for Speakers" containing talks for boosting the NRA. The "talk for a religious meeting" ends with the assurance to the audience that "NRA will bring about the kingdom of God on earth". That is to say, so to speak, it will if it succeeds, but if it doesn't, as now seems likely, then it will be the other condition which the theologians of yesteryear were wont to say so much about, but which prudence now prevents them from mentioning.

Secretary Ickes Dreams a Dream

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR HAROLD L. ICKES is reported as having said: "If the moral aspirations of the church should reinforce the political efforts now being made to establish a new social order, the advance all along the line would be irresistible and that new social and economic order, certain as it is to be realized in the end in any event, would be accomplished much more quickly and with infinitely less disturbance." That is what might be called a bid for the church vote.

Ringing of Bells in Iowa

IN WATERLOO, Iowa, not realizing that they might just as well have added the death penalty, certain of the city council proposed an ordinance making it an offense punishable by a $100 fine to ring any doorbell without a written invitation. But it should be hastily added that church bells that wake everybody on the one day when they would appreciate a little extra rest are quite the thing.

"Ye Suffer Fools Gladly"

THE newspapers that can barely find a decent word to say for the only work in the world that is sincerely interested in the honor of Jehovah's name can find plenty of room to publish columns of stuff about a long-haired backwoods fanatic who allows a rattlesnake to bite him. The apostle got it right when he said to the Corinthians, "Ye suffer fools gladly."

Strange New Light Found

TWO chemists in the University of Jena, Germany, have discovered a new strange light which emanates from certain chemically formed salts. It is not known what use can be made of the light. Edison was right when he said we hardly know the one-thousandth part of one percent about anything.

George Kept Right On

A YEAR ago the government, in its wisdom, was passing laws to cut down cotton and wheat acreage and was destroying millions of pigs before they were born. Then the government got what it wanted, a drought covering half the United States, and the live stock starving in its harness, but even after the drought was in evidence George E. Farrell, chief of the Agricultural Administration, extended for fifteen days the time when farmers might sign up for the reduction program. You see that was George's job, and he didn't know it was no longer necessary; so he kept right on until it was too late to do any planting.

"The Red Network"

ACCORDING to the New York *Post* the secret police of New York city are in possession of a book by an Illinois woman in which are listed the persons who, in her judgment, ought properly to be classed as reds. Among those named as such are Senators Borah and Norris, Professor Irving Fisher of Yale, Newton D. Baker, Norman Thomas, Mayor LaGuardia, Secretaries Wallace and Ickes, and the wife of President Roosevelt. When the secret police want to have a good laugh they can lock the door, pull down the shades, turn on the electric lights, go to the safe, and get out the little red book.

Largest Deficit of Peace Times

IT IS estimated that the deficit for the fiscal years 1934 and 1935 will be $16,000,000,000, much the largest deficit of peace times in history. Part of the deficit was caused by payments to farmers to keep them from planting as much as usual. The administration has received some criticisms of the burning of surplus farm products in Iowa at a time when millions of people are in dire need. This winter, same as last, whole trainloads of cotton (255,000 bales) will be worked up into mattresses, quilts, pillow cases, towels and other requirements of the needy.

Why the Gold Was Moved

THERE are several explanations as to why the government's $1,500,000,000 in gold at San Francisco was moved to the mint in Denver. One is that there are too many earthquakes in San Francisco; one is fear of Japan; and a third is uncertainty due to the dock strikes. Anyway, the gold was moved.

Financial Department

Utilities Fight the People of Bethlehem

LIKE Herod of old, the power trust is after the little folks of Bethlehem; but this time it is Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and not Bethlehem, Palestine, and all the power trust wants is the privilege of robbing the parents, not of their children, but of part of their income devoted to feeding the children. When the people elected a mayor and council pledged to the erection of a municipal power and light plant, the power trust hurriedly got together and organized what they called a "Taxpayers' Protective Association", the object of which association is to stand behind the power trust and feed the people over the radio and otherwise with the usual pabulum that, since there is not an honest man in the power trust who if elected to serve the people would really do it, the wisest and best thing to do is to turn everything over to the trust and let them charge what they please.

Public Debt of the United States

IN THE year 1916 the public debt of the United States was $1,225,145,568. By the end of this year it is expected to be $32,000,000,000, which is 26 times as much, and it will require every year approximately as much to pay the interest as the total debt amounted to when Uncle Sam rushed out to make the world safe for hypocrisy. Now the desperate and unsuccessful rush is on to make it safe for the coupon clippers.

Whipstocked Oil Wells

INSTANCES are on record in California, and probably in other oil fields, where drills have been so directed as to cross the lines of three properties and to thus enable the wells to remove the oil from under a fourth property several hundred feet away. In one instance the tools of two rival operators became tangled, not on their own property, but on state-owned property nearly a quarter of a mile distant.

Big Business Against the People

GREENWOOD COUNTY, South Carolina, was allotted $2,767,000 by the government for the construction of a public-owned power plant. Would you not suppose everybody would be glad to see the people owning something? But the Duke Power Company, which came into existence through the Duke tobacco millions, had the meanness to appear at Washington and urge the cancellation of the allotment.

A Capitalist's Patriotism

REFERRING to the flight of American capital to China, the New York *Times* says:

It is known that one large international concern owned partly by American capital recently dismantled four of its factories here employing approximately 10,000 workers and transferred its operations to Shanghai. When an official was criticized for the move because of its effect on the unemployment situation here he replied that his responsibility was first to the shareholders of the corporation. . . . Without something to stop the trend, the feeling in some quarters is that the United States and other industrial countries will become largely agricultural nations, while the Orient, with its millions of workers, will in time become the industrialized section of the world.

Universal Waybill to South America

AFTER three years of negotiation with countries to the south, arrangements have been perfected by which packages can be shipped from any express office in the United States, and delivery can be insured in 2½ days in any Caribbean country and within 7 days in any country in South America. Pan American Airways carried 1,000,000 pounds of express last year, but, under this new arrangement, should show a great increase.

U.S. Factories in Canada

AN ODD feature of the depression, and one that has not helped American workingmen any, is that 200 factories have been established in Canada in the past four years by American concerns that heretofore supplied the Canadian market from plants located on this side of the line. Now these coupon-clipping patriots are also transferring their stock-gambling operations.

Reduction of 1,500,000 in Unemployed

THE figures of the American Federation of Labor show a steady decrease in the number of unemployed from 11,755,000 in January to 10,267,000 in May. At present half a million men are working directly on roads, and a million more are busy supplying highway materials.

Huge Munitions Sales

IN JANUARY, 1934, sales of American munition makers to people at war or expecting soon to be at war were almost $50,000,000, and only a little less three months later. "Uncle Sam" is professedly the most peace-loving nation on earth.

Twenty Little Pigs Went to Market

MRS. A. MOSBACK, Cortland, Illinois, raised and sold 20 pigs, weighing at time of sale 1,630 pounds. The pigs brought $12.22, of which amount $2.80 went for use of pens, scales and runways, 55c for corn, $1.40 for insurance against injury en route, 5c for insurance against fire, $3.67 for hauling, $3.00 for selling them, and 7c for the meat board. The balance, 68c, Mrs. Mosback can use to help America's leading financier, who for several years past has been unable to pay anything in the way of income tax.

Seattle Milk Dumped into Sewer

THE Seattle *Star* shows a picture of a large can of milk being dumped into a sewer, in the effort to improve farmers' profits. The object, so it is explained in the *Star,* is "to urge a shorter day and shorter hours so as to have more time to teach the cows to eat less grass to produce less milk and thereby create less surplus" for the mothers and babies on relief. Everybody who can understand that is entitled to a place on the AAA.

On the Cut-over Lands of Wisconsin

ON THE cut-over lands of northern Wisconsin the winter is severe and nine months long. In this area, where nothing but timber will make a crop, are two thousand families, left behind when the timber was all cut off. The only way they can live is by national, state and county aid. The only apparent hope for these cut-over lands is reforestation. Yet the Lord will make them blossom as the rose. He knows what to do.

625 Acres Disappear in Honduras

CRAWLING into a big hole and pulling the hole in after, 625 acres of cornfields have disappeared from the sides of Mount Erapuca, Honduras. The mountain, which is 8,000 feet high, is folding up like an accordion and the farm lands on its sides are being telescoped out of existence. It must be a strange sensation to wake up and find your farm standing on edge on the inside of a volcano.

Fascist Party in Poland

IN TWO places in Poland hundreds of National Radicals (the Fascisti of Poland) pounced upon Jewish children while they were playing and beat them mercilessly. Twenty-two were sent to the hospital, including one policeman.

Army of Gulls at Ogden

IT IS claimed that early in June sea gulls, intent upon the destruction of grasshoppers, were so thick at the Ogden airport that arrival and departure of planes was possible only early in the morning and late at night. During the night the birds made their habitat on islands in the Great Salt Lake. The same month that witnessed the sea-gull invasion in Utah witnessed a tremendous visitation of white moths to New Jersey. Drivers and motormen could not see to drive their cars; traffic and street lights were thickly covered, plunging the streets into darkness; and in South Orange the town clock on the village hall was completely obscured from vision.

Varieties of Electric Fish

THERE are some fifty varieties of electric fish. One of these, the electric ray, some three feet wide by four feet long, has about 450 hexagonal prisms filled with a clear jelly-like substance. In reality they form a series of Leyden batteries. The mullet is quickly and easily shocked into insensibility, and therefore the electric rays live chiefly on mullets. The electric eel, still more powerful, may give a shock of 450 volts. The electric catfish lets other fish do the catching and chewing. It upsets their stomachs and takes its food second-hand.

The Tesla Death Beams

DR. NIKOLA TESLA announces four new inventions to add to the 700 already to his credit. He claims that these four inventions, which have been perfected, and will be disclosed to the Armament Conference at Geneva, will enable a country to bring down 10,000 airplanes at a distance of 250 miles, and will cause armies of millions to drop dead in their tracks without revealing what it was that caused their death. Dr. Tesla claims that in peace times the death beams can be used to send power 200 miles with 99 percent efficiency.

New Fog Howler Is a Success

THE new Jessen fog howler, a compressed-air siren, is reported to be a complete success. Though it can be heard at a distance of eight miles, which is much farther than a steam whistle can be heard, it is almost inaudible to passengers on board; thus both their safety and their comfort are increased.

The Steering Committees for Aholibah—

Inter-Faith Goodwill Committee

THE Inter-Faith Goodwill Committee in Butte, Montana, consists of the Reverend Thomas Ashworth, Episcopalian; the Reverend A. C. Caton, Methodist; Rabbi E. Sternheim, and the Very Reverend Monsignor J. Willging, Catholic. All four of these were in the February (1934) conspiracy of 22 clergymen of Butte and Anaconda to force Judge Rutherford off the air. The same sheet that gives the foregoing information also shows that the Gottheil Medal of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, the oldest and largest Jewish fraternity in the United States, which medal is awarded to the American who has done most for Jewry, was this year awarded to the Protestant-Catholic-Jewish trio, Clinchy, Ross and Lazaron, of the National Conference of Jews and Christians, for the flying trip they made over the United States to convince one another, and to try to convince the public that knows better, that there is no such thing as intolerance in the United States at this time. Jewish financiers evidently have been made to understand, or have come to see on their own responsibility, that it is of advantage to them to side in with the clergy of the Devil, and are putting on the vestments of identification which it is every way appropriate that they don at this time. The coupon clippers will do anything to save what is best described as "bacon".

Did Quite Right to Resign

A HORNELL (N. Y.) minister resigned the ministry, giving as his reasons that he denies the existence of deity, does not believe a single thing that Christianity teaches, and does not believe such a man as Jesus ever lived. He did quite right to resign; and now if all the other clergy who at heart are in the same condition will just do the same, that will be the end of the clergy myth and we can thereafter have true Christianity, and the Millennium.

Minister Sorry He Lied

A MINISTER of Portland, Oregon, advertised that his church had burned down; it drew a record crowd, but it was a lie. Subsequently he published a statement that he was sorry he lied. If you ask us if we object when a minister who has lied comes forward and tells the truth, we are happy to say we do not, and to add that if they had done that every time they have lied there would be nothing for us to do.

Big Business Tightens Purse Strings

IN *Zion's Herald* the Reverend Robert Leonard Tucker devotes two pages to evidence that the Big Business crowd is throwing the churches overboard. He says, in part: "Recently a church with a very large debt met with representatives of a large insurance company in the East which carried the mortgage. This company declined to discuss the matter of reducing the rate of interest or of further carrying the mortgage until this church had satisfied the insurance company that it did not carry an item of a single dollar for missions in its budget. Receiving such assurance that this church did not and would not carry any item for missions in its budget, the company consented to continue negotiations." Several similar cases are cited, indicating that Big Business is determined to have its money anyway, whether there is anything for missions or not. The only reason Big Business ever financed the church business was for what it could get out of it.

Prayers for Animals

THE London *Evening News* contains a picture of a group of choir boys carrying effigies of animals and the announcement "Prayers for animals will be said in the chapel of the Heritage Craft Schools, Chailey, Sussex". Having no knowledge of the Scriptures, and no interest whatever in them, the clergy naturally feel that they must do something "religious"; so here it is. But what have the poor dumb animals ever done to deserve this? The Devil is trying to make a complete farce of all so-called "faith".

Pastors Getting Some of the Doctors' Money

IN THE North, in recent years, Christmas seals have been sold and the money, in part, has gone to the erection of signs urging people to see their doctors. In Birmingham a sales organization put on a campaign for the use of Go-to-Church seals, 25 percent of the gross receipts of which were to go to the Pastors' Union. This diversion of funds caused considerable feeling in Birmingham.

Raps the Ten Commandments

A PHILADELPHIA "doctor of divinity", a trainer of theologians, has stated that the ten commandments, written by the finger of Jehovah God himself, are now outmoded. Coming from such a source, this is what we would have expected. The clergy are entirely willing to criticize Jehovah God himself.

The Uses of Benedictine Wine

WILLIAM LLOYD CLARK tells us that the special use of Benedictine wine, made at the Benedictine Monastery, Fa Comp, France, is to arouse the animal passions. The wine is specially doctored with ingredients for the purpose. It is specially useful in institutions where attractive single women are kept behind bars, subject to visits of celibate men; such women are never permitted to go out singly; they go out in pairs, so that there can be no squealing. On each bottle of Benedictine wine is the papal coat of arms and pope's tiara. At present the pope is very anxious to clean up American movies. Seems as though, if he really wants to clean up something, nobody should discourage him. Cardinal Dougherty, of Philadelphia, in ordering the boycott of the movies in the diocese of Philadelphia, described them as attacking "the very foundations of our Christian civilization, namely, the sacrament of marriage, the purity of womanhood". It was in Philadelphia that it required a big squad of policemen to force a group of girls back into a so-called "House of the Good Shepherd"; they fought desperately in a vain effort to escape from the hell hole in which they were confined. Seems as if Cardinal Dougherty could find something to clean up in Philadelphia besides the movies. All films were also boycotted in St. Louis, where the same boycotting outfit crowded Judge Rutherford off KMOX a year ago. When the boycott was put on in Cleveland the presiding archbishop urged Catholic Action to "infuse into society the spiritual life of Christ". It was in Cleveland that the official Catholic paper, a year ago, managed to call Judge Rutherford some 82 vile names as its contribution on 'infusing into society the spiritual life of Christ'. Protestant ministers generally are going along with Jezebel's efforts to doll herself up for the party which is sure to come off when Jehu arrives. In Scranton the police got weary of the attacks made upon them by a prominent Protestant minister, shadowed him, found that he had been for a year and a half a constant visitor to the red light district, and finally caught him in a place and under circumstances that will make it unnecessary for him to preach any more in Scranton. The pope is very much in favor of the drive against the indecent films. It is doubtful if he knows how much of the drug called Spanish fly his monks put in the Benedictine wine. Control of the movies will henceforth be in the hands of the Catholics.

American Films O.K. in France

FRANCE'S chief censor, noting the great hullabaloo about indecent films, gave the American films a clean bill of health, stating that there had been no complaints against them, and that Germany and Italy are worse offenders. In America Catholic prelates are very busy. They have demanded that Will Hays, movie magnate, resign. He is a Presbyterian, and it is thought that a good Catholic should have his job. The rector of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic church has blessed the wine cellars under Brooklyn bridge. Not sure if these wine cellars had any Benedictine wine in them, but presume they had. The Federal Council of Churches is circulating pledges to remain away from movies which "offend decency and Christian morality". The Roman Catholic church will decide what is decent and moral. In New York these meetings between Catholics, Protestants and Jews at which word is given out as to what is decent and moral are held in the rectory of the Holy Cross Roman Catholic church. The clergy of the Jewish people are going along with the Catholic program. The pope has just asked the Italian Women's Catholic Action society to stamp out Protestant propaganda in Italy. The invitation to stamp it out in America has not yet come, but is on the way. After they get the movies cleaned up, with the help of the Protestants and Jews, the Catholics will then clean up the Protestants and Jews themselves, so these dispatches from Rome indicate.

Important Notice to Gamblers

THE *Catholic Observer,* diocesan paper of Pittsburgh, has a notice in its issue of August 16 reading as follows: "Important! Postal regulations forbid us to announce games of chance, drawings for door prizes, paddle wheels, or other such events, in parish social affairs. If those handling publicity for the various parishes will kindly remember to omit such reference it will eliminate any possibility of us getting into trouble with Uncle Sam and will not necessitate us cutting such references from their items. Your cooperation will be appreciated." It may be added that the Catholic church is very anxious at this time to clean up the movies. The reason why it would wish to clean up the movies and not interfere with gambling under its own roof is sufficiently clear; it gets the movie money and the gambling money too by this sudden spasm of reform.

Comical Telephone Blunder in Italy

BY A COMICAL error in Italy, Tedeschini, papal nuncio in Madrid, thinking he was talking with a papal secretary in Vatican City was actually talking with a representative of the Spanish government. He went cheerfully ahead telling his comrade how to lie to the Spanish representative to the best advantage, and telling him also what the real plans and purposes of the Vatican were with regard to Spain. In an hour or so Tedeschini was confronted with his own words in Madrid and was almost paralyzed when he found he had been talking to the wrong party.

Mourning-Maternity Gowns Taboo

MOURNING-MATERNITY gowns are taboo in North Dakota. Judge G. Grimson has issued a permanent restraining order prohibiting members of school boards from "employing teachers who wear the distinctive garb or dress, insignia or symbols indicative of membership in any religious organization, or as indicative of a belief in any particular religion, church or its doctrine, tenets and dogma". The order was issued because 23 nuns were employed as teachers in a half dozen North Dakota towns and insisted on wearing their black rigs when they went to work.

"In a Voice Choked with Emotion"

GRADUATING exercises of La Salle Academy. One of the greatest dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church speaking. The New York *Times* says that "in a voice filled with emotion" he pointed out "that President Roosevelt was chiefly responsible for stopping the ravages of the depression". The following month there were 7,929 more persons on the relief rolls of New York city than at any other time in the 2½ years that the Emergency Home Relief Bureau has been in operation. It is best not to get too emotional too soon.

Many Faint at Maryland Anniversary

AT THE anniversary, in Baltimore, of the 300th anniversary of the founding of Maryland and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Cardinal Gibbons, though the day was cool, 400 men, women and children fainted and 1,400 other cases were sent to the emergency hospital. When the little piece of bread was elevated there was a ten-cannon salute.

Suggestions on Drownings

NEAR Windsor, Ontario, when the body of a twelve-year-old boy could not be recovered from the Detroit river, the Reverend J. A. Loiselle, pastor of St. Joseph church, River Canard, Ontario, blessed a loaf of bread, threw it into the water, and, it is claimed, within an hour the body came to the surface at the same spot. Obviously, no ship or boat should go out, nor should anybody go swimming without being equipped with bread blessed by the Reverend Loiselle. Why have any drownings at all when here is a method by which they can be prevented?

Jew Annex to "Purgatory"

OCCASIONALLY there is a Jew who has money enough to make it worth while for those who run the "purgatory" business to let him into "purgatory" when he dies; thereafter the routine is the same as if he were a Catholic. At Cleveland high requiem mass was said in St. John's cathedral for one of the Richman brothers, clothing manufacturers, who died recently. If he had not had any money he would not have been allowed in "purgatory" and would have been out of luck.

Big Business at Oberammergau

THE Passion Play, held every ten years at Oberammergau, Germany, has developed into a big business enterprise. The stage, which cost a million marks, has a capacity for 600 players. The stage manager gives the performers their call through loud-speakers in the dressing rooms. The text this year mentions "the saving of the German people and its tribes from Bolshevism and the suppression of the anti-Christian powers in the Fatherland".

Mexicans Seem to Be in Earnest

MEXICAN officials seem to be in earnest in their contention that Catholic priests must obey the law. All foreign priests were ordered out of the state of Sonora; they had been advising parents to keep their children from the public schools. In Zacatecas a bishop was arrested for wearing his ecclesiastical garb outside the church, contrary to law.

150 Churches Burned

IT HAS been estimated that in the last three years in Spain no fewer than 150 churches were burned, monasteries pillaged and priests and nuns driven out of the country.

Holy Name Society Liquor License

AT NEWARK, N. J., a retail liquor license has been granted to the Holy Name Society of St. Casimir's Roman Catholic church. As it is against the law to issue a license to a booze joint within 200 feet of a church, and this one will be run as an annex of the church, the Reverend Paul Knappek, who will be interested in the receipts of the saloon, signed a legal waiver of objections to the saloon's being so close to the images and holy water. As it gets harder and harder to get money out of the flock, Holy Name Society barrooms are bound to become increasingly frequent as annexes to Catholic churches. In the Bronx there was a parade two miles long of Holy Name Societies, against atheism and communism; it took 100 policemen to escort it, and would have taken 200 if the marchers had first visited the St. Casimir Holy Name saloon; so it is probably a good thing that it is in Newark and not in New York.

Armageddon Will Clean the Slate

ANSWERING a question as to "what will happen to those people living at the end of the world who ordinarily would have gone to 'purgatory'" the St. Anthony *Messenger* says, with a considerable measure of truth: "The horrors of the collapse of all creation at the end of time, as the Holy Bible foretells this awful catastrophe, will be so frightful as to equal and overshadow the sufferings in 'purgatory' and so intense that the people on earth at that time will sufficiently atone for their sins so as to be wholly cleansed." The next step is to get the correct idea that the Armageddon which is thus described is just around the corner. St. Anthony's *Messenger* has not told the half of it. In Armageddon every "purgatory" salesman will be done.

Souls in "Purgatory" Get a Raw Deal

FORTY Catholic priests in West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana were stung an average of $12,000 each when a clever salesman got them to take bonds by using the name of Cardinal Mundelein. Of course, they had intended to use these funds to bail out friends in "purgatory", but now that they have lost out on their speculations these friends will all have to remain in the cooker, for it is well known that neither Peter nor Mary, nor Joseph, nor anybody else who has any influence will do one thing until they get the long green in their fists. To trust is to bust; to bust is Hoboken.

Anna Not Quite Clever Enough

ANNA MUNGIOVI, of Lucata, Italy, was clever, but not quite clever enough. She exuded blood, which she said was blood-sweating, and she caused a crucifix at her home to exude blood. In some way it got out that she was using ox blood in her stunts and thus interfering with the regular miracle business. She was sentenced to three months in prison, but the sentence was suspended. Now they should sentence the priests from whom she learned this not too clever "skin-game", and suspend their sentences until Armageddon.

The Pope's Flock

FIGURES put out from Vatican City estimate the pope's flock in America as 143,000,000; and in the world, as 392,709,534. This is probably twice the actual number, but every effort was made to get the number as big as possible so that none would confuse this flock with the one of which the Lord Jesus spoke when He said, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Reverend Schwarz Poorly Paid

REVEREND BERTHOLD SCHWARZ, the Franciscan friar who invented both gunpowder and cannon in the early part of the fourteenth century, was poorly paid. His first large order for cannons was for large guns for the government of Venice. The money for the guns was not promptly forthcoming, Schwarz got restless, his creditors got angry, and they threw him into prison, where he died.

Saved the Boxes Full of Gold

WHEN the Catholic church at Piedras Negras, Mexico, burned recently the fire squad had a hard time getting out the two coffers full of gold coins, but managed to do it before the roof of the church fell in. Piedras Negras, which has 23,000 population, is so poverty-stricken that it cannot afford a fire department and there are but two fire plugs in the city.

Ad Limina Visits to Vatican City

ONCE in ten years every Roman Catholic bishop is required to repair to Vatican City and make a personal report on the condition of his diocese. The main item is the collection that he takes along. If the collection is big the diocese is in good spiritual condition; if it is small the bishop is not onto his job.

The Great Pyramid: of God or of Satan?

IN THE land of Egypt, in the northern part of Africa, there is set up a great structure of stone which is called "the great pyramid of Gizeh". For the past half-century many students of God's Word have been taught and have believed that the great pyramid of Egypt is that which God through His prophet refers to in the nineteenth chapter of Isaiah. Many have relied upon that structure of stone to corroborate the testimony concerning what they call the "divine plan" as set forth in the Word of God. In fact, some have designated the pyramid "the Bible in stone" and "God's stone witness". If that were true, that would be an admission on God's part that His Word needs corroborative proof and is therefore insufficient in itself. If His Word needs corroborative proof, then the statement of Psalm 119:105, that His Word is the guide for His children, could not be true. If, however, His Word is sufficient as a guide for His children, then corroborative proof for His Word is superfluous. It belittles His written Word to say that it needs such proof. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable . . . that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." —2 Timothy 3:16, 17; John 17:17.

The burden is upon the devotees of the pyramid of Gizeh to show from God's Word that He had anything whatsoever to do with building it. If they make the proof, then they show that the Word of God is insufficient. If they fail to make the proof, then the pyramid should be put out of the mind of everyone who serves God. The facts are, however, that nowhere in God's Word is the pyramid mentioned either directly or indirectly. Is it not passing strange that if God provided for His church to be taught by the measurements of a pile of stone neither Jesus nor any of the apostles had one word to say about it, but, on the contrary, emphasized the necessity of adhering closely to the Word of truth and unselfishly serving it? If the pyramid is not mentioned in the Bible, then following its teachings is being led by vain philosophy and false science and not following after Christ.—1 Timothy 6:20; Colossians 2:8.

Location

By an ingenious method of drawing lines an effort is made to prove that the great pyramid is located "in the midst of the land of Egypt, and . . . at the border thereof". (Isaiah 19:19) Many conscientious persons have swallowed this philosophy, bait, hook, sinker, line and all, without stopping to consider. In the first place it is a physical impossibility to place a tangible object in the midst of a certain tract of land and on the border thereof. By referring to the map of Egypt it is easy to be seen that the great pyramid is situated neither in the midst of the land of Egypt nor on the border thereof.

Egypt is approximately 600 miles long from north to south, and 250 miles wide in the broadest part. Ancient Egypt was bounded on the south by Ethiopia, and on the north by the Mediterranean sea. The prophet Ezekiel mentions the city of Syene (Seveneh, *Hebrew*), which was in the southern part of Egypt, and is nearer Egypt's border than is the pyramid. (Ezekiel 29:10, *margin;* 30:6, *margin*) The location of the pyramid of Gizeh is approximately 100 miles south of the Mediterranean sea, and 400 miles north of Seveneh; and, of course, the southern border of Egypt is still farther south than Seveneh. Therefore the location of the pyramid cannot be fitted to the prophecy, even if the prophecy referred to the land of Egypt.

Altar and Pillar

Isaiah 19:19 says: "In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt." The claim is made that the altar here mentioned refers to the pyramid of Gizeh. The Hebrew word from which "altar" is here translated means a place of sacrifice. There is nothing in the Scriptures to indicate that the pyramid is or ever will be a place of sacrifice. Surely it is not now a place of sacrifice. When the church of God is all complete there will then be no occasion for sacrifice. Their covenant with Jehovah God by sacrifice will be done.—Psalm 50:5.

If Isaiah 19:19 is given a literal interpretation and applied to the land of Egypt, the facts must show that there has been, is now, or shall be in the future, sacrifice performed in Egypt at the pyramid. Not one word in the Bible would justify or support the conclusion that the pyramid is an altar, within the Scriptural meaning. The conclusion must be abandoned that the prophecy refers to the pyramid of Gizeh when it mentions the "altar".

Continuing, the prophecy says: "And a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord." The word "pillar" here used means a memorial column,

or a pillar of testimony. In support of the correctness of this definition the prophecy further says: "And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts," Jehovah. Never at any time in the past has the pyramid given testimony to the name of Jehovah; and surely it is not doing so now.

Shape

A pyramid is properly defined as a solid body standing on a triangular, square or polygonal base, and terminating in a point at the top. Such is the shape or form of the pyramid of Gizeh, except that there is no capstone or point at the top. Many men can stand on the top of it now. It has been stated that "the pyramid figure represents perfection and completeness" and symbolically represents the "plan of God" and particularly represents Christ Jesus the Head or topstone of the structure. In support Ephesians 2:19, 20 is quoted: "Now therefore ye . . . are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."

It is quite manifest that the apostle did not have in mind the pyramid of Gizeh or any other pyramid when he wrote the above. He is there addressing God's anointed saints and tells them that they are built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus himself being the chief corner stone. Then he adds: "In whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the spirit." (Ephesians 2:21, 22) Again, he says: "Ye are God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:9) And: "Ye are the temple of the living God."—2 Corinthians 6:16.

Clearly, in these scriptures the apostle had in mind the temple built by Solomon, which symbolically represents The Christ, both the Head thereof and the body. He could not have had in mind a pyramid. Solomon's temple was not in the shape of a pyramid. God's kingdom organization is described in Revelation 21:10-16, not as in the form of a pyramid, but as a great cube. Neither a pyramid nor any building of the shape of a pyramid is anywhere mentioned in the Scriptures. The facts show that Christ Jesus is the chief corner stone of God's "new creation", the church; but that fact is no evidence that the pyramid or its topstone represents Christ, even if it had a topstone.—2 Corinthians 5:17, *R.V.*, margin; Ephesians 2:21, 22.

The Scriptures describe the house of God as His temple, Christ Jesus as the Chief One in that house and as the Head of it, and the other members thereof are likened unto "living stones" built into that "house". (1 Peter 2:4-10) The pyramid is not a house.

Who Built It?

Certainly not Jehovah; nor was it built at His command. Yet to try to prove that the pyramid is "God's building" Job 38:4-6 has been quoted: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding? Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof?" But surely God was not magnifying the importance of a pile of stone when He gave utterance to these words! It is so manifest that He referred to laying the foundations of the earth that there can be no doubt about it. Then He tells of another great thing that took place at that time: "The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." (Job 38:7) All these things occurred centuries before the creation of man, and many more centuries before the pyramid was built.

If Egyptian labor was used to construct the great pyramid, that of itself is conclusive proof that God had nothing to do with its building. It is said that the pyramid of Gizeh contains stones the estimated weight of which is eighty tons. Some of these stones are thirty feet in length. There is evidence that the stones were taken from a quarry on the east side of the river Nile and were dragged over to the site of the pyramid. If that work was done by human hands or human power, then it must have been done by men who were slaves. That being true, without a doubt many of them died from exhaustion or from being cruelly driven to the task. If there was any sacrifice about that pyramid, it was the sacrifice of slaves to build it. Jehovah God does not accomplish any of His work in that way. The great God of justice and love would not erect a structure which would result in the oppression of slaves and great loss of life.

It is more reasonable to conclude that the great pyramid, as well as the other pyramids thereabout, also the sphinx, were built by the rulers of Egypt and under the direction of Satan the Devil, whom such rulers served. The rulers of Egypt have been known for their op-

pression of slaves. The Devil is the great oppressor.

Of the sons of Noah that came out of the ark with him Jehovah God chose Shem and blessed him. Abraham the Hebrew was a descendant of Shem. Satan the Devil chose Ham, another son of Noah. Egypt is known as the land of Ham. (Psalm 105:23) The Devil, by the use of Ham's descendants, set up Egypt as the first great world power. Then Satan, the erstwhile holy cherub named Lucifer, put his knowledge in dead stone, which may be called "Satan's Bible", and not God's stone witness. In erecting the pyramid, of course, Satan would put in it some truth, because that is his method of practicing fraud and deceit.

The information which Lucifer, one of the "morning stars" (Job 38:7; Isaiah 14:12, *margin*), gained at the laying of the foundations of the earth doubtless included much concerning its measurements and God's unit of measurements; and by applying such knowledge Lucifer, now Satan, could put much in the pyramid that would harmonize with truth and which would serve to deceive men.

Isaiah 31:1 says: "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help." Whether this text be given a literal or a symbolic meaning, it is a warning to spiritual Israelites, God's "new creation". If applied literally, it means that the new creatures in Christ have gone down to literal Egypt to find proof to corroborate God's so-called "plan"; which course is wrong. If applied symbolically, it means that new creatures have gone down to the world for help; they take such corroborative proof of worldly wisdom expressed in stone. Worldly wisdom proceeds not from God, but from the Devil. (1 Corinthians 3:19) The correct interpretation of Isaiah 31:1 is undoubtedly that the Christian should not seek wisdom from the world or from anything that is in the world, but should always look unto Jehovah, who speaks to His children through His Word. The Devil's purpose at all times is to turn the mind of man away from God's Word.

The Prophecy

Isaiah, chapter nineteen, here considered, opens with the statement: "The burden of Egypt." It does not relate to literal Egypt, of course. Symbolically Egypt always represents Satan's organization or world. Pharaoh, the king or ruler of Egypt, is symbolical of the Devil himself. Note Ezekiel 29:3 on this point: "Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers [peoples], which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself." Satan the Devil claims the world as his, and all the people and nations (represented by the "rivers") as his. He made this claim to Jesus, and Jesus did not dispute it. (Matthew 4:8-11) "The whole world lies under the evil one." (1 John 5:19, *Diaglott*) No one will with Scripture successfully dispute the fact that Egypt symbolically represents the world, Satan's organization. God Jehovah is against Satan's organization.

Isaiah's prophecy continues: "Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud [not literal, of course, but a symbol of His unseen presence and betokening a fast-approaching storm], and shall come into Egypt." Clearly this means the Lord's taking action against the Devil's organization, "the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and *Egypt,* where also our Lord was crucified." (Revelation 11:8) Thus the meaning of the word "Egypt" and the time of the prophecy's fulfilment are definitely fixed.

Isaiah's prophecy says further: "And the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his [the Lord's] presence [symbolized by the cloud], and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it." Since 1918 and the close of the great World War that year the ecclesiastical organization of earth has adopted the League of Nations as the political expression of God's kingdom on earth. The League organization, including the clergy and the principal ones of their church flocks, and the politicians and the profiteers, have been and are now in trouble. As Jesus foretold: 'Men's hearts are failing them for fear.' (Luke 21:25-27) The visible (earthly) part of Satan's organization, while trying to direct the affairs of men and governments to keep the people in control, is suffering from a stroke of heart disease, and complete heart failure may soon follow.

Isaiah 19 further says: "And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom." The present conditions and that which is clearly portended by present events help to locate the time of fulfilment of this part of the prophecy as at the oncoming battle of Armageddon.

The prophecy further says (verse 11): "Surely the princes of Zoan [Satan's counselors] are

fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh [the Devil] is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?" The time when these counselors are fools because of disregarding Jehovah God and even denying Him and His purposes is indicated by the further words of the prophecy: "Where are they? where are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the Lord of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt." The time is now! Everyone who knows God's truth can surely see that "Christendom's" advisers and counselors are fools. They refuse to acknowledge even the name of Jehovah as the great God, and scorn and maltreat Jehovah's witnesses.

Further, verse 16: "In that day shall Egypt be like unto women; and it shall be afraid and fear, because of the shaking of the hand of the Lord of hosts, which he shaketh over it." Jehovah is now brandishing His "Arm" (Christ Jesus) over the nations composing Satan's visible organization, and this brings great fright to them, just as Jesus foretold: "Upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; . . . men's hearts failing them for fear." (Luke 21:25, 26) And now the clergy in particular are like "women", the weaker sex, and refuse to come out in the open and fight for what they believe. They content themselves by saying to their parishioners: 'Believe what you please, just so you stick to us.'

"Judah" in prophecy means those who give praise to the name of Jehovah God. (Genesis 29:35) Says verse 17: "And the land of Judah [not literal, of course, but meaning Jehovah's witnesses under Christ, the Lion of Judah] shall be a terror unto Egypt: every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the Lord of hosts, which he hath determined against it." Jehovah's faithful witnesses go forth telling the people the truth, and the truth causes the representatives of Satan's organization great pain. It strikes terror into their hearts (Ezekiel 30:9), and hence they try to keep it off the radio and to prevent it from being distributed in print from house to house by Jehovah's witnesses. The next verse of the prophecy, Isaiah 19:18, refers to the same class, in the world ("the land of Egypt") but speaking the speech of God's land of promise and swearing in consecration of themselves to Jehovah of hosts. This class, God's remnant, tell the people of the world concerning God's determination to bring destruction on Satan's organization.

The Altar

Verse 19 (which many have believed refers to the pyramid of Gizeh): "In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord." The word "altar", meaning a slaughter-place, or place of sacrifice, refers to those who are in relationship to God by reason of the covenant by sacrifice with Him.—Psalm 50:5.

During the period of sacrifice, extending from Christ's baptism and down to the setting up of His kingdom, many consecrating to God have been taken into the "covenant with me [Jehovah] by sacrifice". (Psalm 50:5) As one of such Paul says: "We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." (Romans 8:36) Concerning the faithful class who have been taken into the covenant by sacrifice Jesus said: "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." (John 17:14) Otherwise stated, such are "in the midst of the land of Egypt" (the world) but not a part of it.

We are now "in that day", and the faithful remnant of God is the altar class "to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt" (the world). That altar is not a pile of dead stone built up by oppressors long ago in the literal land of Egypt; but the altar represents God's anointed witnesses now on earth. They are now in the world but are no part of the world, the Devil's organization. These are daily offering up in righteousness their sacrifice of praise and devotion unto God, and by so doing are bearing the reproaches of Christ. (Malachi 3:3; Hebrews 13:13, 15) These are God's messengers, entrusted with the obligation of telling His message to the people. (Compare the symbolic language of Revelation 8:3, 5.)

Pillar

The word "pillar" in the prophecy means a memorial column that stands forth as a witness giving testimony. "In that day shall there be . . . a pillar at the border thereof [of Egypt]." The faithful remnant today of Jehovah's witnesses compose the "feet of him", or the last members of the "body of Christ" now on earth (Isaiah 52:7); they are on the very border-line

between the Devil's kingdom and the kingdom of God. The time of transition from one to the other is here. They have journeyed down to the time when they are about to pass over the border out from the world and into the glorious kingdom of Jehovah. It is now easy to be seen how God's remnant on earth can be truly said to be 'an altar in the midst of Egypt (the world) and a pillar at the border thereof unto the Lord'. As an altar they are offering their sacrifice; as a pillar they are bearing witness for the Lord Jehovah God and His kingdom under Christ.

It is impossible to fit the literal pyramid of Gizeh to the prophet's description; but the position and condition of the remnant of Jehovah's witnesses exactly fit the prophetic description, which is therefore right. Another thing suggesting the time of fulfilment of that prophecy is what Jesus spoke to the "church in Philadelphia", now applying: "Him that overcometh will I make a *pillar* in the temple of my God." (Revelation 3:12) As long as such a one is of God's remnant and remains faithful he shall be a pillar in the spiritual temple of God bearing testimony; and thus it is written: "In his temple doth every one speak of his [Jehovah's] glory." —Psalm 29:9.

Sign and Witness

Continuing the prophecy says (verse 20): "And it [the altar-pillar] shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord [Jehovah] of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them." The pyramid of Gizeh is neither a sign nor a witness unto the Lord of hosts to show that the battle of Armageddon is the battle of Jehovah of hosts against Satan's organization and that we are approaching that great battle of God Almighty. That which is "for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt" is now that faithful company of the followers of Christ which is called "Jehovah's witnesses". These are the ones that make up a little company that are doing what they can to exalt the name of Jehovah. The prophet Isaiah said that he and his sons were set for signs and wonders in the world, saying: "Behold, I, and the children whom the Lord hath given me, are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in Zion." According to Hebrews 2:13 Isaiah and his sons foreshadowed God's remnant of witnesses under Christ Jesus. (See also Jeremiah 32:20 and Zechariah 3:8, *R.V.*)

God challenges Satan's representatives to make proof of their claims or else to admit God's truth. Then to His remnant Jehovah says: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord [Jehovah], that I am God." (Isaiah 43:10, 12) Such are the only ones on earth that stand as a sign and pillar and a witness unto Jehovah of hosts. They are witnessing of Him and His name and concerning His kingdom and the expression of His vengeance at Armageddon, which is just ahead. Jehovah's witnesses are putting forth their best endeavors to obey the command of the Lord by telling the good news to all the nations for a witness.—Matthew 24:14; Isaiah 61:1.

The prophecy says their witness is given at the time the people are crying unto the Lord because of oppression; "for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them." Throughout the entire visible part of Satan's world today the cries of the people are heard against those who rule over them and who continue to oppress them. It is the condition just preceding the great and terrible expression of God's wrath against Satan's organization. Then follows the battle of Armageddon, which will bring deliverance to the people; and the knowledge of the great Savior, Jehovah, by His Vindicator, Christ Jesus, will bring them relief and everlasting blessings. "And," continues the prophecy (verses 21, 22), "the Lord [Jehovah] shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians [the people once under Satan's organization] shall know the Lord in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the Lord, and perform it. And the Lord shall smite Egypt; he shall smite and heal it [the people, not Satan's organization]: and they shall return even to the Lord, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heal them." Then will Jehovah spread to the people a "feast of fat things" (Isaiah 25:6), and blindness shall be removed from their eyes, and Jehovah's name then vindicated will be glorious throughout earth and heaven.

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Doctor Kills His Own Child

A CALIFORNIA doctor put his wife on the train to see the Century of Progress exhibition at Chicago. She had hardly left the state before he inoculated his two beautiful and perfectly healthy boys with infantile paralysis serum. One of the boys died in a few hours, and the other was saved with great difficulty. The mother got as far as Salt Lake City and was summoned to return by plane.

Sensible Suggestion for the Elderly

DR. THOMAS DARLINGTON, in the New York *Times,* says that to ease the strain on the heart every person over 50 ought to make it a practice to lie down for a little while just after luncheon and just before dinner. The heart, which pounds away, 39,312,000 beats a year, thus gets a little relief. But until the Devil is off the job there is little relief for anybody.

Great Surgical Feat in London

A LITTLE girl in London was born without a socket to one of her hips. Surgeons bisected her good hip, grafted a part upon the other, and after six years the child is now able to walk, as other children.

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In the Sixteenth Century

IN THE sixteenth century 50 percent of mothers died in childbirth and one-half of all infants died. Out of 10,272 children admitted to the Dublin Foundling Home 55 survived; the other 10,217 could not stand the kind of care given to infants in those days. There has been some progress, after all.

Odd Place to Carry a Knife

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"News by Radio"

An address by Clarence C. Dill, Senator for Washington, before the Annual Convention of the National Association of Broadcasters, at Cincinnati, September 17, 1934

THE controversy in this country over news by radio centers about the question whether the radio or the newspapers should be first to give important news to the public. We may properly recall that the broadcasting of news not yet printed in the newspaper gave birth to radio in the United States. Since radio broadcasting service originated in this country, news by radio brought radio service into existence for the human family.

Why did the broadcasting of election returns from East Pittsburgh on election night in 1920 arouse so much interest? Because those returns were news, up-to-the-minute news not yet printed in the newspapers. What if those election returns had not been broadcast for several hours after the newspapers printed them? Do you think the listeners would have written such strong letters to the Westinghouse Company urging the broadcasting of more news? Of course not. Those election returns were flash news, up-to-the-minute news, if you please, that made them so interesting.

Our newspaper friends should note also that the newspapers furnished those election returns to the Westinghouse Company and that those same listeners were not satisfied with simply the flash news heard by radio that night. They bought the newspapers the next morning just as previously. They wanted the full reports and the interpretative discussions which only the newspapers furnish. The people wanted newspapers before we had news by radio. They will continue to want newspapers after radio gives up-to-the-minute news flashes and brief news reports in the future.

How Radio Broadcasting Was Born

News by radio gave birth to radio broadcasting not only in this country, but also in Denmark. A few years ago the *Politiken,* the leading daily newspaper of Copenhagen, was operating an experimental radio station. It announced in its news columns that each day at noon the radio station would broadcast brief news reports of the trial of the president of a large bank in Copenhagen, who was charged with embezzlement. Depositors all over Denmark were deeply interested.

As a result the interest of listeners in radio became so great that the government later took over all radio broadcasting there. Today the government radio station of Denmark broadcasts news four times each day and pays the *Politiken* several thousands of dollars annually for the news which it furnishes.

What is the result? There are more radio sets in proportion to population in Denmark than in any other country in the world, and the *Politiken* has found that news by radio is one of its best means of holding its circulation.

News by radio in this country has had a haphazard history. Generally radio stations have used news reports from newspapers, sometimes by permission and sometimes not. Of course, no radio station has any right to use news collected by press associations or newspapers without paying for the news, but, since radio stations can give news so much more quickly and to such vast numbers instantaneously, news by radio serves the public interest; and serving the public interest is the legal basis for the grant and renewal of radio licenses.

Surrender of the Birthright

During the winter of 1934 representatives of the press associations and of the radio chain systems held a conference on this subject and formulated what is known as the Press-Radio agreement for news by radio. By that agreement, the radio chains surrendered radio's birthright. They made the agreement as an experi-

ment to avoid a bitter fight over the question of whether radio or the newspapers should be first to give the news. They yielded to the newspapers.

At that time I protested against the agreement on the floor of the Senate. I predicted it would be highly unsatisfactory to radio listeners. I pointed out it would certainly bring rebellion and confusion among radio stations and that it could not continue long.

Several months have passed. The result is chaotic. The Press-Radio agreement is a failure. It satisfies nobody, because it flies in the face of progress. The listeners are disgusted with it. Most stations refuse to use it. Many newspapers say it is unsatisfactory. Radio stations and newspapers all over the country are trying all sorts of schemes to furnish news by radio in violation of the spirit of the agreement. Even most of the stations now using the Press-Radio bulletins pronounce them highly unsatisfactory.

Either the press associations must change the terms of the agreement so radio stations can give their listeners up-to-the-minute news and for longer periods of time, or radio stations will find or create means and methods for securing news entirely independent of the press associations.

This is not only their full right. It is their duty. It is a part of that public service which they are bound to give if they are to justify the use of the radio frequencies the government has granted them.

An Agreement to Suppress News

Let me call attention to how one-sided the Press-Radio agreement is:

First, it limits the time in which stations may broadcast general news, to two five-minute periods during each twenty-four hours. That is about 1,000 words per day.

Second, it fixes the time at which even those five-minute periods shall be used, so that the news by radio will not be broadcast until after it has been printed in the newspapers.

Third, representatives of the press associations, and they alone, determine what news shall be broadcast and what shall not be broadcast.

Fourth, the representatives of the press associations, and they alone, write the language of the broadcast copy, and literally hundreds of station managers say the language used is uninteresting and tiresome.

Fifth, no station is allowed to have the news it broadcasts sponsored by a commercial advertiser.

Sixth, the press associations give the news to the stations. They say it is a "public service". That makes the stations charity institutions, as it were, so far as news by radio is concerned. Since the news costs them nothing, the radio stations can't complain. They must take what they get and be thankful.

Seventh, and worst of all, radio stations are bound not to use news from any other source except the 1,000 words from the press associations. This compelled the Richfield reporter on the Pacific coast recently to abandon the up-to-the-minute news reports which have made that source so popular.

Tyrannical and Indefensible Censorship

As operated today, this Press-Radio agreement simply results in the press associations' censoring all national and world news by radio. From the standpoint of radio it is tyrannical and indefensible. Every radio station that complies with it makes radio subservient to the press in the collection and dissemination of news. It cannot continue, because radio stations will not submit to it.

There have been so many complaints that the press associations themselves have changed the agreement. The press associations have lately been giving brief flashes of world news too important to be held up until newspapers have printed them. Such events as the killing of Dillinger and the SOS call from the Morro Castle steamship last Saturday morning are examples of this change. But even with this change, the radio stations bound by this agreement must await the pleasure of the press associations as to what flashes they may broadcast and when.

The most objectionable thing about the Press-Radio agreement is the effect it is having on radio listeners. Intentionally or unintentionally, the press associations are chloroforming radio listeners into believing that news by radio is a poor substitute for news by newspapers. To that extent they are destroying the listening public of radio.

They are teaching radio listeners that they must look first to newspapers for news. If they can't get the newspapers until they are old, then they may get a stale, sketchy, uninteresting statement of a few items of news by radio. In actual operation this plan causes radio stations

to destroy their own listeners' love for one of their most popular and informative features, namely, live, hot, up-to-the-minute reports of news events of the nation and the world as they happen from hour to hour by day and night.

Newspapers Afraid of the News

This Press-Radio agreement had one virtue. By surrendering their birthright of broadcasting news before it was printed and limiting the broadcasts to two five-minute periods each twenty-four hours, the radio chains proved their willingness to do everything possible to avoid a fight. Now that this plan has proved a failure, the press associations should be willing to sell uncensored news to radio stations, let them broadcast that news with sponsors or without sponsors, whenever the stations desire. Newspapers and radio stations should cooperate fully and freely, and radio stations be just as free to broadcast any and all news as newspapers are to print any and all news.

While there may seem to be some competition between the press and the radio in giving news to the public, the fact is they supplement one another far more than they compete with one another. News by radio must be brief to be interesting. News by newspapers must be more detailed to satisfy readers. News by radio lasts but for the moment. News by newspapers is in permanent form.

News by radio includes descriptions of events while they are happening, such as sports, races and celebrations; and radio also may give the actual event itself, such as a speech, a musical program or a convention. Such news is exclusively for radio. News by newspapers contains descriptions of things about these events impossible for radio to cover at the moment, and also interpretations by leaders and experts.

Newspapers Should Advertise

The fact is, the newspapers should use the radio transmitter as a new advertising medium. Not all newspaper publishers have overlooked this, because newspapers own 68 radio stations and an even larger number have mutually beneficial arrangements with privately owned radio stations.

In the past newspaper publishers have been quick to seize upon new inventions. They replaced the pony express with the telegraph and the telephone. Then they added the teletype and the automatic printer. They bought linotype and type-casting machines. They bought high-speed presses. They established mail distribution by auto and airplane. Why? To speed up the delivery of news.

In addition, they have used every device possible to attract readers. They have erected bulletin boards outside their offices to carry news headlines of events before being printed. They have newsboys to shout headlines in their newspapers in stentorian tones. Why? To whet the news appetites of those on the streets.

Here is a medium by which the newspaper can cry its headlines and brief news statements to literally hundreds of thousands and millions all at once. It seems unbelievable they don't use it or that they should try to throttle and handicap it to the point where they force radio stations to set up a competitive service, which a few years hence may easily become so powerful that it will prove a Frankenstein to them by printing radio newspapers simultaneously all over the world.

There can be only one explanation: The business manager has supplanted the news manager in dealing with news by radio. In other words, they are thinking in terms of advertising. They think if radio becomes more popular, radio advertising will increase and newspaper advertising will be more difficult to secure.

No Reason for Newspapers to Be Timid

Statistics show that fear is more imaginary than real. Radio advertising has never exceeded one-seventh of the amount spent for newspaper advertising, nor one-ninth of the combined total for newspapers, weeklies, and magazines. There cannot be much increase in this proportionate expenditure for radio advertising, because the number of radio stations is limited and increased rates cannot more than keep up with natural increase in newspaper and magazine advertising.

But even if the fears of newspaper publishers were justified, and even if increased popularity of radio would decrease newspaper readers, there is a bigger consideration than the financial one. The public interest demands that radio stations give news to their listeners in order that the people may know the truth and whole truth regarding public controversies.

When the forefathers wrote the constitution, they inserted freedom of speech and freedom of press as two of the chief pillars of the temple of liberty. They knew that no majority, however

strong, should ever be allowed to override these rights, and that any minority, however weak, must always be able to exercise them.

What has happened? By taking advantage of inventions for rapid communication and rapid printing and speedy transportation in the newspaper business, newspaper publishers are giving the American people millions of copies of daily newspapers every day.

Exercising this right of freedom of the press, the owners of many of these newspapers omit some news, exaggerate other news, and minimize or distort still other news. In short, many of our largest newspapers have become the personal or partisan organ of the corporation or individual who owns them.

If readers complain, their answer is that this is a free country and you can start a newspaper of your own. But that isn't as simple as it sounds. It takes enormous sums of money to start a daily newspaper and build it into a paying proposition. The result is that year by year big newspapers are being bought by their competitors and we have larger and fewer daily newspapers in our great cities each year, with a more monopolistic control of sources of news.

Why People Lost Confidence in Newspapers

The abuse of this right of free press by great newspapers as I have described it has destroyed the confidence of the masses of the people in the press in many parts of the country. They doubt that they are getting the full truth about controversial matters. They deplore their inability to get both sides, and in many communities the support of certain newspapers for any cause often does that cause more harm than good.

During this development of the free press into such a vast power in the creation and influencing of public opinion, the power of free speech has dwindled greatly in comparison. The human voice can be heard only a short distance. Without newspaper publicity it has often been impossible to assemble crowds to listen to a speaker. The newspaper reaches millions, and they are often dependent on one set of newspapers for their information.

Now we have radio. It can combat the abuse of the power of the press as no other agency ever developed, if we establish complete freedom of speech on the radio. We must make freedom of speech by radio as sacred as freedom of speech on the platform has so long been.

We have the only system of radio by which we can compel freedom of speech by radio. Under government-owned radio systems, there is no freedom of speech. There is no freedom of speech by radio in Germany or Italy or Russia. In those countries speech by radio is simply propaganda by those in power to retain control of the government. Even in democratic England, in free France, and in liberty-loving Denmark, there is no freedom of speech by radio for the discussion of public questions.

People Still Have Some Rights

Under our system Congress makes the law for regulating radio stations and Congress will compel freedom of speech by radio whenever public opinion demands it. I think the law already implies that. Freedom of speech on the radio is in the public interest, it serves the public convenience, and it is a public necessity. If radio listeners are to be able to think and act intelligently as free men and women in the formation of that public opinion, which, in the end, becomes the law of this land, they must have the facts that only freedom of speech by radio will give them.

News by radio is the very essence of freedom of speech by radio. No radio station would dare omit important news items or exaggerate or distort facts. That would be against the public interest and would endanger the renewal of its license. Radio stations today which broadcast only the one-sided reports of individual newspapers are likely to find themselves in that kind of trouble when their licenses come up for renewal. That is one of the strongest reasons why radio stations should have their own independent radio news service.

Another great public benefit which a radio news service giving both sides of all public controversies would render would be that it would compel those newspapers now guilty of omitting, exaggerating or distorting the news to cease such practices or stand convicted of duplicity before the world. By means of short waves and chain system broadcasts, an independent radio news service could reach the whole country. This would make radio an invaluable force in the creation and formation of an intelligent public opinion. It would compel the press to serve its highest purpose of telling "the whole truth and nothing but the truth", because *the truth will keep us free.*

Radio Stations Unorganized for News

Radio stations are handicapped because they are not organized to secure news by radio. The Associated Press has 1,200 members. But the Associated Press, the United Press, the International News Service, and the Universal Service, with their 2,000 newspapers, are all solidly united when they deal with radio stations regarding news by radio. It is the old, old story: "In union there is strength." If radio stations are to be able to assert their rights to give news by radio, they must have an organization for that purpose.

Let me now outline what an associated radio news organization of 100 or more stations could do.

First, it could either induce press associations and newspapers to sell news flashes and brief news reports for use by radio stations or, failing in that, it could finance the beginning of a great radio news service. At a cost of $25 per week for small stations, and $50 to $75 per week for large stations, it could set up its own news bureaus in large cities, use its own station members as correspondents in smaller communities, and buy a foreign news service for use until it became powerful enough to create its own world-radio news service.

Second, an associated radio news organization of 100 or more stations could secure recognition for its correspondents on an equal basis with press associations, because its listening public would be greater than any press association on earth.

Third, such an organization could send its news to member stations by short waves to be received on automatic short-wave silent printers in station offices, at rates low enough for sending 3,000 to 4,000 words per day. This short-wave printer is not a dream of the future. It is a reality now. I have seen it in operation. It is being tested for distance of reception now, and will be on the market for commercial use before an associated radio news organization of 100 stations or more can be formed and in readiness to use it.

Fourth, such an organization could secure licenses for its members to use the necessary short waves to pick up sport events or celebrations where wire service is not available. The Associated Press and United Press often secure short waves for such purposes, but individual stations in small communities find it almost impossible. Such an organization could work out schedules for the use of short waves by member stations with approval of the radio engineers of the Communications Commission.

Fifth, if the newspapers should start a fight on radio because of news by radio and refuse to print station programs, as they have repeatedly threatened to do, such an organization could easily print their own national weekly publication, such as the *Radio Times* of the British Broadcasting Corporation. It could then copyright radio programs, and no newspaper would dare print them except by permission, and then in the form the organization might direct. When it is possible to transmit newspapers by facsimile, it will be able to compel newspapers to treat fairly or face a new kind of competition in their own field.

Sixth, such an organization could keep in direct touch with the impending developments in short-wave facsimile transmission that will certainly revolutionize the art of communication. This development, again, is not a dream of the distant future. It is already a reality that is just ahead, probably not more than a year or two at most. Radio broadcasters should have such an associated radio news organization to take advantage of these developments as fast as they are made, in order to fulfil the true destiny of radio in presenting news first to all the world.

Such an organization is not only possible now, but it is highly desirable in the interest of radio. I believe the broadcasters of this Association should start it before they leave Cincinnati.

Statements Based on Facts

I have talked to many leading radio men of this country. I have read the replies of 364 of the active station managers to my letter and questionnaire. Practically all of them believe that listeners want news by radio, and 281 of 364 replies favor the formation of an associated radio news organization.

In other words, 80 percent say they favor such an organization. Of course, nobody knows the attitude of the other 200 stations, which did not reply, but, having had considerable experience with election returns, I have generally found that when 60 percent of the vote was in, if that 60 percent was from all parts of the state or nation, the final totals generally resulted only in added majorities for those who were ahead.

Several of the newspaper-owned stations fa-

vored such an organization unless the press associations release more up-to-the-minute news. Many stations favored on condition the cost is not too heavy.

The 281 stations favoring the formation of an associated radio news service consisted of

1	15-watt station
2	50-watt stations
98	100-watt stations
21	250-watt stations
63	500-watt stations
55	1,000-watt stations
3	2,500-watt stations
13	5,000-watt stations
5	10,000-watt stations
2	25,000-watt stations
12	50,000-watt stations

Of the 106 chain stations of the two networks replying, 82 favored such an organization and 34 opposed it.

Of the 364 replies, 296 give some kind of news by radio and 141 use Press-Radio. Of these 141 such users, 100 said it was unsatisfactory, while 54 stations not using Press-Radio news declared it so unsatisfactory they would not use it.

Of the 364 replies, 214 favor sponsoring the news by commercial advertisers. So long as press associations give their stale reports to radio stations "as a public service", they will never permit the stations to secure commercial sponsors. This is another reason why many radio stations are so insistent for an associated radio news organization. They want news which can be sponsored.

Radio News Abroad

I wrote also to the capitals of the leading foreign countries of the world to learn what they are doing in the way of news by radio. I have

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Famines—Past and Present

RIVERS, lakes and ponds dry and their bottoms baking in a heat that for weeks hovered around 100 degrees Fahrenheit; oil rigs drilling day and night for streams of water hoped for at 2,000 feet below the surface; prairie lands that it took thousands of years to form dried to powdery dust and blown completely away in dust storms; livestock starving because they could not eat the dust-covered grass; no gardens; crops abandoned over large areas and *in toto* reduced to 25 percent less than consumption; the government buying 360,000 cattle a week, killing and canning the meat because there is no feed; 200,000,000 bushels less of wheat raised than are needed for domestic use; barren and blasted orchards; losses amounting to $5,000,000,000; 3,200,000 persons on drought relief: these and similar conditions in the United States, which many of us never expected to see in this favored land, give us all an interest in a subject that is in the most absolute sense of vital concern to every creature on the earth.

In past ages men had but a limited knowledge of agriculture and in unfavorable seasons or localities knew but little how to stimulate the productive powers of nature; transit was poorly developed, so that it was often impossible to relieve the wants of one region, even when plenty existed at no great distance; stupid and brutal governments interrupted labor in the fields and wasted the fruits of their toil; droughts, floods, frosts, wars, pestilences and pests all contributed to keep food supplies low and famine never very far away.

Famines in China, India, Egypt

To go back less than sixty years: It is reckoned that 9,500,000 perished in China in the single season of 1877-1878, half of them in the provinces of Shensi, Shansi and Honan. We do not know how it is this year, but up to 1933 there had been no rain in the fertile province of Shensi for five years, and tens of thousands were dying when the item last came up. The province is so remote that news filters through slowly. This year the provinces of Honan, Anhwei, Kiangsu, Chekiang and Hupeh are the sufferers, with 500,000 virtually without food and water the last we knew. At that time crops were burning up in a temperature of 100 to 115 degrees, locusts were destroying what the sun left, and even before August 1 the peasants over large areas were reduced to eating the bark from the trees; cholera was taking a heavy toll; food supplies were steadily shrinking; no relief was in sight.

In India, in 1769-70 as many as 3,000,000 perished; in 1865-66, about 1,500,000; and in 1877, about 500,000. Since then the authorities have grappled more successfully with what is, in India, an almost constantly recurring problem. In 1900-1901 the famine cost $250,000,000: much help was sent from other countries, including very large contributions from the United States.

In the famine of 1870-72 Persia lost 1,500,000 inhabitants, a quarter of the whole population.

All our readers are very familiar with the famines mentioned in the Scriptures. The famine which occurred in Egypt in Joseph's time has been duplicated since. There is always scarcity of food in Egypt when the inundation of the Nile is either too scanty or too great. In the years 1064-71 (A.D.) (seven years, the same as in Joseph's time) people ate corpses and animals that died of themselves. The catching and murdering of men for food became a regular business. Organized bands of kidnapers infested Cairo and caught passengers in the streets by means of ropes furnished with hooks and let down from the houses. Persons that were burned alive for eating human flesh were themselves, thus ready roasted, eaten by others. Better pin your faith in Jehovah God; no telling what the Devil has in store for humankind yet.

The Situation in Russia

It is hard to get the facts regarding conditions in Russia. Soviet authorities are past masters at propaganda; it suits them well always to put conditions in Russia in a favorable light. The enemies of Russia declare that between 5,000,000 and 10,000,000 people died of starvation in that country in 1933, and insist that not only was this dreadful condition hidden from the rest of the world, but 1,700,000 bushels of grain were shipped out of the country because the Soviet authorities desired the cash it would bring. It sounds too horrible to believe, that any so-called "government" would send food away from the starving, for any financial reason.

The reports about last year's Russian famines are sponsored chiefly by the Roman hierarchy, and therefore their truthfulness may be questioned, but they are supported by photographs of what are alleged to be the bodies of starved peasants in Ukrainian cities, lying in gutters and along sidewalks.

One thing that lends some color to the possible truthfulness of these reports, despite the general unreliability of their source, is that William Henry Chamberlin, correspondent of the *Christian Science Monitor,* ten years a newspaper correspondent in Russia, married to a Russian wife, and himself speaking Russian fluently, when transferred to the Far East, wrote that he estimates that 4,000,000 peasants died of starvation in Ukrainia and the North Caucasus during the winter of 1932-33. He further stated that the Soviet officials deliberately allowed millions to starve to death to force the survivors into the cooperative farms. Mr. Chamberlin did not dare send out this report until he was safely out of Russia.

The same Roman authorities that reported last year's famine in Russia predict that 10,000,000 will starve in Russia this fall and winter; the Soviet authorities say there is not a word of truth in it. The truth probably lies somewhere between. It is certain that the present drought prevailed over much of the country, and, though wonders were done by the military organization that now operates the Russian farms, yet even the military cannot do impossibilities. It is not possible to raise crops without water. In some districts every able-bodied man who could be spared from other tasks was ordered to carry water to the parched crops.

Droughts are common in parts. of Russia. Soviet authorities are now compiling a register of all water resources of the country, reservoirs, rivers, lakes, marshes, seas and glaciers, estimated to fill a hundred volumes. The last of July, 1932, they disclosed in connection with this register the seriousness of the drought of 1931, resulting in the loss of 10,600,000 metric tons of grain. It took a full year for the facts to get out of the country.

There is a drought-proof grass from the steppes of Russia which is proving of great merit in western North Dakota. It is called "crested wheat grass", survives drought and cold, is palatable as livestock feed, grows well after other varieties become unproductive, and yields seed abundantly.

Serious Droughts in Europe

Generally favored with plentiful rains, Europe has, nevertheless, occasionally suffered from the lack of food which results from a prolonged drought. The year 879 (A.D.) was such a year. In the year 1125 famine diminished the popu-

lation of Germany one-half. For centuries during the Dark Ages, while Roman Catholicism was the only religion tolerated in Europe, in times of dire need the "Christians" who had thoroughly Tammanyized the city governments regularly drove out of the gates the neediest inhabitants and let them perish of cold and starvation. All they had to do to square the account was to go to confession and get the priest's O.K. In a famine which devastated Hungary in 1505 parents who killed and ate their own children were not molested.

The last famine in Germany was in 1817; since then transport on a large scale has made famine less likely. But even in 1934 the hay crop of Germany was a failure, and Germany bought the entire hay crop from the reclaimed land of the Zuider Zee, Netherlands. In July the Rhine was so low that many vessels grounded, and the "blue Danube" was also at low ebb.

In May and June, 1934, there was much pessimism all through southeastern Europe because of the prolonged drought, with crops calculated to be 25 percent to 30 percent below normal. In Rumania bakers were again making war bread, and the export of grain of all kinds was forbidden. There was need of rain in Italy. In Bavaria several small rivers ran dry; water for households and for cattle had to be brought long distances. In Egypt many children fainted from the heat during lessons and it was necessary to close the schools. Red dust from the Sahara desert settled in such quantities in Switzerland as to give a red color to the snow on the Alpine peaks. Crops were greatly reduced in France, owing to a prolonged drought from March 20 to June 9. Little rain fell except in isolated spots, where deluges often did more harm than good. On the latter date Portugal mobilized its army in an effort to save the wheat crop from the army of locusts which threatened it. Spain was the only nation that by midsummer, July 15, offered optimistic crop reports, and got this "break" in spite of the fact that it threw out "holy church" with its "holy year".

Drought in Great Britain

In normal times Great Britain is well watered, making it the garden spot of the earth. Droughts are rare, but not unknown. The periodical *John Bull* mentions a past famine, but not the date, during which "the Thames was so low that it could be crossed on foot at Westminster and on horseback at London Bridge; every meadow in the country, even the marshlands, cracked and crumbling. Fruit dried on the trees. Corn was of such bullet hardness that it was unusable. Grass falling to powder at a touch. The country pestered with plagues of fleas, flies, gnats and other insects. Sweats and agues affected the healthiest people, and deadly fevers took toll of the lives of thousands. Farm stock died and rotted unburied in the scorched fields. Dogs died in thousands".

The drought in Great Britain in 1934 was not as bad as the one above described; nevertheless, the papers of the country carried many items indicating its great severity. For convenience we give them chronologically:

December 29, 1933, a little ten-year-old boy at Boxford, Berkshire, died of drinking dirty water; clean was not to be had. This state of affairs followed a spring drought in 1933, a hot summer and inadequate autumn rains. January 1, 1934, the people were flocking to the churches to pray for a downpour. January 12 several villages had to rely upon water carted to them.

April 14 the authorities stated that conditions in the British Isles had reached such a stage that even if normal rainfall were resumed it would not set the drought right. The erection of modern buildings, calling for water for bathing and toilet purposes, had created a situation not contemplated years ago, and which was not being met. By the middle of April the temperature was 76 degrees, and a veritable sirocco from the Mediterranean was drying gardens completely and depleting stocks in reservoirs seriously. By the last of April it was 76 years since there had been such water scarcity, people in many places had to give up bathing, and the watering of cattle became a problem.

Water Queues in a Land of Showers

June 16 carried a picture of a water queue, 26 good-natured, smiling, lovable faces, with their owners standing in line with buckets of every size and shape, waiting their turn at the one water faucet where they could get the *sine qua non* of life. At that time, near Bristol, there were places where the people were suffering from tonsilitis epidemics due to lack of water. June 18 the sheep and cattle were dying by the hundreds, and in some waterways the fish were dying by the thousands and could be seen floating in solid masses. In some places water was

being sold at one penny a bucket. At that date the farmers were said to be in the worst plight for 200 years.

At that date also the bishop of London was urging prayers in all churches in London and plans were being made for rain prayer meetings in other centers. The press backed up the bishop and scolded some person unknown to them (the same being the one for whom they work) because there were plentiful rains in midocean but they came not near Britain. On the same date 500 police, having no more important work, guarded the Ascot heath and race course from the danger of fire.

June 28 it was a punishable offense anywhere in the London metropolitan district to wash cars or water gardens or sports grounds. Where the river Dee is ordinarily 90 feet wide, at Berwyn, in Denbigshire, people were able to walk across it dry-shod.

July 2 snakes were overrunning Wiltshire, their appearance being due to the drought. July 4 the training of summer troops was abandoned over 400 square miles of Cambridgeshire, Essex and Hertfordshire, due to lack of water in the district. The heat of the sun caused a street fire alarm to go off. July 6 water was cut off the fountains in the royal parks of London.

July 9 the "upper crust" were asked to cease horseback riding in London's famous Rotten Row; water could not be spared to keep down the dust stirred up by the horses' hoofs. July 15 the gravest fears were experienced as to how London would get its water. July 19 there was concern because of the likelihood of pollution of such reserves as remained.

Recent Canadian Droughts

The vast farming regions of Canada have not escaped the blight of drought. In 1931 an eyewitness stated, "The elements loosed themselves upon us with demoniac fury. The heat mounted to 104 degrees in the shade, and was driven upon us with a high wind which felt like a blast from the Inferno. Yesterday the wind veered and churned up the dust from fields that had been baked to a fine powder, and today the wind is still more violent, with a dust storm raging which blackens the heavens so that it seems like midnight." In the worst districts crops failed and there was no grass for pasture. The blowing away of the soil injured a large fertile area in Saskatchewan.

Drought had a damaging effect on crop growth from eastern Quebec to the Rockies in 1933, and, together with hail, heat, insects and disease, deepened the feeling of hopelessness which previous lean years had brought about. No relief came the following year, in which the greatest invasion of grasshoppers in the history of western Canada conspired with the drought to devastate the fertile farm regions. Nearly sixty percent of the 21,000,000-acre wheat crop was burned up before rains gave some hope that the late-sown crops might be saved. More than a million dollars was spent to combat the plague of grasshoppers which afflicted the three Canadian prairie provinces. There was a shortage of seed to sow in the drifted areas. The wheat crop, which in preceding years had been around 400,000,000 bushels, was 270,000,000 in 1933, and in 1934 an estimated 240,000,000.

Our neighbor to the south has not altogether escaped the ravages of drought. The drought caused a serious reduction in the water supply of northern Mexico and its irrigated lands, most of which are watered by the Rio Grande.

In the United States

The shortage of water in Mexico's irrigated lands was largely the result of drought conditions in the United States. Scarcity of rainfall has been the situation over large areas of the United States in varying degrees since 1930. Dry spells are common enough in all parts of the country from time to time, but there has not, as far as records indicate, been a drought in the past that has affected the greater part of North America at one time, as was the case in 1930. Not only the western plains, but the eastern or Atlantic states were affected by drought.

In 1930 the water board of Annapolis, the capital of Maryland, ruled that a fine of $10 to $20 would be imposed on residents who wasted water. At Olean, New York, a spring which had failed only once in the memory of local residents, diminished its flow and then the water gradually became oily, until, finally, more than a barrel of oil daily was taken from the spring. In Logan, West Virginia, drinking water was selling at three cents a gallon.

August 4, 1930, the chairman of the Federal Farm Board said, "The present severe drought has reached a point where the shortage of feed and forage threatens serious losses to livestock growers and dairymen over a wide area." That year's drought was described as "the worst in

the country's history". Scattered rains did little good, and in certain sections hail instead of rain only increased the damage to crops.

A "Blessing" to Big Business

Big Business considered the drought a blessing in disguise, because it checked decline of prices. The secretary of agriculture, however, said, "I do not share the feeling that this terrible drought is a blessing to American agriculture, either in disguise or in any guise. The devastation of whole groups of counties, and of large areas of states; the ruin of thousands of farmers does not appeal to me as a desirable thing, no matter what economic results it may have in clearing away the accumulated surpluses." Of course, the secretary failed to get the viewpoint of Big Business. What these gentlemen meant was that it was a "blessing" to them, and with them that is all that matters. Business is business, no matter who may suffer.

The Department of Agriculture considered the 1930 drought as the worst the country experienced since records were kept, a period of forty years. In some sections the drought continued for nine months.

The drought gave the Mississippi an opportunity to air its bed in many places. At some points its width was a few hundred yards where before it was over two or three miles. Millions of fish died as a result of drying up of rivers and lakes, and wild life in many parts of the United States and Canada was greatly reduced.

Cattle had to be transported from one place to another in search of pasturage, and in several instances the beds of shrunken rivers grew grass which supplied the best pasturage for cattle in the surrounding territory.

Government agencies provided drought relief in numerous states and prevented the complete ruin of the farmers, appropriating $45,000,000 for the purpose, where forty years ago they were completely wiped out in the wheat lands of Dakota and other states, the life insurance companies being compelled to foreclose their mortgages and sell the farms.

Dust storms, accompanied by rains, resulted in a shower of mud at Edenton, North Carolina, a phenomenon that is likely to occur after extended droughts.

San Francisco faced the crisis of a water famine. New York city, though it consumes 800,000,000 gallons of water daily, was able to withstand the drought because of good rains.

Physicians at a "better babies" contest of the Kansas state fair stated that the drought had left its mark on babies to a greater degree than on crops.

The loss entailed by the drought of 1930, the most severe of record, was estimated as high as $3,000,000,000. The weather bureau explained the drought as "a prolonged stagnation of the air over nearly the whole continental extent of the United States".

Radio stations, blamed for the drought, have in previous years been blamed for floods. A survey of the location of radio stations and atmospheric conditions indicates, however, that there is no connection between 'radiodation' of electric energy and the drought. Rather, the effect of too much radio on the air would be the opposite, as the disturbance of the atmosphere tends to cause rains.

Destitute farmers at England, Arkansas, angry and armed, threatened to seize merchants' supplies unless adequate relief were given them by the government. The Red Cross collected $10,000,000 to deal with the drought sufferers, but, as these numbered about 2,000,000, the funds were quickly exhausted.

Blessed Are the Merciful

Scarlet fever, pellagra and dysentery were far more prevalent than in previous years, as a result of the drought. They were the result of contaminated water, particularly in Kentucky. In not a few instances death came to those whose undernourished and weakened bodies could not resist the onslaught of disease. Entirely destitute, large numbers had no money, and not even anything which they might exchange for the necessary food. In Arkansas, State Representative Fleming wept as he described conditions in his district and proposed a bond issue of $15,000,000 for relief of drought distress.

President Hoover, on the other hand, opposed a move to appropriate $25,000,000 for relief, and was praised by the Chicago Association of Commerce. It can never be said that Hoover was unfaithful to his employers. His ability to deal with the unemployed and destitute is proverbial, and was fully demonstrated at the Battle of Anacostia.

Drought sufferers in the middle-western states were generously helped by farmers in other states. Colorado and Wyoming shipped them

over two million pounds of foodstuffs. New York farmers contributed 31 carloads of fruits and vegetables to needy farmers in Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia.

One generous individual sent a $1500 stock certificate to the Red Cross in St. Louis, saying, "My heart has been touched by the suffering of the drought victims." Investigation showed, however, that the certificate had been stolen, and it was returned to its owner, as the donor signed his communication only "J. C." It hath been said by them of old time, "One should be just before one is generous." That bit of sentiment is now quite out of date with many folks.

At Brunswick, Georgia, the local Red Cross organization arranged to give a Sunday matinee for the benefit of drought sufferers. No admission was to be charged, but a free-will offering taken. When the Ministerial Association got wind of this interference with their time-honored method of getting through the world without work they raised a howl, threatening to withdraw all future support of the Red Cross. Result: No matinee for the benefit of drought sufferers. Also, a little more blood on the skirts of the ministerial garments.

Red Cross Relief

No doubt there are many well-meaning persons connected with the work of the Red Cross. Yet its tactics in connection with the administration of drought relief were severely criticized by a writer for *Labor*. He stated that "the Red Cross makes men work for what they get at the rate of $1 a day, and in many cases compels them to work for someone to whom they owe a debt". Men were paid in orders on local merchants. One gentleman of leisure is reported to have said, "That's the way to do! Make them work for what they get. Those 'bums' wouldn't work at all if they weren't forced. I don't believe in giving anybody anything." These are noble sentiments, worthy of an apostle of Big Business.

Men were given work for two or three days a week and received the munificent sum of from $2 to $3.50 for their work to "relieve" their families. Families thus "helped" were afraid to give the facts to investigators for fear they would lose even this pittance. This is probably the Red Cross application of the injunction, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

However, the press reported that more than 2,000,000 persons in 21 drought-stricken states came under the care of the American Red Cross. The situation called for the most extensive relief operations in half a century. At the close of the summer of desolation seed was distributed to more than 58,000 families for the planting of rye and other pastures, and 27,000 families received seed for planting kitchen gardens, which would enable them in time to provide food for their families, the weather permitting.

The Department of Agriculture appropriated $65,000,000 for making loans to farmers, of which $45,000,000 was for financing the purchase of feed, seed and fertilizer, and $20,000,000 for "rehabilitation". Thousands of farmers took out loans.

In Ohio nature reversed herself to the extent of flooding sections of the drought region in the southern part of the state. The 1930 drought, however, continued far into 1931, in large areas of the country.

The Super-Drought of 1934

While not characterized as drought years, 1931, 1932 and 1933 were abnormally dry in many parts of the United States. And then came 1934. The scarcity of rainfall in April, May and June of this year surpassed any previous drought on record, and threw the drought of 1930 completely into the shade. This fact, added to that of the unusual dryness of preceding years, made the drought of 1934 exceptionally serious.

The extent of the territory affected almost doubled that of 1930, in which year about twenty states were involved, while in 1934 almost the entire country suffered from excessively dry weather, the only states having a rainfall that was average or above being Washington, a portion of Oregon, Kentucky, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. In the middle west the drought was especially severe. In all, thirty-five states were affected, from the Rocky mountains to New England, twenty of them severely.

In many sections of Kansas water had been hauled for livestock since the fall of 1933. In Utah the drought was the most serious since 1847, the year when settlement began. Reservoirs of twenty-five cities and towns in southern Iowa were depleted to an alarming extent. Western New York state took on the appearance of a parched desert. Damage to crops in Erie

county alone was estimated to exceed $2,000,000. At Winona, Minnesota, the Mississippi river set a new low mark, receding to 2.5 feet below the low water mark of 1864. Creston, Iowa, pumped all the water out of two lakes and then had to go to Council Bluffs and haul its water supply in tank cars. A daily allowance of 20 gallons to a family was established, though many housewives used less by making laundry water serve for house cleaning and making a single filling of the bathtub do for several members of the family.

Water was hauled, wherever that was possible, all through the drought-stricken area, for both man and beast; and improvised methods of irrigation were resorted to in places where water could be drawn from rivers or deep wells.

Fields which in normal years are yellow with corn and verdant with wheat were pictures of desolation. Ranges ordinarily filled with grazing herds were empty and barren or dotted with dead and dying cattle. Planes flying over hundreds of miles of territory could find hardly a drop of water. The beds of rivers were caked hard, and lakes were only dry and ghastly depressions in the earth.

The river having the largest watershed in Texas, the Brazos, which ordinarily had an average flow of 2,640 second-feet, had, in July, 1934, a flow of only 12 second-feet. A second-foot is the equivalent of 90 gallons passing a point in one second.

The abnormally high temperature, which continued above 100 degrees for weeks at a stretch, added to the absence of rain, brought unprecedented loss of crops and herds. Insect pests added to the work of desolation.

In May the secretary of agriculture stated that the wheat crop would probably be but little more than half the country's requirements. Taking into consideration all foodstuffs and feedstuffs, the United States would, according to another observer, raise but three-fourths of its total requirements. Wheat abandonment proceeded at the rate of a million bushels a day, representing a loss of nearly that many dollars to the farmers. Early in September the Chicago board of trade anticipated that the corn crop would be the smallest since 1887.

Herds Die in the Fields

After the crops, the next to suffer were the herds of cattle. Thousands upon thousands languished, grew lean and gaunt, and died, their carcasses, falling where they expired, lying as evidence of the terrible extent of the drought. As the problem of furnishing cattle with feed became more and more acute, fields of grain, because practically worthless for harvesting, were thrown open to them, temporarily halting their deathward course. In Wisconsin the two million acres of national forest land were thrown open to grazing, in an effort to preserve the cattle. Texas, having no such means of halting the course of destruction, saw cowboy firing squads riding over the ranches and shooting over a thousand cattle daily to keep them from the suffering incident to thirst and starvation.

Nebraska's director of the Federal cattle-buying program, inaugurated to preserve for food cattle that would otherwise die of starvation, said, "We had 3,130,000 head of cattle on hand in the state on April 1, about one-fourth being in dairy herds. The outlook now is that we cannot carry more than 1,500,000 through the winter. I doubt if we can carry more than 1,000,000."

In the Dakotas there was not enough feed and water for 1,000,000 cattle out of 2,500,000. The excess had to be slaughtered and canned to prevent complete loss.

Government agents bought cattle all over the country, weeding out those too weak to ship, and destroying them, and feeding and watering the others to enable them to make the journey to the stockyards or to pasturage in the southeast. The stockmen call the drought-cattle "shells" and "hatracks", apt descriptions of their emaciated appearance. It was estimated that between 7,000,000 and 10,000,000 head of cattle would be butchered, the meat canned, and much of it given to the unemployed. The government is doing some of its own processing to help out the regular canners.

In New York state the tuberculin testing of cows was being discontinued for fear of a milk shortage. Evidently there is no real danger from cows that have not been inoculated, otherwise this course of action would only invite the addition of pestilence to famine.

One traveler, who passed through Missouri, described conditions as follows: "Not only are the hogs and cattle all gone, but there are no horses, no chickens; nothing at all is left. Even the birds one usually sees along the road are not there. Weeds are all dead. Trees are bare or have their leaves burned as brown as if a heavy frost had hit them."

Damage from Dust Drifts

Because fertile farms had been turned to powdery dust, the wind raised numerous dust clouds. One storm is described as having been fifteen hundred miles long and a thousand miles wide, which should be big enough for anybody, even an American, who likes to have things big.

On one occasion dust blown from western fields reached as far east as New York and a thick layer of dust continued to annoy dwellers in the central states. Had the dust storms been combined with rain, the result would have been a "shower of mud", like the "rains of blood" which sometimes fall in the south of France when the red dust of the Sahara is blown across the Mediterranean sea, and brought down by rain.

Pictures of dust drifts, almost completely hiding drought-denuded trees, give an effect of desolation which resembles midwinter but lacks all of that season's natural charm and beauty. Fences are covered with piles of dust, groves are filled with it, and pastures made unfit for cattle. Even the drought-stricken cattle will not eat the dust-coated grass, which would only increase their gastronomical distresses.

At Tekamah, Nebraska, the topsoil from Fred Morehouse's farm was blown across the road and deposited on a neighboring hay meadow, spread out to an average depth of six inches. About ten thousand cubic yards of dirt are estimated to have been thus transferred, and Morehouse sees no chance of getting back the most valuable part of his farm. It would take him 500 days to haul it back, if he hauled twenty wagonloads a day, which would seem to be a man-sized job.

Millions for Relief

Needless to say the drought and its effects brought distress to millions of farmers and their families. First of all, there was the discomfort and even death caused by the heat, which was intense and protracted. City hospitals in St. Louis were crowded with prostration patients, and deaths in Missouri and other states were counted by the hundreds. Typhoid fever, due to the use of polluted water, also broke out in Missouri, where the heat destroyed two-thirds of the corn crop.

A conservative estimate was that 10,000,000 persons had been affected by the drought. Actually the entire nation was affected. In July there were 3,200,000 families receiving drought relief, which added to 800,000 receiving Federal relief makes a total of 4,000,000. The total monetary loss ascribed to the drought was placed at about $5,000,000,000, which is equal to about one-half of the war debts.

It was estimated that from $800,000,000 to $1,000,000,000 would be needed for relief work in drought states. Congress approved an appropriation of $525,000,000 for the purpose.

On Limiting Crops

The drought, of course, made a complete fizzle of the program for the limitation of crops and the reduction in the raising of hogs, and similar schemes for increasing prices. It has sent wheat above $1 a bushel, but at no great advantage, if any, to the farmer. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, however, still believes in crop control. He believes in controlling it both ways. That would mean, in a measure, an adoption of Joseph's plan, who made the surplus of the seven years of plenty serve the people during the years of famine. To a certain extent surplus crops have been carried over from one year to another in recent years. Due to the operation of the AAA, 270,000,000 bushels of corn is sealed in bins, which constitutes a large reserve. The killing off of 28 percent of the pigs likewise saved the consumption of the corn that would have been needed to raise them to maturity. The reduction of grain crops provided more pasturage for cattle. All these points were brought out by the secretary in his defense of the AAA plan. It must be admitted that some kind of control and regulation is desirable, but it is certain that only the complete establishment of Christ's kingdom can accomplish a proper adjustment of all the factors involved.

Farm bureau leaders, in conference at Chicago, called on the federal government to go no further with irrigation projects to develop more farm lands, and generally approved the AAA. They even want to increase the powers of the secretary. All this is in the direction of dictatorship and is being stoutly resisted by liberty-lovers, though the Roman hierarchy is heartily in favor of it, and probably had much to do with nurturing the development of increased centralization in the affairs of government.

Preventing Drought

The cause of droughts is still a mystery. Meteorologists, more commonly known as "weath-

er men", frankly admit that they do not know enough about it to speak with conviction. It would be well if all other prognosticators, scientific, religious and political, were as modest and as honest. Of course, the honesty of the weather man may be the result of the fact that people can check up on him so easily. Nevertheless, some suggestions have been offered as to how drought conditions might be mitigated.

The creation of artificial bodies of water in otherwise dry localities will, some claim, tend to increase the rainfall. The idea is vigorously denied by other "authorities", however.

The planting of large numbers of trees, it is supposed, will bring about a greater degree of moisture. It looks, however, as if in this case the cause and effect have been confused. Noting that there was plenty of rain wherever there were forests, some concluded that the forests caused the rain. But no one will deny that rain must have had a lot to do with the growth of the forests.

It is thought, further, that if forests can get a start over a sufficiently large area they will serve as a shelter belt and prevent soil erosion, by breaking the force of the winds as they sweep over the open fields. President Roosevelt has sponsored a plan for creating a "shelterbelt" in the middle west which is to be made up of about a hundred windbreaks seven rods wide and a thousand miles long, and planted about one mile apart. This would make a tree belt covering a thousand-mile strip over a hundred miles wide, and the windbreaks would occupy approximately 1,400,000 acres. One thing is certain, such a project would provide relief by furnishing work for many men. Its ultimate cost would be about $75,000,000. It is hoped that this scheme will prevent the plains states from turning into practical deserts through the loss of the rich topsoil. The proposed shelterbelt would run from the Canadian border to Texas, and would affect the eastern portions of the Dakotas and Nebraska and also measurably benefit Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.

However, this scheme would not, of course, remove the causes of drought itself, though it probably would mitigate some of its effects. The causes of drought are difficult to determine, because only one-tenth of the earth's surface is being observed by weather stations. Weather men believe that a drought tends to perpetuate itself, particularly in regions that are stripped of vegetation. In such districts rain often falls to within a few hundred feet of the earth and evaporates in the hot, dry air.

Meteorologists say that it is quite possible that the entire world is headed for a dry period. This was the case in Joseph's day, for we are told that "the famine was over all the face of the earth". The drought of 1934 has set a new record. The first five months of the year were the driest of any on record, and the records go back one hundred years.

And Who Caused It All?

Many people incline to the thought that God brought on the drought, that it was, as they call it, "an act of God." These are also disposed to offer up prayers for rain, and such prayers were quite generally offered up in the areas affected by the drought. They forgot the circumstances which brought on the trials of Job, or who inflicted them. People still seem to be equally forgetful that the Devil is still rampant, and that there must be some reason why the Lord permits him to be at large. Faith in God tells us that the words addressed to Pharaoh of old have a very pertinent application to the greater taskmaster: 'For this cause have I allowed thee to remain, that I may show my power in thee, and that they may proclaim my name in all the earth.'—Exodus 9:16, *Leeser*.

In view of Jehovah's power to control the outcome, "prayers for rain" seem inappropriate for properly informed Christian people. Such entreaties are like the petitions which the prophets of Baal addressed to their senseless deity, and little better than the rain-dances which Indian medicine men advocate to put the rain-god into a good humor.

Those who love God will not pray merely when special distress is upon the world, but will do as Judge Rutherford states in his lecture on "Praying for Prosperity". He says, "They will be praying constantly every day to Jehovah, in the name of Christ Jesus, in this manner: 'Hallowed and vindicated be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.' God knows of the things we have need of, and hence it is unnecessary and improper to ask for more than our daily bread, even as Jesus taught us to pray; and when the will of God is done on earth all oppression and depression will cease and there will then come to stay peace, prosperity and happiness, and these blessings will come only by and through the kingdom of God under Christ."

ANOTHER

in the series of talks by Judge Rutherford, dealing with salient Bible truths and related matters, appears herewith. The direct and straightforward presentation of important issues will prove of great value to everyone who gives them thoughtful and sincere consideration. Jehovah is the God of the Bible, and it is by trying and squaring our ideas by its infallible standards that we arrive at just and right conclusions. The next issue of *The Golden Age* will contain Part 2 of this talk.

Whose Servant?

Part 1

JEHOVAH is the only true God. Satan, the Devil, is the mimic god, the wicked one, and man's worst enemy. Every person serves either Jehovah or the Devil. The following words are written in the Bible, which is God's Word of truth, to wit (Romans 6:16): "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Each person must determine whom he desires to serve, either God or the Devil; and the Bible declares that he who knowingly serves Satan shall die, and those who gladly serve Jehovah shall live for ever in happiness.

A few pointed examples will help you to understand who serves Jehovah and who serves the Devil. The National Broadcasting Company, and the Columbia Broadcasting System, together with other selfish men, have undertaken to say that only certain clergymen, whom they approve, shall be permitted to use their radio facilities to preach to the people, and that they must preach nothing that is not approved by them. Those same men attempt to control the politics of the country and engage in many commercial and political schemes, which oppress the people. They could not be serving Jehovah, but must be serving the Devil, because it is the expressed will of God that all men shall have the privilege of knowing what is in the Bible and freely telling others about it.

The German government under Hitler denounces and persecutes all persons who openly declare that they believe on and serve Jehovah God. Moses was a Hebrew, or Israelite, and one of God's inspired prophets who wrote much of the Bible. The prophecy written by Moses declares that Jehovah would raise up a Greater One, of whom Moses was a type, and that such Greater One would be the Messiah and become the world's rightful Ruler and Jehovah's Executive Officer. Many other Bible texts prove that Jesus Christ is that Greater One, the Messiah. The Hitler government denounces, persecutes and expels from that land Israelites or natural descendants of Abraham, confiscates their property, and denounces Jehovah God and His Word. The Hitler government has undertaken to say that only its state church and the Roman Catholic organization shall freely practice their religion in Germany and that all others in that land must comply with such fixed rules or else be severely punished. Pharaoh of Egypt likewise illtreated Jehovah's chosen people, and the Scriptures declare that Pharaoh was the special representative of the Devil. The Hitler government is in the same class with Pharaoh, and is certain to meet with the same fate at the hand of Jehovah.

For years in Germany there have been many earnest Christian people known as Bible Students or Jehovah's witnesses who have been going about teaching the people the Bible and bringing comfort to those who are in distress. They have spent millions in that land to help the German people, and now in these times of great world distress those faithful Christian people are wickedly persecuted, arrested, driven through the streets under the lash of whips, thrown into prison, and some of them killed, merely because such people honestly serve Jehovah God and His King and tell the people about the kingdom under Christ that will bless all the world. It is certain that the Hitler government is not doing this by the will of Jehovah; therefore all must determine that it serves Satan.

[The above talk, together with Part 2, may be had in the form of a phonograph record, together with others of the series of brief and pointed Bible talks by Judge Rutherford. These records may be run on any

phonograph, at the usual speed of 78 revolutions per minute. The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., is the originator of the instructive and helpful idea of recording these unusual lectures and supplying them to the public on reasonable terms. There has been, the Society informs us, a very eager demand for these records, and orders were temporarily held up, but can now be filled without delay. Inquiries concerning the records should be addressed to the Society, and not to The Golden Age.]

Jehovah's witnesses in Germany Standing for Their Lives

AT THE convention held in Basle, Switzerland, on September 9, 1934, Judge Rutherford dispatched the following letter to all the companies of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany:

TO JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES IN GERMANY:

MY BELOVED BRETHREN:

You have heretofore made a covenant to do the will of God. He has taken you at your word, begotten you as His own, and called you to His kingdom. Christ Jesus at the temple of God has gathered unto himself the faithful and taken them into the covenant for God's kingdom. Such faithful ones God has anointed and commissioned to be His witnesses. It is to such that this letter is addressed.

Moses was a type of Christ Jesus, whom God raised up as His great Prophet, and now all who are of the anointed remnant must render complete obedience to God's great Prophet Christ Jesus. (Acts 3:22, 23) The commandments of Jehovah and of His great Prophet to the anointed, among others, are these: 'Ye are my witnesses that I am God'; 'go and tell the people'; 'this gospel of the kingdom must be preached as a witness'; 'forsake not the assembling of yourselves together'; 'study to show yourselves approved unto God'; "shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."—Isaiah 43:10-12; Isaiah 6:9; Matthew 24:14; Hebrews 10:25; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 2:9, 10.

Contrary to and in violation of the foregoing positive commandments from Jehovah God the government of Germany has forbidden you to meet together and worship Jehovah and serve Him. Whom will you obey: God or men? The faithful apostles were placed in a similar position, and to the worldly rulers they said: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 4:13-20; Acts 5:29) No man has the right to command you concerning God's service. You are duty-bound by your covenant to obey God and Christ. I conclude, therefore, that you will obey Jehovah, and not man. I therefore advise as follows:

Let every company of Jehovah's witnesses within the land of Germany meet at some convenient place in the town where you reside on Sunday morning October 7, 1934, at nine o'clock; that this communication be read to the assembled company; that you all then join together in prayer unto God asking His guidance, protection and deliverance and blessings through Christ Jesus our Head and King; that you then immediately send a prepaid telegram to the government officials of Germany, a copy of which is prepared and will be ready; that you then devote a brief period to the study of Matthew 10:16-24; that doing this you all 'stand for your life' (Esther 8:11); and that then the meeting adjourn and that you go out among your neighbors and bear testimony to the name of Jehovah God and His kingdom under Christ Jesus.

Your brethren throughout the earth will have you in mind and at the same time will be asking a similar prayer of Jehovah. United in the holy cause of righteousness and rendering ourselves fully in obedience unto God and His kingdom we may look with complete confidence for deliverance and blessing from God by and through Christ Jesus His great Vindicator.

Be assured of my love and best wishes.

Your brother and servant by His grace,

(Signed) J. F. RUTHERFORD.

Message Sent by the German Companies

TO THE OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT:

The Word of Jehovah God, as set out in the Holy Bible, is the supreme law, and to us it is our sole guide for the reason that we have devoted ourselves to God and are true and sincere followers of Christ Jesus.

During the past year, and contrary to God's law and in violation of our rights, you have forbidden us as Jehovah's witnesses to meet together to study God's Word and worship and serve Him. In His Word He commands us that we shall not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. (Hebrews 10:25) To us Jehovah commands: 'Ye are my witnesses that I am God. Go and tell the people my message.' (Isaiah 43:10, 12; Isaiah 6:9; Matthew 24:14) There is a direct conflict between your law and God's law, and, following the lead of the faithful apostles, "we ought to obey God rather than men," and this we will do. (Acts 5:29) Therefore this is to advise you that at any cost we will obey God's commandments, will meet together for the study of His Word, and will worship and serve

Him as He has commanded. If your government or officers do violence to us because we are obeying God, then our blood will be upon you and you will answer to Almighty God.

We have no interest in political affairs, but are wholly devoted to God's kingdom under Christ His King. We will do no injury or harm to anyone. We would delight to dwell in peace and do good to all men as we have opportunity, but, since your government and its officers continue in your attempt to force us to disobey the highest law of the universe, we are compelled to now give you notice that we will, by His grace, obey Jehovah God and fully trust Him to deliver us from all oppression and oppressors.

Respectfully,

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

at ————

Message Sent by Companies Outside of Germany

Cablegram sent by Bethel family, Brooklyn, and by companies and secretaries in every city and in every land outside of Germany:

———, Oct. 7, 1934.

Hitler Government,

Berlin, Germany.

Your ill-treatment of Jehovah's witnesses shocks all good people of earth and dishonors God's name. Refrain from further persecuting Jehovah's witnesses; otherwise God will destroy you and your national party.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, ———.

Events in Canada *By Our Canadian Correspondent*

Buying and Selling Political Jobs

UNDER the heading "Trafficking in Offices" the Toronto *Daily Star* has the following enlightening and interesting editorial:

The province will be surprised at the intimation from its attorney-general that "trafficking" in magistracies and crown-attorneyships has been going on for some time with the knowledge and approval of the government. Mr. Price admits that not infrequently when persons retire from positions connected with the administration of justice terms are arranged which provide that their successors shall pay a retiring allowance for a period of years. What happens when a suitable person for the office is unable or unwilling to make the yearly payments can easily be imagined. He might be eminently qualified for the position, indeed, be the most eligible person in the community, but his unwillingness to pass a tollgate would debar him from the appointment.

The affidavit made by Mr. McCaughrin, the Orillia police magistrate, that he was offered $2,000 to retire from his position, so that a constituent of Hon. Mr. Finlayson might be appointed, and that Mr. Finlayson and Mr. Price approved of the proposal and had it endorsed by order-in-council is serious enough. But it is not nearly as serious as the intimation by the attorney-general that something of the same sort has been going on for years, affecting many positions. The province will not be satisfied now until it learns the extent of the practice and all the details connected with it.

"Heil" Mary or—

We quote again from the Vancouver *Sun* an editorial appearing under the caption "How Not to Raise Children":

Miss Magdalene Strang, formerly matron of the disgraceful Windsor Children's Shelter, which is now undergoing a very revealing probe, has testified as to the code of punishment prevalent in that remarkable institution.

For fighting in the yard, the children were given a good strapping.

Violence always cures violence.

For creating disturbances in the dormitory, the culprits had to kneel in the hall and repeat the Lord's Prayer or Hail Mary until the monitor in charge was tired of hearing it.

It is a splendid idea to inculcate in a child's mind that a prayer is a form of punishment.

For talking during meals, the children were sent to a corner and given a "pat" on the side of the head.

Talking is such a heinous crime, especially for children, that a cuff alongside the head, which frequently causes deafness, seems almost too lenient.

If the same brutality and stupidity and ignorance have been employed in managing the other affairs of this institution as manifestly went into the creation of this punishment code, no wonder it has become a blot on the face of the Dominion.

Sorrows of Saskatchewan

The terrible conditions prevailing among the poor in parts of the great wealthy western provinces of Canada are revealed in a small way in the following news item from Saskatchewan as appearing in the Toronto *Star:*

Children are undernourished and underclothed as winter descends after five years of drought. Cattle and horses are dying in the fields for lack of fodder. Parents are cutting up their own badly-needed clothes to keep their children warm.

While statements in Vancouver that people were dying here of scurvy caused by lack of fresh vegetables are incorrect, they undoubtedly are suffering privation.

Five years of drought, devastation by grasshoppers, and general depression have eaten up all the small stores of reserve funds the hard-pressed farmers had. In one family of thirteen, the small children are dressed in flour sacks, with holes cut for the neck and arms. They have no shoes or underclothing. Another mother, who could not bear having her children face life without an elementary education, has cut up her clothes to dress them for school. She has not been outside her home for months.

Carcasses of horses and cattle litter the fields where the animals died for lack of fodder and care. The fields themselves are going back to virgin soil, because tilling them has cost money which was not returned in crops.

A voluntary relief committee has collected some vegetables, but not nearly sufficient for the children. Practically all garden stuff was wiped out by grasshoppers last summer.

Hudson Bay versus St. Lawrence River

Under the caption "The St. Lawrence Has Its Disadvantages", the paper last above quoted contains the following interesting item:

The wrecking of a ship or even the grounding of one in shallow water may not be a suitable subject for hilarity, but it sometimes happens that the circumstances surrounding, attendant to and preceding such a happening must give rise to chuckles. No doubt Captain Gofton of the Pennyworth, if he is not too worried by immediate conditions, will have a few chuckles to himself and certainly the people of these prairie provinces are likely to indulge in a few crude, earthy, western guffaws at the expense of those who have said the Hudson bay route was an impossible one, dangerous, and everything that a good route like the St. Lawrence is not and prophesied that there never would be a bushel of wheat move over it. It happens thus.

The Pennyworth was the first freighter into Churchill [on Hudson bay] this last summer. It brought in a cargo of goods and it sailed with holds filled with wheat. After leaving Churchill it carried cargoes to and from Mediterranean ports and finally came to Montreal with a load of rye grain from the Danubian countries. Canadians may think bringing rye to Canada is something like bringing coals to Newcastle, but there it is.

When he was in Churchill Captain Gofton expressed his pleasure over the arrangements at the new port, declared the voyage in was an easy and pleasant one beset with no dangers and quite ordinary routine sailing. When he arrived at Montreal he declared there that he would much rather sail into Churchill than into Montreal because there were fewer difficulties and the skipper was in charge of his own ship right to the harbor entrance, instead of having a pilot aboard for something like 1,000 miles as in the St. Lawrence.

At Montreal he loaded a cargo of wheat and fared forth down the river, his ship under the command of a pilot, one of those chaps who know every foot of the stream and take complete charge of the vessel. And the boat went aground 100 yards from the shore of the island of Orleans. It is a circumstance which thoroughly proves the accuracy of the view expressed by Captain Gofton at Montreal.

The British skipper's opinion of Churchill and the St. Lawrence could not have been very pleasant reading for those gloomy souls of the Montreal *Gazette,* the Ottawa *Journal, The Financial Post* and divers other papers who have written so much to show that the Hudson bay route is worthless, useless, dangerous, uneconomic, icebound, fog-bound, rock-bound, cold, wretched, berg-infested, a waste of money, a political football, a nightmare of extravagance, a sop to the west, in short, that it is no good, and that the route from Montreal is the direct opposite in all things. To them the sudden, unexpected and unfortunate proving of Captain Gofton's words by the mishap to his own vessel must be even less pleasant. But just imagine what would have been said had it gone aground in Hudson bay.

Let the west not point the finger of scorn at these dismal prophets, but, rather, commiserate with them in their discomfiture.

Government Cat Plays with Its Tail

Speaking of the dilemma in which governments find themselves, the Toronto *Star,* under the heading "Running Around in Circles", says:

It cannot have escaped the observation of the most obtuse that the wise men of the world, in the presence of the difficulties by which mankind is confronted, have advised this and that and have, actually, been going around in circles, approaching no definite destination.

Mr. Bennett at the outset talked the big, fine talk so well liked in Toronto—Empire first, Canada first, world trade, old flag, thin red line, on which the sun never sets, no matter how high the tariff not a cent of increase in price to any loyal Canadian consumer. This kind of talk went over big in Toronto, and if any Liberal asked a group of friends what sense or meaning there was in such contradictory talk they told him severely that he was a partisan and that with a man like Mr. Bennett in office there ought to be no partisans in the country he was so nobly and eloquently serving.

Mr. Bennett was going to abolish unemployment throughout the land from coast to coast. Men, he said, would have work, but not one cent by way of dole.

He tried that. Work, to an extent, was provided. But the statisticians got busy. They showed Mr. Bennett that if, as a measure against unemployment, the nation built a bridge across a river two-thirds of the sum expended went for steel and timber and stone and wire and what-not and did not take off the unemployed list those who were on that list. This was regarded as shocking. The statistics showed that for every unemployed man who was taken off the list the cost had been $12.00 per day. What they overlooked was that the makers of the steel, the hewers of the timber, the cutters of the stone, the drawers of the wire, were also employed. Also they overlooked the fact that when the work was done the nation had a bridge.

So Mr. Bennett finally decided in favor of direct relief—do not call it a dole—and to the delight of the statisticians was able to show that for every dollar expended there was an unemployed man half kept. He was doing nothing. If he tried to do anything he was disqualified.

This did not turn out well, either. It was found that men who get paid for doing nothing sometimes get sore and think evil.

Mr. Bennett discarded his statisticians in the third year of his indecision and decided to quit "direct relief" and go in for public works as he set out to do in his first year. Work, paid-for work, is now the panacea.

Premier Henry, who won great applause not so long ago for his economy fit, in which he reduced the salaries of the civil service, is now in high favor again because he has decided not only to restore the former rate of salaries but to apologize and pay back to the employees the money deducted from their past pay. Queen's Park has got new light. In all such matters the wise men of the world have been walking in circles.

In Great Britain a great stroke of economy was undertaken a year or more ago, when every school teacher in the kingdom suffered a cut of pay. Today it is proposed to undo that bit of economy, restore salaries of teachers to the old rate and pay back to them the money taken from them by the famous cut. The chancellor of the exchequer figures that it would cost the budget £11,500,000 to remit those past "economy" pay-cuts. On this the London *Daily Express* says: "Eleven and a half millions given back to the victims of the 'economy' cuts would be an act of fiscal justice. Like many another act of the kind, it would pay the exchequer handsomely. It would promote the efficiency and remove the grievances of civil servants and public officers. It would raise the status of schoolmasters who have the care of the next generation of citizens. It would expand the purchasing power of a large section of the public."

So it goes. The government at Ottawa, the government in London, the government at Washington, are each going around in circles, trying a reduction of expenditure for the sake of economy and trying an increase of spending to raise the purchasing power of the public.

Social and Educational

Mix-up in Relationships

IN PENNSYLVANIA the mother of Samuel Kriebel became the first wife of Jacob Doney. When Jacob was sixty years of age he took as his second wife Ida, the fifteen-year-old daughter of the same Samuel Kriebel. Thus Jacob became stepgrandfather of his own wife and Ida became stepmother of her own father. Jacob's son Max by his second wife was Jacob's stepgreatgrandson, and Max's mother was Max's stepgreatgrandmother. Max's grandfather was Max's half-brother. It is as bad a mix-up as the heathen doctrine of the "trinity".

Senora Chairez of Santa Ana

SENORA CHAIREZ, of Santa Ana, California, born September 26, 1813, near Mexico city, enjoys modern music, dances when she gets the chance, and is said to still be as erect as a soldier. Her only suggestion for improvement is that, having eaten beans for 120 years, she would now like a little more meat in her diet. If the Senora is wise she will stick to the beans, which have kept her alive, lo, these 120 years; if she had had much meat for the last 100 years or so she would not be here to tell it. Daniel stayed with the beans.

Grave-Robbing in Chicago

IN CHICAGO ghouls are robbing the dead of their caskets and even their burial clothing and returning the caskets and shrouds to the undertakers that are in with them on the racket. A father who had paid $325 in cash for the burial of his son had the body exhumed the next day and found it in a rough box, lying face down, wrapped in newspapers.

Transportation Items

The Mersey Tunnel

THE tunnel under the Mersey, between Birkenhead and Liverpool, is two miles in length, and the largest underwater tunnel in the world. The ventilation machinery of the Holland tunnel, New York, was duplicated. The cost of the project was $40,000,000. It took nine years to build. The tunnel is paved with cast iron; it is lined with shiny black glass to a height of six feet, and then with glazed cement. It is 46 feet in diameter, a single tube, instead of two tubes each 30 feet wide, as in the Holland tunnel. The four traffic lanes are separated by blocks of compressed rubber. The Queensway tunnel, as it was named by King George, was so skillfully engineered that when the two ends met their line was not more than five-eighths of an inch out of exact center. At one place the shell of rock between the clay-and-gravel bed of the Mersey and the top of the tunnel was only 3 feet 6 inches thick. Before the tunnel was air-tight 33,400,000 tons of water were pumped out.

A Glance at the Air Schedules

A GLANCE at the air schedules shows the wonderful progress made in the past year or so in the conquest of the air. A business man does a day's work in New York city, leaves the New York (Newark) airport at 4:00 p.m. At 8:00 he is in Chicago, at 11:00 in Kansas City, and at 7:00 the next morning in Los Angeles. Returning, he leaves Los Angeles at 4:00 p.m., is at Chicago at 5:30 a.m., at Pittsburgh at 9:00 a.m., and back in New York at 10:55 a.m. This is by the TWA, Inc., which has other services between the principal cities; and there are many other lines with nearly equal facilities. The one-way fare from New York to Los Angeles is $160; round trip, $288. Baggage up to 30 pounds is carried free. Children over two years of age are charged full fare.

The Interborough Receivership Scandal

WITH $6,000,000 cash in its treasury the Interborough Rapid Transit Company of New York was thrown into a receivership for a bill of $27,000 owing to the American Brake Shoe Company of Delaware. Lawyers have already collected $25,000 in fees from the Brake Shoe Company, and expect as much more, though the debt is still uncollected. This receivership, it was admitted, before the Senate investigating committee, was a deal arranged by insiders.

Anchors of the Big New Cunarder

THE anchors of the new Cunarder Queen Mary weigh, all together, 44 tons. The two cables, each 990 feet long, are of links each 2 feet long and 4⅛ inches in diameter, so tough that they can be bent double without fracture. It is figured that when both anchors are down 500 feet the big ship will be able to ride out any storm without using its engines. The rudder of the big boat weighs 163 tons, and is hollow at that.

Two Air Passengers Lose Their Nerves

IN TWO different instances air passengers in Britain have lost control of their nervous systems, and fought the pilots of their airplanes in mad efforts to seize the controls, which, had they succeeded, might very probably have resulted in the death of all on board. Other passengers helped subdue the ones that had temporarily lost their mental balance.

The Deadly Auto in Illinois

IN THE state of Illinois, in the first quarter of 1934, there were 568 deaths from motor accidents, but only half that number, namely, 285, for all the so-called "contagious" diseases put together: typhoid fever, smallpox, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, diphtheria, infantile paralysis, encephalitis, and meningitis.

Too Many Taxicabs (?)

THE Mayor's Committee on Taxicab Survey reports that, whereas New York needs only 10,000 taxicabs, there are, nevertheless, more than 15,000, with the result that nobody is making any money, and the 53,713 drivers are hardly making a living. There are not enough people who can afford to ride in taxicabs.

Leviathan Loses Half-Million a Year

THE Shipping Board requires that the Leviathan must make at least seven round trips to Europe each year, but the boat, the way it is designed, and the way it is scheduled, is unprofitable, each voyage costing about $80,000 more than is taken in.

Seaplane Commuter Service

SEAPLANE commuter service has been opened between New York and Oyster Bay, L. I., 35 miles out. The fastest L.I.R.R. trains make the trip in 69 minutes. The seaplane makes the trip in 19 minutes.

The Creeping Paralysis of Bureaucracy

REFERRING to the impossibility of maintaining a free press in a country where the citizens are not free to choose their callings and conduct their affairs according to their own judgment, Senator Borah, in a radio address, said:

"If the government can take away the right to grow cotton and force the grower to plant according to some bureau's judgment, and thereby force thousands to the point of starvation, it is only a question of time, and it has always been so, until this creeping paralysis of bureaucracy benumbs the hand of the editor. Of all forms of government which have ever been permitted to torture the human family, the most burdensome, the most expensive, the most demoralizing, the most devastating to human happiness, and the most destructive of human values, is a bureaucracy. It has destroyed every civilization upon which it has fastened its lecherous grip."

Millikan Says Too Many Political Quacks

DR. ROBERT A. MILLIKAN, president of the California Institute of Technology, referring to present economic conditions, said in a radio address:

"This situation has called all the quack doctors to the bedside of the patient. The least intelligent and understanding among these doctors tell the patient he is suffering from too much capacity for the production of wealth, and that the remedy is to smash the machine. I can quote chapter and verse to show that precisely the same diagnosis, precisely the same remedy, was put forward in Rome in the time of Tiberius, and hence before the foundations for the industrial revolution had been laid."

Fascism Breaks Out in Illinois

AT STAUNTON, Illinois, Oscar Sturm, a prominent socialist, secretary of the Illinois Workers' Alliance, was knocked down and kicked unconscious while police stood idly by. When he regained consciousness Sturm, not the bully who had attacked him, was arrested, but was discharged. Local business men financed the attacker. Thus Fascism in America gradually begins.

Equipped for Strike Duty

AT HAND is a picture of a Seattle policeman equipped for strike duty, a truly terrible sight. He has on a gas mask (which makes anybody look like a monster) and, besides, is equipped with the steel hat and tear-gas pistol used in breaking up large groups of the restless and unemployed.

Looking at the NRA with Skepticism

THE executive board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, in their report to their union, though conceding that the garment workers were greatly benefited by the NRA, especially at first, says:

"Instead of a 'partnership voice in industry', as originally intended and practiced in the early stages of the NRA, Labor is now being accorded only more or less polite chance to be heard, but the fixing of work hours and wages is actually left to the employers only. Doubtless there is deep disappointment among the working masses of America with the new turn which the NRA and its administration and enforcement is taking. The workers who greeted the NRA with so much faith and confidence last summer are looking with skepticism and misgivings at it now."

Some of the Coal Tricks

SOME of the coal tricks by which $1,000,000, at the least, was stolen from New York city on its coal purchases during the last five years are as follows: false barrel bottoms, watering the coal, changing numerals indicating truck capacity, the use of double load tickets and the employment of a dummy half-ton in the front of the truck, never used when an inspector is around. Barges were loaded systematically with poor coal underneath and good on top. Coal samples in the coal sample room were juggled during the night.

671,866 Persons on Relief in New York

IN NEW YORK city alone, in July, one person in every ten was on relief, and in the first seven months of this year the Emergency Home Relief Bureau had spent $40,468,961, or more than the total amount spent for the same purpose last year. The number of persons now on relief, 671,866, is 7,929 larger than the number carried on the relief rolls at any time in the two and a half years that the Bureau has been in operation.

$12,000 for a Single Letter

AS THE new administration continues to dig into the records of postal subsidies it finds things that shock even a politician. On one occasion three ships left the same American port on the same day. Each ship carried one letter. Each ship received $12,000 for the one letter it carried. The net result of the subsidy plan, so far, is that the mails have been decreased by it rather than increased, and the American merchant marine not strengthened.

Scientific Miscellany

Doctor Cabot Condemns Human Vivisection

DR. RICHARD C. CABOT, professor of medicine and of social ethics at Harvard University, is quoted as having made the following statements in a letter to John Sturgis Codman: "I think it is high time that our profession repudiated the defense of human vivisection published in a pamphlet by the American Medical Association and stated what I think we all substantially believe—that such procedures are wrong, as you have properly declared them to be. I agree with you that experimentation upon a human [creature] without his consent and without the expectation of benefit to him is without any ethical justification. Few if any physicians in this country would be willing (I believe) publicly to express a contrary opinion. At the same time, the practice of making such experiments is common and is often condoned, as is shown by the publication of Dr. Wile's experiments and the still more recent ones of Dr. M. Hines Roberts." (The experiments of Dr. Wile were surgical operations performed on six insane patients of the Pontiac state hospital, Michigan. The patients for the operations were "provided" by Dr. Christian, in charge of that hospital. The next ones thus "provided" may include your father or your mother, or—and that might not matter so much to others—yourself.)

Artificial Lightning at Pittsfield

AT PITTSFIELD, Massachusetts, in the effort to develop means for protecting electrical equipment against lightning, an electrical current of 250,000 amperes was discharged at a pressure of 150,000 volts in eight one-millionths of a second. More than 30,000,000 kilowatts were represented in a single discharge, far greater than any natural lightning stroke. In the experiments a silver-plated spoon vanished in a shower of sparks.

Blinding the Minds

THE rope trick, by the fakirs of India, in which, apparently, a rope is thrown upright in the air, a boy climbs it, and, when he is at the top, draws the rope up after him, and rope and boy disappear into thin air, is all a trick played upon the minds of the observers who are, for the moment, under the control of demons. Photographs taken of the trick disclosed the fakir and his boy sitting comfortably on the carpet. There was no trick except on the mind.

Lantern-Bearers of the Deep

AMONG the fishes that live deep down in the ocean, where the rays of the sun never come, are some so-called "lantern-bearers", that really carry lanterns, luminous organs attached to their jaws with cord-like appendages. Others have headlights, some before their eyes, and some behind them. One variety, instead of having two eyes one on the right side and one on the left, has two eyes both on the same side of the head, one above the other, and none at all on the other side of the head.

The Largest Flood-Control Reservoir

BY ALL odds the largest flood-control reservoir is now being constructed at Fort Peck, Montana, at the headwaters of the Missouri river. The dam is half a mile wide at the base, and will be 245 feet high. It will create a lake 175 miles long, and will cost $55,000,000. It is expected to make the flow of the Mississippi river much more uniform than at present.

One of the Gibborim, Perhaps

A DISPATCH from Calcutta reports the discovery near Jubbulpore, India, of a skeleton simulating the human, 31½ feet in length, the leg bones measuring ten feet. If the report is correct this is doubtless a skeleton of one of the *gibborim,* or "mighty men", offspring of angels and women, drowned in the flood.—Genesis 6:4.

Electroplating of Rubber

A METHOD has been discovered for electroplating rubber and combining rubber with metals. This enables the manufacture of a pipe of metal lined with rubber, for convenient use at a plant where acids are manufactured.

Radios on Motorcycles

HAVING had good results in their experiments with radios on motorcycles, it is probable that henceforth motorcycle police of New York city will have radio equipment on all their motorcycles.

Midsummer Frosts in Bavaria

THE potato crop in the Danube valley in Bavaria was destroyed by a series of frosty nights during the first half of the month of July. In some fields there was a fall of 90 degrees Fahrenheit between noon and 3:00 a.m.

Observations on the New Jersey "Hate" Bill

THERE is but one institution in the United States definitely committed to suppression of freedom of speech on religious matters. The identity of that institution is so self-evident that it is unnecessary to mention it by name. Safely ensconced in the cradle of liberty, and granted greater freedom of action here than elsewhere in the world, it yet presumes to deny to others what was so cheerfully accorded. It is of record that the Roman Catholic church has officially denounced freedom of speech as a great error.

Not only does the Roman Catholic hierarchy claim the right to do all the thinking on religious questions, but in effect it demands the right to censor all addresses that go out over the radio to the people, and wherever it has been able to do so it has not hesitated to put censorship into effect.

In the same editorials the Catholic press claims to stand by the American principle of free discussion of subjects of public interest, while at the same time demanding that they first have the opportunity to scrutinize what is to be said. One's natural reaction to such demands is to inquire, "What is there about Catholic beliefs and practices that is so unreasonable and inconsistent that it is unsafe to mention them? Why not drag them out into the sunlight and fresh air, to the lasting benefit of all concerned?"

The Catholic press is prompt to say it believes in freedom of speech, but that nothing must be said that would wound Catholic susceptibilities. The same papers that have been so insistent that their susceptibilities must not be wounded have not hesitated to call other Christians the vilest names ever put into print on this side of the ocean.

An examination of these papers reveals the interesting fact that the most vicious and dreadful bigotry and intolerance are interlarded with the most sanctimonious claims of ultra-Americanism, and this same principle of hypocrisy is discernible in this bill. One could have more confidence in the purposes of the authors of the bill if they had said openly, "We are dead set against the American doctrine of freedom of speech, and are out to put an end to it."

A further charge justly made against the authors of this "hate" bill is that, in instances where they claim to stoutly stand for liberty of speech, they have resorted to the most extreme denunciations of those who venture to disagree with them. "Mere insolence," "stupid insults," are terms freely used to characterize the language of dignity and truth when it calls the findings of the Hierarchy in question.

The only Catholic daily in the United States, in speaking of a series of broadcasts of wide public interest, said, "What they peddle is plain nonsense, the same brand of nonsense you would expect from amateur doctors and amateur lawyers, if the laws would permit such a thing. Such amateurs in any line should be barred from the radio channels."

The plain inference to be drawn from this is that the only ones that are not amateurs, and can therefore safely be trusted with broadcasting, are the priests of the Hierarchy. The idea seems to be that every broadcaster on religious subjects shall have a priest along with him to tell him what is free speech, that is, speech acceptable to the Hierarchy, and what is not and is therefore license, or abuse.

In one instance a Catholic paper published in one column a dispatch that the Jews are much perturbed by the increasing restrictions against the Catholic church, and in an adjoining column its own demand that speeches not favorable to the Catholic church be excluded from the air.

In another instance a Catholic society went into raptures about democracy receiving its inspiration from the Sermon on the Mount, and stating its glad acceptance of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, and wound up with a business-like threat to a department store which operated a radio station that unless certain addresses it disapproved of were canceled the store would lose a goodly share of its business forthwith.

Papal Fascism in Austria

ONE of the first acts of Papal Fascism in Austria was to mortgage for $10,000,000 the magnificent municipal structures erected by the Socialists out of revenue, and to raise the rents of the workers who lived in them.

Hindu Catholics Abandon Church

THE *Times of India* reports that 10,000 Hindu Catholics in South India have abandoned the church *en masse,* on account of the observance of the caste system. Hitherto, railings in the churches have kept the castes apart.

Radio Hearing Chart Defaced

(Reprinted from the New York *Sun*)

RUTHERFORD SAYS CATHOLICS MUTILATED RECORD

CARAVATI SYMBOL ERASED

PEOPLE'S PULPIT PRESIDENT TELLS OF BROADCAST TROUBLES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 (A. P.).—A charge that agents of the "Catholic hierarchy" mutilated the official record of congressional radio hearings last spring and thereby destroyed certain evidence was made before the Federal Communications Commission by Joseph F. Rutherford, president of the Peoples Pulpit Association of New York.

Testifying concerning what he described as vigorous Catholic opposition encountered by his organization in putting its "Watch Tower" broadcasts on the air, Mr. Rutherford said the association had introduced at hearings before a House committee on the communications bill this year a chart identifying Henry L. Caravati, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men, as the "executive agent of the Catholic hierarchy's organization".

"After this chart had been offered in evidence, approved by the committee for publication and delivered to the custody of the clerk a prominent Catholic who had appeared before the committee called at the office of the clerk of the House Commerce Committee and asked to see the record, including this chart, and went over the whole record before it was passed by the Government printer," Mr. Rutherford said.

"When the chart was printed the letter 'S' (a sign used on the chart to locate Caravati's place in the Catholic organization) did not appear as it had appeared on the original record." *

Mr. Rutherford introduced photostatic copies of the chart as it originally was presented at the hearing with a letter from the clerk of the House Commerce Committee saying he had found after a check that "the letter 'S' on this chart was eliminated for some reason, it being plainly visible where the 'S' was taken off the diagram before the original was taken to the Government Printing Office".

The "Flames of Purgatory"

HERE is a neat little 36-page book, entitled *Our Lady of Perpetual Help.* It is the cover design that interests us, and particularly the back cover, done in four colors, black, red, gold and green, above the title "Purgatorian Society".

At the bottom of the picture we count eleven persons writhing in the red and gold flames. Three of them are men with gray beards. We wonder how they keep their whiskers in the heat. But maybe it is not as hot as it looks; for red ink is cheap. Several are ladies, and one, at least, seems to be wearing a dress cut low in the back. It must have been made of good material, asbestos, probably.

At the top of the picture is a representation of God, which is expressly forbidden by God himself. Between God and "purgatory", on each side of the picture, a flock of angels are engaged in carrying people from "purgatory" up to heaven, and in singing after they got there. Must be hard to sing with such a dry throat! So far, the picture is cloudy and smoky. Heaven seems to be resting on the bank of smoke that rises from "purgatory".

The clearest part of the picture, done in the brightest colors, is the center of it, which represents a priest and two altar boys saying mass for the repose of the souls in "purgatory". The vestments of the priest are so made that, with his back to the observer, he presents the cross moving first this way and then that.

Where is Jesus in all this? Not there at all. He is on the front cover. Where on the front cover? Oh, in the arms of Mary, just as a cute little babe! The principal pictorial glory of this book is the picture of Mary, "Our Lady of Perpetual Help." It is as large as all the rest of the pictures put together!

Bulgaria Ends Clerical Grafts

BULGARIA has state religion. Hereafter priests must do all their stuff, baptism, marriage, burial, or other services, as state officials, and if they accept additional remuneration it will be considered as a bribe, and punishable.

A Disgusted Robber

A ROBBER in Camden, who had stolen six sacred vessels from an Italian Catholic church, was so disgusted when he found that the supposed golden vessels were merely gold-plated that he repented and returned them.

* See "S" on chart, page 624 of *The Golden Age* for July 4, 1934.

Obedience Puts One Close to the Savior's Heart

THE only person that ever lived on earth who was really holy was Jesus. He alone was "holy, . . . separate from sinners". He did not come to seek others like himself; there were none such to seek. He did not seek the companionship of those that esteemed themselves holy and despised others. But, and here is the point, He did seek the companionship of those that really wanted to be holy, right, pure, perfect, like himself, and that is why He especially loved James and John. He loved others too, and does yet, for His heart is big and roomy, but James and John will always have special places there, and they should, and the lesson today tells why.

First let us establish that James and John did have special places in Jesus' affections when He was here as a man. It is not hard. Most people know it already; but it does no harm to review the facts.

That was a very special favor that was granted to James and John to be present when the Savior went up into the mountain to pray for the strength He needed to keep on to the end of His course, and at which time they both, and Peter, and the Savior too, had a vision of the Kingdom that now is and is for ever to be.

Luke's account, after telling of Jesus' promise that there were some in His presence that would "not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God", goes on to say that Jesus took the three of them "and went up into a-mountain to pray". Probably Jesus prayed that these that were closest to Him might see the very things they did see. At any rate, it was even "as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering".—Luke 9:27-29.

The personal feature is more prominently brought out in Mark's account. There, after the same preliminary statement, it says that Jesus "leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves". (Mark 9:1, 2) So we see three things at the moment prominently in Jesus' mind, a vision of His coming Kingdom, a careful selection and leading of those who should see it, and a season of prayer, communion with His Father, crowned with the very thing desired.

There is no record that while James and John were on the mountain top they had anything to say; they went along as invited guests, friends. It does say that they were afraid. Who would not have been? Not only did they see Jesus' 'raiment becoming shining, exceeding white as snow', "white as the light" (Matthew 17:2), but they saw Jesus' own face 'shining as the sun'; they saw Moses and Elias, and heard them talk; they entered with Jesus into the cloud that signified the divine presence, and, most wonderful of all, they had the stupendous privilege of hearing the voice of the great Jehovah God say, "This is my beloved Son; hear him."—Mark 9:3, 6, 7.

Witnessing the Defeat of Death

That was another immeasurable favor that came to James and John when Jesus had been summoned to the bedside of Jairus' daughter. There is a depth in a father's love that nobody can know who is not a father. Jairus was a good man, chosen by the worshipers of his community as the ruler of the synagogue of Capernaum. When he realized that his only daughter, a maid of twelve years, was dying, he came and fell down at Jesus' feet, beseeching Him that He would come into his house. Somehow he felt sure that if Jesus would only come under his roof, and lay His loving hands on this little girl, she would not die.

And then there came an interruption. In the throng that pressed around Jesus was the poor woman who "had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any", and just when the case of Jairus' daughter was most urgent this poor woman had touched the hem of His garment and had been made whole. There was a stir as to who had done it; there was an investigation; there was an explanation, and, finally, there was the word of the Master that it was all right. "Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole: go in peace."—Luke 8:48.

Meantime the case was desperate with Jairus; time was going on; the condition of his daughter did not admit of delay. And then came the final blow: "While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?"—Mark 5:35.

How would you like to have been present when Jesus said to that poor heart-broken father, "Be not afraid, only believe"? How would you like to have been one of the five chosen witnesses of what followed: Peter, James, John, and the father and the mother of the maiden? How would you like to have stepped with this Son

of the most high God into the chamber of death and heard Him say, "The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth"? and then, when He had been laughed to scorn, and had put the scorners out, how would you like to have seen Him give that maiden His hand, to hear Him say, "Maid, arise," and to see her awaken and come straight from the portals of the tomb back into the bosom of the family of which she had been the light? Was that a great favor? Was it? In the presence of the Resurrection and the Life, O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? O blessed Son of the merciful God! What a privilege it must have been!

In the Savior's Darkest Hour

Who is it that you would wish to have with you in the darkest hour? Suppose, for any reason, you knew that your end was near. Suppose, for any reason, that your soul were exceeding sorrowful, even unto death. Suppose, for any reason, you were in agony of spirit, so concerned about the events of the immediate future that your nervous system were to break down, and you were to sweat great drops of blood, as others besides Jesus have sometimes done. You would not wish everybody present at a time like that. You would have a choice; and so did Jesus. He chose His nearest and dearest friends. James and John, along with Peter, were the only ones who had that privilege.

It was those same friends (along with Andrew, Peter's brother) that alone heard the discourse on the fall of Jerusalem, and incidentally the fall of "Christendom"—the Lord's great prophecy, recorded more at length in the 24th chapter of Matthew. (Mark 13:3) Was it not a great favor to be one of the auditors of one of the very greatest of all the prophecies?

We do not usually confer special names on persons unless we are specially interested in them. Why do you suppose Jesus referred to James and John as "Boanerges, The sons of thunder"?—Mark 3:17.

It was these two men, James and John, that wished to be nearest to Jesus in the Kingdom (Mark 10:37) and expressed their willingness to drink with Him the cup poured for Him, and to be baptized with the baptism with which He was baptized. That meant a willingness to share any experiences, no matter what they might be, that would keep them near to Him.

It was these two men that sought to call down fire from heaven to burn up the Samaritans who had refused to sell food and lodging to their Master. Jesus reproved them mildly, probably laughing in His sleeve as He did so. He knew that they were both bubbling over with zeal, faith, hope and love. They only needed guidance. John wanted to stop the casting out devils in Jesus' name by one who did not go along with the party in an orderly manner.

James Was the First Martyr

James was the first martyr among the apostles. Eusebius says of this incident that the officer who conducted James to the tribunal was so influenced by the bold declaration of his faith that he also embraced the Gospel, avowed himself also a Christian, and in consequence was beheaded at the same time. Doesn't that show that Jesus picked His friends?

As far as John is concerned: Modestly and truthfully, not boastingly, he mentions that at the Lord's last supper he was the one whose head reclined on Jesus' bosom; he was "the disciple whom Jesus loved"; he was the one that was nearest to the Lord when He was before Caiaphas; he was present at the crucifixion; it was to him that Jesus committed His mother; he was first at the Savior's tomb on the morning of the resurrection, ahead even of Peter; and he was the last of the apostles, and favored with the final Revelation.

Was the Lord partial in the selection of His friends? We know that He was not. Then what was it about James and John that specially drew Him to these two men? Unquestionably it was their obedience. The story is told in few words in the fourth chapter of Matthew's gospel. We know from John's account that they were early interested in Jesus' preaching, enough to locate His lodgings. Probably they spent the night with Him.—John 1:35-39.

At length the time came for Jesus to appoint His legates, His personal witnesses. He knew these two men, knew of their love for truth and righteousness, knew they were in the fishing business and where they could be seen. The account is very much condensed. He had called Peter and Andrew (two of the four who heard His great prophecy); "and going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets: and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him."—Matthew 4:21, 22.

Obedience Is the Secret

That is the secret. Obedience, and prompt obedience at that. They did not hesitate; they did not stipulate; they did not meditate; they did not argue; they got up and came *immediately,* and that is evidently what the Lord always remembered about them, and always will remember about them.

Those boys had a good stand. They could have been in the fishing business until the end of their days; and they do seem to have retained some kind of interest in it, for in their time of confusion, after Jesus' death, they went back there for a while. They had to go somewhere, and, come to think of it, Jesus told them to go back to Galilee anyway; so their going back was an act of obedience, too.

But the point is that they had made a consecration. They had not made a bargain. There is a big difference between a bargain and a consecration. Some people think they can bargain with Almighty God and with the Savior. They cannot do anything of the sort. No person is consecrated unless he wishes to be so, and unless the consecration is unconditional.

James and John were the right sort; they were not perfect, but the business they got into, fishing for men, was a thousand times more interesting than fishing for bass or pike or bullheads or pickerel or trout, or whatever it was they fished for in Galilee. And, when they were told to get out of the old business and get into the new, they got out immediately; and the Lord loved them for it and gave them a place in His earthly bosom and in His heart eternal.

Demonism in a Catholic Church

THE HINDU, Madras, India, issue of April 24, 1934, contains a dispatch from its correspondent at Nagercoil, from which we extract the following:

Kurusady, a Roman Catholic village about three miles south of Nagercoil where there is a famous shrine dedicated to St. Antony, has now become the center of attraction for thousands of pilgrims who are arriving here daily to witness the mysterious working of evil spirits on groups of girls aged between 5 and 12 years. About 50 girls, belonging to Kurusady and the neighboring villages, rush to the church at 6 p.m. every day, as though possessed by evil spirits. The parents and the villagers tried their best to keep the girls under lock, but failed, as the doors mysteriously opened. Immediately after vespers, at 7 p.m., the girls sit in front of the church and dance, shaking their heads round about and calling the name of Saint Antoniar. This continues for about one hour. They then whisper something, and all of a sudden get up from the floor and run toward the chapel and roll on the sand and then lie down unconscious for some time. Getting up again, they sit in front of the chapel in two or three rows, repeating the same dance and words. In their whispering they often tell us, with much accuracy and correctness, whatever unchristian things have occurred in the neighborhood. The process comes to an end when they make small ditches with sand, in which, they say, the devil is cast and destroyed by St. Antony.

Referring further to the same occurrences, the Madras (India) *Mail,* issue of May 10, 1934, contains, from its correspondent at Nagercoil, the following:

Devils are reported to be still able to influence groups of young girls at the Roman Catholic church at Kurusady, near Nagercoil (Tinnevelly district). Girls so affected are said to rush to the church every evening, and to dance, shake their heads and call on the name of Saint Antoniar. This continues for about an hour. They then whisper something, and all of a sudden they roll on the sand, and then lie down unconscious for some time. A couple of weeks ago only young girls were affected by the devils, but now I understand that middle-aged women and grown-up girls are also coming under the influence of evil spirits. The parish priest has done his best, but the devils cannot be scared away. The assistant vicar sprinkled holy water on those who were affected, but without success. A similar occurrence is now reported from Rajavoor, a Roman Catholic village close by. It is reported that about twelve girls have been possessed by evil spirits.

It seems as if it would be a peculiarly just recompense for their hatred of the truth and their exploiting of error if this curse now affecting the second largest Roman Catholic church in Travancore, India, should spread to other churches, and perhaps all over India and all over the world.

The same mail that brings us the story of the obsessions at Kurusady tells of the idolatry to Philomena, in a little booklet put out by St.

Joseph's church, Mysore, India. One man tells how he had a sick bull. He cut up a picture of St. Philomena, put it in holy water, gave it to the bull, and put a picture of Philomena up in front of the bull, and the bull got well. The Roman Catholic church is demonism, and teaches demonism, and ought sometime to reap an abundant and even a luxurious harvest.

The "worship" of the Catholic system is in reality highly hypnotic, and the chanting of "prayers" and "services" is intended to induce a state of mental inertia which exposes the "worshiper" to the attacks of evil spirits, who represent themselves as this or that "saint", and give "revelations" which are but another link in the chain of papal bondage.

"News by Radio"

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made a table of their replies. It reads as follows:

	News	Source	Gov't Control	Periods	Remarks
France	Yes	Press	Yes	2 15 min.	
Poland	Yes	Press	Yes	3 5 min.	News two hours old
Denmark	Yes	Press	Yes	4 10-25 min.	
Finland	Yes	Press	Yes	5 10-15 min.	Two languages. 14% of all hours used for news
Italy	Yes	Press	Yes	1 daily	Four languages. Government propaganda
Egypt	Yes	Reuter's	Yes	1 daily	Only 1 station in Egypt
Canada	Yes	Press	Yes	2 5 min.	
England	Yes	Press	Yes	1 25 min. 2 15 min.	
Switzerland	Yes	Government agency	Yes	2 20 min.	
Norway	Yes	Press	Yes	2 10 min. 1 15 min.	
Germany	Yes	Press	Yes	7 5-20 min.	Government propaganda
Sweden	Yes	Press	Yes	2 7 min.	
China	Yes	Government agency	Yes	Irregular	
Ireland	Yes	Press	Yes	2 15 min.	Mostly local news
Spain	Yes	Radio reporters		1 hr. 8 a.m. 5 10 min.	Compete with newspapers
Japan	Yes	Press and radio		5 5-30 min.	Stations pay news agencies more than newspapers do
Cuba	Yes	Newspapers account	No regulations		Compete with papers. 1 station rents 8 hours for news
Mexico	Yes	Press		4 15 min.	Do not compete. News sponsored by press
Austria	Yes	Press	Yes	5 5-10 min.	
Panama	No stations				
Greece	No				
Russia	Yes	Press	Yes	2 30-60 min.	
Belgium	Yes	Press	Yes	3 15 min.	

Fresh Hearings Before Commission

There is one more consideration I desire to present in connection with such an organization. Those who hold radio licenses today are confronted with a serious and pressing demand that 25 percent of existing radio facilities be granted to educational and religious stations. You are about to participate in hearings on the subject before the Communications Commission. What new service of an educational nature can you offer?

An associated radio news organization is one answer. It could present up-to-the-minute news flashes and brief news reports that would be different from newspaper reports. It could originate a new method of presenting such news also, by adding to the news flash statements concise, historical, scientific and human interest data. It would require men and women of big ability who could collect and concentrate facts quickly in relation to the news event, but radio can and should hire such men and women to do that kind of service. No one station can afford it, but an associated radio organization combining their finances can.

Marlin Pew once wrote that the ideal newspaper would be a newspaper every line of which would be of interest to every possible reader.

I am not a member of this association, nor have I any personal interest in or connection with any broadcasting station or radio news organization whatsoever. My interest is in radio, its development, its enlarged use for communication purposes, and, most of all, its service for increasing the happiness of the human race. Yet I dare to urge this convention to take some positive action to enlarge and improve news by radio for the American people.

You can either appoint a small committee of members of this association with power to organize a non-profit, cooperative, station-owned news organization for such stations as desire to join, or empower your board of directors to take such action. If your board or such a committee will take charge of this work, you will find an amazing response by stations and radio listeners. The situation is ripe for action now.

So the ideal radio program would be a program every part of which would be of interest to every possible listener. There is no program that will command so nearly 100 percent attention and interest of radio listeners as a program of up-to-the-minute news events combined with interesting data bearing upon the subject of the news.

For years I have worked and fought in Congress and out of Congress for a free radio service, an interesting and informative radio service, and a service that would command advertising support because of its popularity.

I have helped to write and keep on the statute books a radio law that bases the grant and renewal of licenses upon public interest and public service. The supreme court has declared that law constitutional. It is the American plan of radio. It stands alone among the government-owned radio systems of the world. Its continuation depends on popular support.

News by radio will do more to maintain and strengthen that plan than any other feature broadcasters can use. I urge you: Seize it, use it, glorify it.

Atlanta Convention

WATCHTOWER readers will be pleased to know that a service convention is arranged to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, November 23, 24, and 25. Ansley Hotel roof garden will be the convention headquarters. The City Auditorium will be used for meetings on the 24th and 25th, including the public meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon November 25 to be addressed by the president of the Society. It is hoped that the pioneers working in the south during the winter will be able to attend this convention. A credit of $25 will be allowed to each pioneer on book account to help pay expenses to the convention. Let all the Lord's people present this matter before the throne of grace for His blessing that there may be a splendid witness to the honor of His name. For accommodations address C. R. Thomas, Chairman Convention Committee, 1391 Belmont Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

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The Windows of the Soul—and the Land of Darkness

IT IS impossible to consider any of the works of the Creator without being lost in wonder, love and praise. Take a look at the letter "i" as made with the typewriter. Notice the white space between the trunk of the "i" and the dot above it; you have discerned something that is not much if any over 5/1000 of an inch across. Now step outdoors and look at the sky; the nearest star is Alpha Centauri, distant 4.3 light years, or about 24,897,041,280,000 miles. Most of the stars you see are many times as far away. The Swan is distant 50,496,000,000,000,000 miles, or 2,000 times as far away. Do you not think it discloses marvelous love and wisdom on the part of the Creator to place two such instruments in your possession as will enable you in a moment to see things so near and things so remote?

The optical arrangement of the human eye is that of a two-lens microscope. At the front is a body shaped like a watch glass, called the cornea, and at a short distance behind it a double-convex body, called the crystalline lens. These two are transparent and form an image. The wall of the rear, or retina, is composed of the fibers of the optic nerve, vast numbers of pyramids and cones. The image formed by the lenses falls on the retina upside down. The impression is conveyed to the seeing portion of the brain, far in the back of the head, where it is turned right side up and considered. Man is the best judge of shape and distance of any of the creatures.

At sea or over a level plain the human eye, at a height of five feet from the ground, can see an object a foot in diameter 2.9 miles away. A Patagonian can see an ostrich head at a distance of almost a mile. A perfect eye can discern the light of an ordinary candle two miles away through transparent space. Observers on the coast of France sighted lights on Corsican mountains 186 miles away. Mirror flashes on Mount Shasta, California, were sighted on Mount Helena, 192 miles distant.

The eye has so many parts that it makes anybody except an oculist have a headache merely to read the names. Briefly, it is an instrument of ½-inch radius, combining in one a camera, photometer, colorimeter, kaleidoscope, stereoscope, and range finder, automatically adjustable from infinity to a distance of 3 inches. The eye is self-cleansing; every time we wink we wash our eyes. Store eyewashes are unnecessary, but a few drops of boric acid solution in the eyes now and then is refreshing.

Built to Run Forever

Dr. Charles Sheard, director of physics and biophysical research of the Mayo foundation at Rochester, Minn., in a public lecture in Boston stated that his calculations, which he gave, show that an eye has something of the order of a million years of vision; in other words, it was made to last forever.

The eye can detect 200,000 shades of color. Cotton-seed oil varies much in value according to its color; the only instrument that can rightly measure these differences is the human eye.

Given two persons with eyes of equal clearness of vision, one will merely see that a passing auto is a dark closed car, while the other will tell that it is a four-door blue sedan, by whom and where made, the year of manufacture, and how many persons were in it. In trials of accident cases the lawyers get many times as much information from some observers as from others.

The mind to some extent dominates the eye. A group in Montreal all saw a man sitting on a stool on the top of a flagpole; that is what their eyes and minds told them, but when a telescope was brought to bear the man was plainly seen to be sitting on a stool on the roof of a

building beyond the one which supported the pole.

Occasionally nature plays a prank. Alva Mason, 25, an electrician of Minot, Maine, has eyes so focused that within a distance of eight inches they magnify more than 100 times their actual proportions. He is able to distinguish features of phonograph records by the difference in the impression made in the disk. Thus, removing his glasses, he can pick out with unfailing accuracy the anvil strokes in the "Anvil Chorus".

Dorken, a German organist, blind from the age of thirteen, sees each tone of the musical scale as a very vivid color. Each human voice, each odor, and every other human sensation, produces in his mind a color, pleasant or otherwise. Even a sneeze has color, for him. All this seems odd to the rest of us.

Differences Much Exaggerated

A critical study of 840 Chinese and Japanese by Dr. H. Gifford discloses that the notion of a special "Mongolian eye" is incorrect. Many of these have a fold extending from the skin of the upper lid obliquely downward and inward to the bridge of the nose, but the eye itself is like that of the rest of us.

Careful studies of a pair of eyes here in the office under all the various types of glances (eight of them) seem to indicate that the so-called "expressions of the eyes" are mainly the expressions of the lids and other muscles around them. There is, however, the element of accommodation, which does somewhat change the shape of the eye itself. At twelve a child can read as easily at three inches from the eye as at arm's length, but in later life this power diminishes and the actual changes in our eyes themselves are slowly made.

Blue eyes are really colorless, there being an absence of pigment in the outer layer of the iris; they are characteristic of northern Europe. Dark eyes of brown pigment protect the retina against too much light from the sun, and are more commonly found among southern races. Blue-eyed parents transmit blue eyes to their offspring; a blue-eyed and brown-eyed couple may have all brown-eyed children, but three-fourths of the grandchildren will be brown-eyed and one-fourth blue-eyed, according to genetical tables.

It has been widely observed that dark-eyed women know better what is going on around them than light-eyed ones. The tired brown eyes of the natives of India are the most melancholy in the world, so it is said, but here again it seems clear that it is mainly the eyelids and other muscles about the eye that create the expression.

We see one thing at a time. Looking at a word we see the letters successively, not simultaneously. The mental images are built up one after the other, each requiring about three two-thousandths of a second. A modern machine proved conclusively the correctness of Aristotle's conclusions as to how it is we see. The old idea of teaching a child an alphabet was a correct idea. In some persons the mental images are much slower than in others, requiring one-seventh of a second in a stationary position before an impression is made.

All Blind for Three Weeks

The fibers of the optic nerve which carry the consciousness of light to the brain are not completed until three weeks after birth, so that, as a matter of fact, babies do not see anything until they are three weeks old. Brilliant objects gradually awaken the interest and curiosity; through the eyes a pathway is made into the mind.

A physicist explains how we see in colors. He says: "What light does is to perform a photochemical process on the light-sensitive substance in the cornea, from which result four nerve excitants—the sources of our color sensations, yellow and blue, red and green. All the rest of the perceptible color tones are composed of dual color blends of these four."

Many persons can recognize blues and yellows to whom all reds and greens appear gray, but a person who is blind to yellow and blue is also blind to green and red, that is, totally color-blind. In persons totally color-blind there are rods in the retina, but no cones.

The pupil is merely a hole in the iris, and looks black because there is no light inside; it is through this hole, by means of the ophthalmoscope, that an oculist is able to determine the condition of the retina.

The cornea, which covers the iris and pupil, is highly polished, transparent, and in the perfect eye is symmetrically curved; if not so curved, astigmatism exists, requiring correction.

The jelly-like substance which fills the back

of the eye is transparent. When placed in water it can be felt, but cannot be seen.

The eye is controlled by six sets of very delicate muscles that act like rubber bands, one pulling and the opposite one stretching every time the eye is moved.

Cataracts are never formed on the outside of the eye, but are due to the lenses' becoming hard, cloudy and opaque. This will be touched upon later.

Eyebrows change their position with age. Permanent new eyelashes can be had by surgical transplanting of hair from the scalp, but forever afterward the experimenter has to have them trimmed by the barber, as if they grew on the top of the head. A blond may have dark eyelashes naturally.

As there are different colors of eyes, classified as blue, gray, green, hazel or black, and sometimes a person may have one eye of one color and one of another, so there are styles of eyebrows, nine of them; the prince of Wales is distinguished by having two of these types, making his features quite different on the two sides.

Excessive use of the eyes causes them to become heated by the exercise; it is the heat generated that makes them tired.

Care of the Eyes

One of the best ways to care for the eyes is not to overwork them. If the work is all close work, rest the eyes at frequent intervals by closing them or glancing off at some far-away object for a moment.

Gentle massage of the eye with the finger tips wet with cold water, practiced for five minutes twice daily, is recommended.

A nasal douche helpful to the eyes is a glass of warm water into which is dissolved the juice of half a lemon. This to be sniffed into the nose gently, night and morning, and blown out vigorously.

Bathing the eyes with cool water or diluted witch-hazel and resting in a reclining position for half an hour a day helps.

Rats deprived of Vitamin G developed cataracts. The best sources of Vitamin G are milk, eggs, fresh beef, the germ of wheat (excluded from white flour), fresh yeast, vine-ripened tomatoes and fresh vegetables. Spinach, lettuce, yellow corn, and green (unbleached) celery are good to supply elements needed in the perfect development and operation of the eye. The less the greens and vegetables are cooked, the more valuable they are. Drink water freely, ten glasses a day, with a little lemon juice dissolved in each. Discontinue the use of pies, cake and pastry.

Keep away from fog, dust, steam, smoke, fumes and vitiated air. Avoid anger, jealousy, fear and worry. Be hopeful and cheerful. Give the skin a daily friction rub. Walk three miles a day. Avoid stimulants and drugs.

Avoid sudden changes from dark to light. Avoid reading when lying down or when physically or mentally exhausted. Avoid much reading by artificial light. Avoid late hours.

Avoid too much light and too little light, and avoid too much heat. A man who slept two hours with his face upturned to the hot sun went blind.

When working by lamplight, shade your lamp so that it will throw the light on your work and not on your eyes; do not work in a flickering light; do not work in mixed daylight and artificial light; have the light over your left shoulder, if right-handed, and over your right shoulder, if left-handed; keep the lamps and globes clean, and use white, cream or yellowish wallpaper. And do not buy wood alcohol, for any purpose whatsoever. The fumes from it have blinded many.

All surfaces should be of flat finish, ceilings, side walls, desks and furniture. Glares are never good. Small yellow globes near the book are better than the bright unshaded ceiling lights of a generation ago. When sewing, get your light close to your work. Red paint, red wall paper, red hangings and red decorations generally (including cheeks, lips and finger nails) are abominations to the eyes.

When at work where flying metallic particles are possible, by all means wear some sort of spectacles to keep them out of the eyes. Do not permit anybody to use pocketknife or nail file or other crude metal instrument to remove metal slivers. In some large plants an eye magnet is used for taking steel slivers out of the eye. These magnets cannot be used for penetrations of copper, brass, lead, and many alloys, which are therefore much more dangerous than iron or steel. Injuries must be looked after at once; and even then the injury to one eye may cause the loss of the other, even as late as forty years after the injury, due to sympathetic inflammation.

A good way to remove sand, small insects, or cinders from the eye is to grasp the eyelashes and hold the eyelid away from the eye. This will often allow the tears to wash the foreign body away. For a few cents at almost any good drug store an eyestone can be procured which, kept in the eye over night, performs the same service while one sleeps. Most oculists will remove foreign substances from the eye without charge.

Yellow papers are the most restful to the eyes, especially if unglazed. Black ink on blue paper is the most irritating color combination. There is less fatigue to the eye from yellow than from red, blue or green. It is estimated that eighty percent of headaches are due to eyestrain. Movies, if properly made, do not injure the eyes, as they see in a succession of jerks, anyway.

In Newfoundland, where the winter regimen includes salt pork, some potatoes, cabbages and turnips (which often run out), night-blindness is common. The most popular remedy is bird's liver. Oddly enough, the cod liver, which supplies the same deficiency, is not much used by the people who principally produce it for the rest of the world.

We have to say a good word for the Kromyer rays, generated by an electrical apparatus manufactured by the Hanovia Chemical and Manufacturing Company, of Newark, N. J. In every important city there is now some up-to-date physician who has this apparatus. The physician at the Bethel, Brooklyn, has one. One of the workers suffered with exquisite pains in one eye. A three-minute treatment of one nostril completely stopped the pain and brought the eye back to normal. The treatments are painless, being merely rays of healing light such as constantly pour forth from the sun. They are projected into the interior of the head through the nostrils, being too powerful to be gazed upon. The patient wears colored glasses, and the treatments are but about three minutes long.

Are Spectacles Necessary?

That headline looks peculiar to a man who has had glasses on his nose every waking moment for fifty years; but there are several health lecturers going up and down the land, seemingly honest men, who claim that by the use of the methods hereinafter described thousands have been able to lay aside glasses they have worn for years and regain perfect vision. It seems too good to be true, and too nearly impossible.

Dr. Robert K. Williams, one of these "no spectacles" enthusiasts, says:

Sit or stand; hold the head rigid. Look to the left as far as possible, then to the right. Without moving the head, look up, then down, as far as possible. Put a strain on the muscles slightly. Roll the eyes from left to right and from right to left, slightly straining the muscles. This quickly clears the eyes of redness and gives them a sense of strength. Now cross the eyes by looking at the tip of the nose, then at the spot between the eyes; then look forward.

Do these exercises as many times as, in your judgment, is needed. It won't be long until you will feel better in the eyeballs, and doubtless the vision will be improved.

Tightly closing the eyes three or four times will almost immediately improve the sight, for the time being. When objects become blurred try this easy exercise.

Massaging the eyeballs lightly with the tips of the fingers helps the eyes and prevents ptosis, or dropping of the lids. In fact, massage assists the eye in several ways.

Blinking into the early morning and evening sun often proves very beneficial. Many people have recovered vision by doing this. A friend of ours, with offices on the 40th floor of the Metropolitan tower, New York, totally blind in one eye, brought vision back to that eye, so that he could read the finest print, by daily peering into the bright sun, from one of the lofty windows.

The ruins of Nineveh yielded a piece of transparent glass some 2,600 years old. Nero was shortsighted; he was wont to gaze on gladiatorial fights through a glass cut from a huge emerald. The first reading glasses, made to be held in the hand, were produced by Roger Bacon, in A.D. 1280. Benjamin Franklin was the inventor of bifocal spectacles; they were called "spectacles" from the Latin name *spectaculum*, something to be seen or looked at, a pageant, a spectacle.

The Fight About Rims

The fight about rims is still on. The ultra-rimless, in England, after using monocles for a generation, have at last developed "contact glasses" which are worn under the lids, in contact with the eyeball, and cannot be distinguished. They are rather uncomfortable at first. By this device women with pale gray or blue eyes can have them darkened to any desired shade. These lenses, made in layers, do

not break when hit with a hammer, boiled up to 500 degrees, baked in an oven, or frozen in a refrigerator. The device is said to permit of a range of accurate vision at all angles.

In America horn-rimmed spectacles appeared twenty years ago and were sold to everybody. Then the spectacle makers discovered, to their sorrow, that the pyralin frames were unbreakable, preventing practically all breakage of lenses, and now they are discouraging their use.

Metal rims bend on slight provocation; people who wear them must make occasional trips to the optician for correction. There is usually no charge for this. In cleaning eyeglasses optometrists advise grasping the glasses, and not the nosepiece, so as to avoid loosening the screws in the nosepiece.

Optometrist Propaganda

At the annual convention of the American Optometric Association held in San Antonio, Texas, in 1931, it was agreed to spend $6,000,000 in the next four years "in newspapers, magazines and other mediums to stimulate interest in the problems of defective vision".

It does not seem any more heinous for the oculists and optometrists to go in wholesale for propaganda than it does for the allopaths to do it, and yet the whole business of making money out of human defects seems shocking. Thomas J. Barrett, North Dakota, after noting that glasses are merely eye crutches, and that they have been generally worn but about twenty-five years, says:

> About twenty-five years ago certain commercial interests grasped the possibilities of exploiting the eyes of the people in a purely commercial manner. Since that time untold millions have been spent in educating and crystallizing in the minds of the people the theory that the eye must inevitably fail early in life and that all people should adopt glasses by time they reach middle life or much earlier.

Some of the propaganda now in hand, and to which, no doubt, Dr. Barrett would object, reads as follows: "Seven out of every ten persons in the United States are in need of glasses"; "Six out of every ten of us have reduced visual perception"; "Within the next fifty years, if not sooner, eight people out of every ten will be wearing spectacles"; "People with ordinary sight, but engaged in fine work, benefit considerably from wearing glasses especially designed for their particular occupations." These statements may all be true, but sound suspiciously like the propaganda used to boost the serums.

The New York *Times*, referring to a convention of the New York State Optometric Association, has the following, which certainly has a familiar ring:

> "Professor Barstow quoted figures of a 750,000 population area, showing that 24 percent wear glasses and the average price is $16.85 per pair. If multiple pairs were sold to one-third of that population, the optometrists' business would be increased $1,053,125, he said."

A California optician who examined many fine specimens of black manhood, of the Wakamba and Masai tribes of Africa, who had never strained their eyes over printing, microscopes, test-tubes or machines, was surprised to find not one perfect eye among them, and admitted that "a really perfect eye, even among children, is as rare as a purple elephant". Man has his limitations.

Plenty of Mechanical Aids

What with bifocal spectacles separately fitted to each eye, telescopes to see distant objects, microscopes to see little objects, stroboscopes to slow up the motion of objects moving too swiftly for the eye to see, oscilloscopes to catch the movement of objects too vibrant, spectroscopes to sort out the mixed radiation of white light, pyrometers to record things too radiant for the eye to gaze upon, radiometers to detect the invisible infra-red or heat waves, spectrophotometers to perform feats of color analysis, X-rays to reveal things through opaque materials, and photo-cells to ensnare the unseen ultraviolet radiations, man cannot complain of lack of progress in the optic arts.

The Feinbloom telescopic spectacles (three lenses before each eye instead of one) widely publicized two years ago, have benefited some, but many were sadly disappointed. Trifocals and quadrifocals, announced early this year, are probably on the market by now. A Hungarian oculist has invented a form of protective spectacles in which a sheet of transparent metal foil a millionth of a millimeter thick is placed between two sheets of glass; the effect is to keep heat rays out of the eyes. The kratometer, which works by manipulating prisms, is used to correct cross-eyes.

By a new method of sending powerful beams of light into the side of the eye, the interior of the eye may now be examined through a mi-

croscope. For automobile drivers there are now to be had very wide-rimmed glasses, on the outside edges of which are small mirrors, so that the wearer can see the road behind him. The reflectors do not interfere with the vision ahead. The Nordenson camera enables the taking of pictures of the retina. There is no truth to the oft-repeated statements that photographs of murderers are ever found on the retinas of victims. Eyeshades, once in favor, then discarded, are now advised where workers are compelled to work where lights are inferior.

The Land of Darkness

Can you think of a land of absolute darkness, a land where the sun never shines, where the lights are never lit, where not a color may be seen, not even the somberest gray? There is a land where just such conditions prevail. There are one hundred thousand people living in that land, doing the same things that you are doing, doing them cheerfully, and with surprising efficiency, too. The land is all about you. It is the United States of America. It is estimated that there are 6,000,000 sightless in the world, and that at least 100,000 of these are in the United States. If that be true it means that in every village of 1,000 persons there is one who is in this land of darkness; in every city of 10,000 there are ten such persons; in every city of 100,000 there are one hundred; in every city of a million inhabitants there are a thousand.

In England there are 2,307 blind under sixteen years of age, and there has been an increase in the blind population of 35,000 within fourteen years. In Spain, with a population of only 20,500,000, it is claimed that 25,000 persons go blind every year, due to inattention to cases of smallpox, scarlatina, meningitis, and sexual maladies. If these unfortunates live only eight years each after they go blind, this would make ten times as many blind persons in proportion to the population as there are in the United States. In Syria the conditions are still worse than in Spain; for a Turkish civilization is still worse than a Roman Catholic one.

Neonatal Blindness

When one considers the route by which we all come into the world, and the fact that for some little time the eyes of the newly born are exposed to whatever infection may be present in the womb, it is wonderful, in view of the fallen condition of humanity and of the widespread scourges of syphilis and gonorrhea, that half the people in the world were not born blind.

As matters stand it is calculated that in the United States twenty-four percent of all cases of blindness are due to neonatal conditions—the failure of doctors, nurses and midwives to give attention to the child's eyes immediately after its birth. The modern method requires all doctors to treat the eyes of the newborn with a solution of nitrate of silver. This causes temporary soreness of the eyes of the infant, but is an almost sure preventive of blindness. If it is not done, and the lids become swollen, with a discharge of pus, in a few days the case is hopeless. There are in the United States today something like 25,000 persons who are totally blind because their eyes were neglected during the first few days after birth.

It does not follow that because a child is born blind either of its parents may have sinned sexually. Physicians state that one-fourth of all persons who contract syphilis do so innocently. It is conveyed by drinking cups and other household utensils. Babies have contracted it from a kiss of an older person. The way in which this disease affects the babies is to cause inflammation of the cornea, the window of the eye, and eventually to destroy it if the disease is not arrested or cured. Data at hand show that, in Scotland, out of every two children in schools for the blind, one is blind as a result of sexual disease inherited from its parents.

Danger to Little Folks

There are plenty of dangers to the little folks, for years to come. Blindness often comes to children as a result of measles or scarlet fever, due to the patient's room's not being sufficiently darkened. The eyes at such a time, and for weeks afterward, should be allowed as nearly absolute rest as possible.

Then there is considerable reason to fear blindness as a result of accidents with forks, scissors, arrows, air rifles, exploding golf balls, and toy pistols. In not a few instances wild birds and domestic fowls have been known to pick the eyes out of infants and even of children able to run about. No doubt these birds were quite as unconscious of what they were doing as were the children of any danger from being in their vicinity.

Sometimes the little folks have ulcers of the

eye, resulting in extreme sensitiveness to the light. The child will do almost anything to protect its eyes from the light. This affection may be due to insufficient ventilation in sleeping quarters, to tea, coffee, poor candy as well as too much candy, cakes, pastry, and bananas.

And then when the little folks become able to attend school they run the danger of conjunctivitis, or pink eye, an inflammation of the inner side of the lids which makes them feel as if there were sand in them. The lids gum together in the morning, and unless medical attention is provided blindness is liable to result. In the early part of the present century the schools in New York city were filled with cases of trachoma, as this disease is called, supposed to have largely come from the great numbers of Russian Jews then coming into the port; but within two years, as a result of close attention by the teachers and medical inspectors, the disease was virtually obliterated.

The eyes of humans do not reach maturity until eight years of age; therefore it is quite wrong to send children to school earlier. Parents should pay close attention to the lights by which the children study, as they become tired or sleepy very quickly when trying to work in a poor light. A youngster who is inclined to headaches and digestive disturbances may be suspected of having need of glasses or having his diet better looked after, or both. Of 2,000 children studied forty-five percent were found needing glasses, or correction of diet, or both.

In the Montpelier district in the south of France, out of ten generations of 2,121 persons, 135 were night-blind. These children could not help this. There are occasional cases of congenital total color-blindness, where everything is seen in gray. The children cannot help that either. The children cannot help crossed eyes, and it is a mistake to suppose that they correct themselves. The parents have to give them attention.

Though there are known to be 50,000 school children in the United States suffering from defective vision, special educational facilities are provided for only 4,000 of them. Lewis H. Carris, of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, in an address on "Education of Exceptional Children", says:

"The books used in sight-saving classes are usually in very large type. Much of the work is done on the blackboard, to relieve eye-strain. Adjustable seats and desks are used, and particular care is exercised in regard to the lighting arrangement in the classroom. Every child is taught the touch system on the typewriter as soon as possible, so that the eye-strain of handwriting may be avoided."

"The per capita cost of educating children in sight-saving classes is usually from $200 to $250; it ranges from $132 to $331 per year. The per capita cost of educating other groups shows an equally wide variation: in regular grades, from $47 to $124; in classes for the deaf, from $226 to $431; in orthopedic classes, from $88 to $378."

Accidents to Adults

It is only about a thousand years since a victorious commander put out both eyes of 15,000 men defeated in battle and sent them home over the mountains in companies of 100 each, with a leader deprived of only one eye. In the World War many more than 15,000 were blinded.

In the United States 15,000 are totally blind as the result of accidental injury in industrial occupations, and 2,000 workers lose the sight of one or both eyes each year.

Mechanics lose their sight from flying sparks, splashing metal, chippings from castings, unprotected emery wheels, acid burns, chemical explosions, bursting gauges, soiled handkerchiefs, soiled hands, and dirty matches and toothpicks in the hands of fellow workmen who are engaged in rendering first aid.

Three men out of one hundred whose eyes are exposed to intense heat and injurious light rays go blind, and these three are always those who refuse to be bothered with goggles or helmets; yet the use of goggles and helmets may make all the difference between a highly-paid skilled workman and a nearly helpless beggar. In one county in Ohio one eye is lost every eleven days in the year. Is it not supposable that the next man who is to lose his eye would be very careful if he knew what would happen?

Miners and train dispatchers suffer from a peculiar form of eye dancing called nystagmus. Snow-blindness is really sunburn on the eyes. Many women have blinded themselves by painting their eyelashes with aniline derivatives and preparations containing silver nitrate. Scores were blinded by bootleg liquor in the "prohibition" days. Eight citizens in Calgary alone were partially blinded as a result of watching an eclipse of the sun without the aid of darkened glasses. A drop of nitric or sulphuric acid is sufficient to destroy the sight of an eye. Tear gas is blinding in its effects. Home life is dan-

gerous. Many an eye has been lost in using a table fork to untie a badly knotted shoe lace, or in trying to remove a bottle cap with a knife, fork or ice pick.

Achievements of the Blind

A number of blind young men and women have been graduated from high schools of New York, Chicago, and other cities; and some of them are students in colleges and universities.

Instances are common of blind people whose sense of hearing or of air pressure is so keen that they can detect telephone poles six to ten feet away. Paul Donehoo, a blind Atlanta lawyer and musician, not only is able to sense the walls, posts, and other obstacles along his path, but can follow the building line along the sidewalk entirely by sound.

Rene Leroy, a Paris blind man, once, as a test, walked into a strange barber shop, ordered a shave and haircut, expressed his satisfaction with it, got up and walked straight to the cash desk, which he had located by sound, paid his bill, got his change, stepped to the door and into the street, without anyone in the shop knowing that he was blind.

A blind lawyer of New York, Benjamin Berinstein, one of three executors of a $400,000 estate, was sued by the other two executors on the ground that as a blind man he was not a fit legal guardian for two children whose interests in the estate he was particularly looking after. When the action came up in court he made a dignified and brilliant speech, citing the work of some of the world's great blind men and women, including the poet Milton, ex-Senator Gore of Oklahoma, Helen Keller, and others, and referring modestly to his own attainments, with the result that the presiding surrogate dismissed the case, stating that it should never have been brought into court.

Helen Keller, blind, deaf, and dumb, and without sense of smell since she was nineteen months of age, converses with anybody. With her highly trained fingers she reads the lips of the one talking to her, and then with those same highly trained fingers replies by the touch system in the palm of the hand of her secretary, who translates her words into speech. She is a college graduate, and the author of several books. Her first advent into the world of knowledge was when her teacher patiently and persistently drew the letter "w" with water in the palm of her hand and she finally grasped the thought that "w" stood for water. Recently, when the Pictorial Review Company awarded her its annual prize of $5,000 she turned it over to the American Foundation for the Blind, and said in part: "I wonder if this is not the day for which I became deaf and blind—so that the sun may rise in the minds of others who are covered with a double darkness."

John Dwyer, of Thuries, Irish Free State, blind from early youth, devoted a lifetime to the repairing of watches and clocks.

Miss Ivie M. Mead, of Middletown, Connecticut, took the first prize in needlework at the county fair. She entered a crocheted slumber robe, attractively striped.

In New Britain, Connecticut, Arthur Sullivan, blind newspaper reporter, saved the life of his blind wife, whose clothing had ignited at a gas range. He dragged her into an adjoining room and smothered the flames with a rug. Subsequently he underwent a skin-grafting operation in a further effort to save her life from the burns inflicted.

The blind learn to write readily. *Hygeia* magazine explains:

> A rubber band is passed around a pad where the writing should begin. Two other light bands are passed vertically around the pad at about half an inch from each edge of the paper. As each line is completed the horizontal band is slipped down an inch. By keeping the finger on the band an even and legible writing can be produced with little practice.

Recovery of Sight

Here are ten instances of persons entirely blind for many years, all but two of whom recovered their sight within the past seven years:

Mrs. Carrie Sillery, 76, of Roachdale, Ind., blind for thirty years, awoke from an afternoon nap, February 18, 1928, able to see as well as ever. Prior to the restoration of her sight she had severe eye pains.

David Finkelstein, 25 years old, lawyer, of Sea Gate, N. Y., was blind for five months, losing his sight suddenly while reading a book. His physician performed two operations for sinus infection. After the second one, and while on the way home from the doctor's office, sight suddenly returned.

J. F. Fish, president Northwestern Business College, Chicago, was suddenly blinded on his wedding trip, in 1899, when a tree fell on him. In June, 1930, his wife was reading to him, when, suddenly, his sight returned.

Joan Getaz, Lincoln, Nebr., was born blind but suddenly gained her sight when 18 years of age. She was surprised that all people do not look alike. She tried to step over a sunbeam. She took pink and white pigs for persons. She thought trees were like humans; she had no conception of their height. She thought a boy with a mustache had a diseased face. She still shuts her eyes when she wants to dress in a hurry. She got her sight in 1928.

Earl Musselman, 22, of Allentown, Pa., born without pupils in his eyes, gained sight by an operation in the early part of 1931. Human faces puzzled him. He could not understand why a full-face view should differ from a profile. He distinguished pictures of men from those of women by the fact that the men wear ties. When he first started to read print he had to translate the printed letters into the raised dots of the Braille alphabet before he could figure out the words.

Jacob Lieberman, 87, blind for twenty years in the Home of the New York Guild for Jewish Blind, recovered his sight by an operation in June, 1932.

Frank Rentz, Madison, Wis., was born blind, but at two years of age the corneas of an animal's eyes were grafted upon his own and the operation was a complete success. It was three years after the operation before sight was normal. The young man, now twenty-four, recently graduated with honors from the Wisconsin University Law School.

Sylvester Flynn, Pittsburgh, Pa., now 25 years of age, was blind eighteen years. An operation in August, 1932, helped him to recover his sight.

In London, England, H. H. Watson, 29 years of age, blind for twenty-five years, regained his sight through corneas grafted on his eyes. This took place this year.

Gertrude Musier, of Flushing, N. Y., 19 years of age, blind from infantile paralysis for fifteen years, gradually regained her sight in April of this year without any operation.

In six of the ten cases above cited, physicians helped in the recovery.

But the best physician of all is the Great Physician. And as we think of the unfortunates to whom the bright sunlight is darker than the darkest midnight, how our hearts thrill as we read the story of blind Bartimæus! Nothing can excel the beauty of this story just as it appears on the pages of the Book of books:

And as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimæus, the son of Timæus, sat by the highway side, begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.—Mark 10:46-52.

Employments of the Blind

In Japan almost all masseurs are blind; so much is it the custom for them to adopt this profession that the words in Japanese for 'blind man' and 'masseur' are the same. In China the traditional employment of the blind is fortune-telling. In England 100 blind soldiers are telephone operators.

At Atlanta, Georgia, there is a blind student who pays his way through law school by calling the class roll of 200 members purely from memory. He identifies each voice immediately. Blind persons do not hear better than others, but simply seem to because they listen harder.

The blind have found employment in factories in assembling machine parts, running drill presses on small work, foiling mints, packing candy, setting up cartons, wrapping butter blocks, taping coils for armatures, and nutting bolts. In one factory a blind man now does all the work formerly done by two girls with perfect vision.

In Henry Ford's great automobile plant he employs four men who are totally blind. One blind man in a Cleveland factory, always clean shaven, always smiling, and always on time, receives $40 a week. The total number of operations performed by the blind in various Cleveland factories is 69. There are some concerns that employ blind typists, the dictation being by means of the dictaphone.

There are 150 blind news-dealers in New York. One of these news-dealers made the statement that his patrons steal his papers, steal pennies off the stand, give two cents instead of three, pass bad money, take three or four papers

and pay for but one. One man selected four magazines, gave a dollar of stage money in payment and accepted twenty cents change from the blind man he had robbed. Many times men and women thrust a nickel into the hand of the blind news-dealer and then insist that they have given him twenty-five or fifty cents.

Helping the Blind

There is every reason why those who are not blind should do everything humanly possible to help those who are. In Austria and Portugal the war-blind travel at the expense of the state; in South Africa the war-blind are allowed fifty percent reduction on tickets; in Norway, at certain seasons, blind students and their guides may travel for a total of one and one-half fares. In Berlin blind people are allowed to travel free on all street cars. In Belgium, Holland, and France a blind worker, when undertaking a railway journey necessitated by the exercise of his trade or profession, has the right to make the journey accompanied by his guide, on purchasing only one ticket, which entitles them both to transportation.

Skilled surgeons now remove cataracts, slicing the eyeball almost in two. A glass lens is fitted in place of nature's own lens which has become opaque. Details of the operation performed on Merwin Jenkins, 25 years of age, Lansing, Michigan, born blind, say that for the rest of his life he must remove his lens every twelve hours, apply a special mucilage, and return it to the eye socket. Jenkins is a radio entertainer, married, and has a two-year-old daughter. King Prajadhipok came all the way from Siam to have a similar operation.

By means of a local anesthetic the cataract is removed without pain. Most cases of cataract have back of them twenty to twenty-five years of constipation or other evidences of imperfect elimination. Get your blood full of dirt, and keep it full of dirt, and eventually some of the dirt will settle somewhere, and where inconvenient.

The education of the blind began in 1784. In 1829 came the important invention of Louis Braille, a group of six dots in which the vertical line consists of three dots and the horizontal of two. Sixty-three combinations of these six dots may be used.

The New York library contains about 12,000 books in Braille, with some 3,000,000 printed in ink. It also has 6,000 raised music scores for the study of blind music readers. There are said to be 900 certified workers serving to produce fresh reading material for the blind, using the Braille system. The *Searchlight* quarterly, printed in Braille, is read by children in France, Italy, Abyssinia, Egypt, India, Scotland, China, Japan, Australia and Canada. Diaries for the blind are published in Braille. Books printed in Braille cost from $12.50 to $30 per volume. The federal government has granted an annual appropriation of $100,000 for books for blind adults.

Dr. Max Herz, a blind Viennese doctor, has invented a device by which dots and dashes, representing letters of the alphabet, when punched in strips of paper, are transferred to phonograph records, and a complete book can be put on one small record. The system has been learned in a day, whereas the finger touch systems sometimes require a year. Dr. Herz has been assisted in this work by the Austrian and Polish governments.

Rotary clubs in Great Britain, California, and probably elsewhere, have adopted the supplying of white canes for blind pedestrians. None but the blind may have white canes. Autoists are expected to be on the lookout for them.

Other Helps to the Blind

One of the most remarkable of all the helps for the blind is the visagraph, invention of Robert E. Naumburg, of Cambridge, Mass. When a book is inserted in this machine, an electric eye, in a rolling carriage of brass, roams back and forth across the printed page. What this "eye" sees is reproduced in embossed letters upon a roll of aluminum foil, which the blind readily learn to read. The foil may be preserved for future reading, or run through a pair of rollers and used over again. The height of the visagraph letters is always the same, regardless of the size of printed letters in the book.

The photo-electrograph, a French invention, seems to embody some of the principles of the visagraph, or the "printing visagraph", as Mr. Naumburg prefers to call his invention. The optaphone, invented by Professor d'Albe, instructor in physics at the University of Birmingham, is a similar device which aims to help the blind by converting the visible outlines of the letters into audible sounds.

The father of Lord Sanderson, Labor peer of Britain, helped him by steadfastly pursuing the peculiar course of refusing to admit that

his son's total blindness from birth was anything more than shortsightedness. He refused to allow any to help him up or down stairs or over difficult pieces of road. In some blind institutions there are signs warning all visitors to refrain from any expressions whatever of pity, as these expressions do harm instead of good.

The New York Association for the Blind teaches roller-skating to blind children, finding it helps to create the confidence they so much need. A London doctor has made an invention whereby the blind can do crossword puzzles and acrostics. The system by which dogs are trained to care for the blind was explained in our issue of July 18, 1934. There are now sixty such dogs in use in America.

The Most Wonderful Help of All

The most wonderful help that can come to anybody is something that will lift the darkness from the mind. Read the following letter, from J. H. Baughy, of Alabama, addressed to Judge Rutherford, and see the grand opportunity now open to Jehovah's witnesses:

I am sorry to take up your valuable time with this letter, but feel I must express my gratitude and thankfulness to Jehovah God for His great truth. I wish to let you and all the *Golden Age* readers know how well I appreciated hearing your twelve lectures on phonograph records, which one of Jehovah's witnesses here made it possible for me to hear.

She and other friends meet here at our house to study the *Tower* each Wednesday night. As I am eighty-four years old, blind and partly deaf, it is a great joy to have them meet here. Each evening we spend together is wonderful, but on this particular evening, most wonderful of all, when she brought her portable phonograph along, she had me sit down at the table and told me to listen, as she had a great surprise for me.

When I heard your voice, so clear and distinct, I could hardly express the great thrill, the great joy I received. It was a glorious surprise for me, and the greatest evening we have ever spent. I am sure those records will be a great help in spreading the Kingdom message. My wife enjoyed them so much, and joins me in sending our love and best wishes to you and all the fellow workers everywhere.

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The International Bible Students Association is publishing some of its books for the blind, and once per month issues *The Watchtower* for the blind. *The Golden Age* will be pleased to aid any of the blind who are interested in Bible study to avail themselves of the benefit of this literature.

The Golden Age of Business *By Dr. Hugo R. Fack (Texas)*

THE archbishop Wickmann of Magdeburg (1150-1192) gave the starting signal. In order to get a new revenue he ordered all coins to be withdrawn twice a year and to be recoined against a minting fee of about 30 percent yearly. Other clerical and secular princes, having at that time the right to mint coins for their districts, were only too willing to imitate this new example of filling their chronically empty treasury. To simplify the process of reminting, these coins, of which there existed only one kind, were made of thin silver plate, and called thin pennies, dinares. Small change was made by simply breaking them, for which purpose dividing lines were indicated on them. In general, the recoining fee was fixed at 20 to 25 percent per year. One of the princes is reported to have renewed the coins during a 32 years' rule about 100 times, that is, three times a year. In Poland one ruler went even so far as to withdraw the coins four times a year, "at every fair" (market).

These thin plates ("Bracteats") were the only money in Europe from the twelfth to the fourteenth century, report the historians.

Hoarding money thus became impossible. He who would have withheld his money would have lost it after a year. Every money owner was placed in the same position as the owner of wares. He wanted to get rid of his money as much as the owner of goods that also deteriorate with the time. Consequently, in order to avoid the minting fee when due, he tried to exchange his money for wares which he could make use of, or he loaned it to somebody, or paid debts or wages. Thus he escaped the depreciation of receiving only 12 for every 16 pennies he gave.

Interesting is the fact that debts were not affected by this depreciation. He who incurred

debts of, say 100 pounds, had to pay this debt back in the agreed amount and value of at the day when it was granted. And by the semiannual or annual withdrawal of the coins the new coins suffered a depreciation from date of issue so that the depreciation got evenly distributed all over the year on all money owners. What cost 12 pennies at the beginning of the year, would cost 13 pennies three months later, 14 pennies after 6 months, 15 after 9 months, 16 after a year, when 16 pennies were turned in for 12 new pennies. In this way the purchasing power of money was maintained at the same level all the time and without money's being hoarded.

The depreciation, putting money into circulation, although received with curses, became unexpected blessing which the people had never fully understood as to its origin.

Money had become the genuine medium of exchange which it had never been before or after. This money no more ruled, exploited, tyrannized, ruined. It only served the purpose of exchanging goods and services. Speedily it hurried from hand to hand. It was spent in order to receive, and by continued selling and buying, production and distribution went on without interruption. The exchange of goods and money was taking place on an even level. Both, money and wares, were standing under compulsion to enter the market, because of deterioration. Without interruption, production and exchange could go on incessantly, to the limit of human abilities to produce and the intensity of human wants to be satisfied. Within a generation a change had taken place from poverty to wealth, from cultural darkness to light. All available money was without much delay turned into useful and life-easing and beautifying goods, and every producer knew that his products would be sold or that he could turn to the production of goods in demand.

The historians agree that that era was an age of plenty, that poverty was unknown, that general prosperity had spread to all who worked, that the workmen found as much work as they wanted to perform, that wages were unbelievably high, measured by their purchasing power, that the satisfaction of material wants gradually led to voluntarily working less, that the workers decided on a four-day week, that almost everything was paid in cash, that long indebtedness disappeared, that more and more quality goods were made, that the finest quality and most durable clothes were worn, that the homes were richly equipped with beautiful furniture and precious pottery, that peasants, considered the lowest class, were wearing gold or silver buttons, in double line mostly, on vest and coat, that shoes were worn with big silver buckles and ornaments, and that social differences between high and low, between nobleman and peasant, had almost been done away with.

Johannes Butzbach, one of the chroniclers of that period, records that the low people, the workers, had rarely less than four courses at the meals, that food was something negligible, that workers, boarding with their masters, as often was the case in those days, were legally protected by city or county ordinances as to quality, quantity and kind of food they were entitled to besides their wages.

The world, under such conditions, was big enough for a far larger population. No idea of birth control worried them, and the population increased rapidly. Hundreds of now important towns and cities, such as Berlin, Bern, Fribourg in Switzerland, Riga, etc., were founded, wide areas of the East settled, beautiful castles built at selected beauty spots of the landscape, and visions of those marvels of edifices realized at which we gaze today in awe and admiration. Simple trades were gradually turned into craftsmanship, finally developed into art, to satisfy the eternal craving for more beauty.

Some Greeks Not Honest

IT WAS a great surprise the other day to find out that there are some Greeks that are not honest. It is not so around Brooklyn. Around here they are all models, but it seems that in Athens they have developed a technique at getting the best of telephone, electric light and gas companies that has caused those benefactors of human society some anxiety. Telephone companies are beaten by the discovery by Athens natives that after they have telephoned they can get their money back by dialing "O"; electric light companies are worsted by running the meters backward by a little shift in the wiring; and the gas companies are mourning because the Athenians blow down their gas pipes and put the gas meters out of commission. Alas, Diogenes!

Catholic Hocus-pocus *By a Former Catholic*

IN ORDER that there may be no misunderstanding of the issues involved in the subject that follows, the following questions and answers are taken from a booklet entitled "A Catechism of Christian Doctrine, abridged from the Catechism prepared and enjoined by order of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore". Just why the doctrine should be labeled "Christian" I don't know, unless it is for the purpose of deceiving the ignorant, the unwary and the gullible, because most of the teachings in the booklet are contrary to the Word of God, making it void and of none effect. That, no doubt, is one of the reasons why no Scriptures are cited as authority for the various statements that are made.

The following questions and answers are taken from "Lesson Twenty-Second, on the Holy Eucharist":

Q. What is the Holy Eucharist?

A. The Holy Eucharist is the Sacrament which contains the body and blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine.

Q. Is Jesus Christ whole and entire both under the form of bread and under the form of wine?

A. Jesus Christ is whole and entire both under the form of bread and under the form of wine.

Q. Did anything remain of the bread and wine after their substance had been changed into the substance of the body and blood of our Lord?

A. After the substance of the bread and wine had been changed into the substance of the body and blood of our Lord there remained only the appearances of bread and wine.

Q. What do you mean by the appearances of bread and wine?

A. By the appearances of bread and wine I mean the figure, the color, the taste, and whatever appears to the senses.

Q. What is this change of the bread and wine into the body and blood of our Lord called?

A. This change of the bread and wine into the body and blood of our Lord is called Transubstantiation.

From "Lesson Twenty-Fourth, on the Sacrifice of the Mass":

Q. When and where are the bread and wine changed into the body and blood of Christ?

A. The bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ at the consecration in the mass.

Q. What is the mass?

A. The mass is the unbloody sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ.

Q. Is the mass the same sacrifice as that of the cross?

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Q. Is there any difference between the sacrifice of the cross and the sacrifice of the mass?

A. Yes, the manner in which the sacrifice is offered is different. On the cross Christ really shed His blood and was really slain; in the mass there is no real shedding of blood and no real death, because Christ can die no more; but the sacrifice of the mass, through the separate consecration of the bread and the wine, represents His death on the cross.

And there you have the Catholic teachings on this subject in a nutshell, so to speak. Analyzed, they teach that the sacrifice of mass is the *same* as that at Calvary; that it is *different;* that Christ is sacrificed afresh every time mass is said; that He dies no more; that it is the real thing; that it is only a representation! The fact that it is so confusing and contradictory proves it doesn't come from God, "for God is not the author of confusion."—1 Corinthians 14:33.

The mass takes its name from the concluding words spoken by the deacon, or assistant, *"Ite, missa est"* ("Go, it is over"), or, in other words, the dismissal. This formula was used at the close of a similar service in the temple of Mithra, so that, like almost everything else papal, the mass is of pagan origin, the papal system following the lead of its ancient type in disannulling the need for repentance from sins, and atonement by the blood, by instituting this unbloody "sacrifice" of "the mass". Peter never taught or practiced anything so unchristian, and those who teach and practice this "sacrifice of the mass" make themselves successors of those whom Peter charged with the crime of killing the Prince of Life (Acts 3:15) and whom Stephen branded as His betrayers and murderers. (Acts 7:51-53) They are children of the Devil. —John 8:44.

If the doctrine of transubstantiation is true, and the bread and wine are really changed into the flesh and blood of Christ, so that Christ is personally present under the appearance of bread and wine, and then sacrificed by the officiating priest, which, in the performance of the mass consists of swallowing the bread and wine, then the priest is a cannibal.

Regardless of whether the doctrine of transubstantiation is true or not, the priest is a cannibal just the same, the word "cannibal" being derived from the Chaldean words "Cahna", meaning "the priests", and "Bal", for "Baal", so that "Cahna-Bal" originally stood for "priests of Baal". History shows that the priests of Baal ate part of the human sacrifice offered to the

fire-god Molech; hence the present-day meaning attached to the word "cannibal". That the priests who officiate at the mass are not priests of the Most High God, but, as has just been pointed out, priests of Baal, is conclusively proved by the apostle's words: "The things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils."—1 Corinthians 10:20.

During the "sacrifice of the mass", when the bread is consecrated by the priest, the Latin formula used is *"Hoc est corpus meum"* ("This is my body"), which early Protestants contracted into "Hocus pocus"; and hocus-pocus it is, for the Scriptures clearly show that the doctrine of transubstantiation is without foundation, and therefore false (Hebrews 10:10, 12, 14; 9:25, 26; Romans 6:9; Revelation 1:18); and, being admittedly a "bloodless sacrifice", it is without value, for "without shedding of blood [there] is no remission [of sin]".—Hebrews 9:22.

"Mass" is the papal system's central rite, and "high mass" is the chief money-gathering ceremony of the day. Being an absolute farce and positively valueless, it is nothing more nor less than taking advantage of the ignorant and credulous, and extracting money from them under false pretense, and therefore racketeering of the worst sort and in the most reprehensible form. Already the Russian, Spanish and Mexican governments have put a decided crimp in the operation of this fraud on the public, and the Scriptures indicate that ere long it will be stopped altogether.

Instead of the "host's" (from the Latin *hostia*—a sacrificial victim) being Christ, the real victim is the one who falls for such bunk as "the sacrifice of the mass", whether low, high, or midnight mass; whether offered by Roman Catholics, Anglo-Catholics, or Greek Orthodox. The only sacrifice that is made at mass is the hard-earned cash that is wrung from the ignorant and superstitious. However, the people are going to get a "New Deal" and learn the truth about this and kindred subjects; for Christ, who cleansed the temple at His first advent, is again driving out the money changers who have turned what is supposed to be His Father's house into a den of thieves.

Stiff Prices for Kerosene

WE HAVE before us some advertising matter of the Commissariat of the Holy Land, Franciscan Monastery, Washington, D.C. It is an attempt to sell kerosene, and is gotten up in the form of a folder covered with gold leaf and printed with purple ink—quite a nice typographical job.

The folder explains that a "sanctuary lamp" can be burned eight days and nights for one dollar and fifty cents, or one month for five dollars, three months for twelve dollars, six months for twenty dollars, or one year for thirty-five dollars. In other words, the price gradually goes down from 18¾c per day for eight days and nights to about 9½c per day for steady customers. But even at that, the price is too high.

A "sanctuary lamp" or vigil light is a diminutive thing and takes very little oil. A half-pint would run one of them straight through for 24 hours without any trouble at all, and if the lamp were kept blazing away day and night for 365 days the most oil that could be crowded through it would not exceed 24 gallons. Around Brooklyn here one can get all the kerosene one wants at 15c a gallon, and, if regularly in the kerosene business, ought to be able to shade the price considerably.

Now anybody can see that 24 gallons of kerosene would be only $3.60, at the most, and to charge customers $35.00 for something that costs barely a tenth of that amount is not fair, and the eight-day rate of double that amount is downright robbery. We plead with the brethren in the kerosene business to be more reasonable in their charges.

Of course, it will be argued that there is an expense for wicks; but one dollar's worth of wicks would run one of those little vigil lamps a good deal more than a year. Of that we feel certain. It will further be argued that there is some expense for lamps and chimneys (not sure about the chimneys); and there is the labor of filling and wiping the lamps and trimming the wicks, and, anyway, nobody should suppose that anybody is in the kerosene business for his health. But the point we are getting at is that even then the price is too high, and if the Commissariat really wants to do a good business it should buy its kerosene at wholesale and cut prices to the bone. In these hard times, if you want to sell kerosene you must keep prices down.

THE SERIES

of Judge Rutherford's five-minute talks on the Bible is continued on this page. These helpful and illuminating talks are being received with much appreciation. They review important issues and discuss in a pointed and straightforward manner questions of deep significance but which are generally evaded by those who represent themselves as the teachers of the people. Another of these splendid talks will appear on the corresponding page of the next issue of *The Golden Age*.

Whose Servant?

(Part 2)

AT A GREAT assembly of Christian people held at Los Angeles on the 25th day of March, 1934, the following PROTEST was unanimously adopted and was at the same time broadcast over a coast-to-coast network of radio stations, which PROTEST is in these words, to wit:

"For many years Jehovah's witnesses in Germany, unitedly working under the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, have engaged in bearing testimony to the name and kingdom of Jehovah God. During the past year the German government without cause or excuse has wrongfully seized, confiscated and destroyed the Bibles, song books, furniture and other property of these faithful Christians, prohibited them to meet together and worship God according to His commandments, and has cruelly persecuted and imprisoned many of them, and, like Pharaoh of old, that government has wickedly opposed Jehovah and defamed His name.

"Therefore we, their brethren, as followers of Christ Jesus, and servants of Jehovah, do earnestly and vigorously protest against such unwarranted treatment of Christians by the German ruling power, and we call upon all true Christians and all fair-minded people throughout the earth, whether Jews or Gentiles, to join in this vigorous protest and demand that Jehovah's witnesses shall, without let or hindrance on the part of the German government or others, be permitted to go on in their worship and service of Jehovah God in the manner which He has commanded, and we register our protest by declaring against Satan and all such oppression and by taking our stand on the side of Jehovah and His kingdom and His people."

The day is drawing near when Satan and all who serve him shall be destroyed by Christ at the command of Jehovah. Information and warning is now brought to the people, that they may determine whom they wish to serve. All may take the Bible and the facts which are well known and determine thereby what is the proper course to pursue. All persons, therefore, who desire to see righteousness prevail and who wish to live in peace and happiness forever must take their stand firmly on the side of Jehovah God and His kingdom.

In order for anyone to become the servant of God, he does not need to join some organization; but the proper way is for each person to consecrate himself to Jehovah, thereby agreeing to serve God and His kingdom. Having taken such step, then you should study the Bible and the helps which are provided for the understanding of the Scriptures. In this manner you become teachable and learn the right way to go. Then you should do what is right unto all persons; which means to learn righteousness. In harmony with this Jehovah's prophet wrote, and his words now apply to the people of good will on earth, which words are, to wit: 'Before the wrath of God come upon the wicked world, seek meekness and seek righteousness, and it may be that you shall be hid and protected in the day of great trouble.' There is only one place of safety, and that is on the side of Jehovah God. Let all persons be free to believe what they will, but if you desire to live and be happy, put yourself on the side of Jehovah God and His kingdom, become His servant and serve Him faithfully and truly. Do not follow the teachings of men, but follow the teachings of God's word of truth as set forth in the Bible.

[The foregoing talk is one of a series of eighteen reproduced on a set of nine phonographic records. These are being distributed by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y. They are designed for use in connection with an ordinary phonograph and are run at the usual speed of 78 revolutions per minute. These records are being widely used in homes and in small gatherings and have aroused much interest and thoughtful discussion. Inquiries concerning the records should be addressed to the Watch Tower and not to The Golden Age, as has been done in some instances.]

What and Where Is the Corona? *By C. W. Tennant (Connecticut)*

I HAVE thought you would be interested in an astronomical discovery that I made during the total eclipse of the sun in January, 1925. This discovery showed the corona to be at the moon, and not at the sun, as has been commonly taught in the old school.

Let me here state that we must change our thought regarding the sun as being a huge ball of combustion with flaming hydrogen streamers darting out into space some 200,000 miles which we see as the corona during an eclipse. This view we must change, I say, and consider the sun as a huge center of electric energy, throwing its huge flame earthward. This flame, on its journey to earth, loses its visibility to our eye on the way, but continues its journey as a beam of powerful but unseen energy.

So far, so good; and now for the total eclipse of the sun when our moon slides over its face. When the moon has reached this beam of energy from the sun to the earth the moon begins to plow into the stream of electric and magnetic energy from sun to earth, and continues to do so until the moon reaches the point of complete totality. At this instant the "flicker" is caused by the energy of the sun making a few jumps past the moon's edge to the earth. Immediately at the termination of this "flicker", which shows that totality has been reached, the corona bursts into instant view from all sides of the moon at once, this corona being caused by the statical glow of the sun's energy as it darts past the edge of the moon to earth.

The use of instruments at such a time will simply trick the observer, as a camera can only register light and shade without giving time valuations or the important factor of perspective. For an illustration, a lantern on a hill half a mile away could easily be taken for a star by the camera at night. We are now at the door of some new factors for careful observation by the astronomer. We know that a river has a current and that in many places in the ocean there are currents. Ships on encountering these currents are acted upon by them and the ships are deflected. In like manner, when the moon in space encounters this stream of energy from sun to earth, its action upon the moon will be similar to the action upon a ship in the water when encountered by a flowing body of water. Do we not find here an explanation for the moon's libration (rocking motion) as it enters this stream of energy? Can this not also explain the moon's swinging motion north and south of the equator?

Could it not also give the moon its bouncing motion up and down, now near the earth and on the rebound, farther away? There is strong evidence that such is the case; and all lovers of the science should give these points careful investigation or observation. Use no instruments: the naked eye is perfectly safe when the eclipse has reached a point of 99-percent totality; and, by careful observation as it advances, the above will be made plain. This is one of the greatest discoveries in modern times, and comes to us in God's due time.

A comet shows us the action of the sun's energy by the long streaming tail cast into space; but with us and the moon, we are directly behind the moon and are looking right up into the tail of the moon, as it were, which spreads out fan-like towards us, like a stream of water darting off from a ball.

I have remained silent these several years on this discovery, for I have found very little encouragement for any discovery that did not check up with the old school's teachings, and, remembering the fate of Galileo, I have felt it best to lie quite low in this "brainy age", but am now taking the chance of safe handling by *The Golden Age* and its readers.

Russian Jumps Five Miles

THE world's record for a jump is held by Nikolai Evdokimoff, of Petrograd, who jumped from an airplane at 26,575 feet, his one hundredth jump in three years. He did not open his parachute until within 650 feet of the earth. The descent was made in 142 seconds.

Cadman Is Half Right

WHENEVER the Reverend Cadman is even half right on anything we feel that it should be mentioned. He is reported as saying that the clergy are as great liabilities as they are assets. They are indeed great liabilities, but not assets at all. They are equally eager to seek honors from men and to do what they can to dishonor God. If anyone comes into a community to do something to the honor of God's name, the clergy are the first to denounce him.

Among the Workers

Americans versus Foreigners

THERE is something to think about in each of the following letters, one in answer to the other, which appeared of late in the correspondence columns of one of the New York city newspapers. We reprint these letters just as they appeared.

CHICKENS HOME TO ROOST

Queens: Are you Americans picking on the foreigner nowadays because so many of you are out of work and money? Well, who is to blame? You Americans welcomed us to do your dirty work. Why do all gas, electric and telephone companies employ Italians to do the digging? Because 'twas too low for Americans. Why are practically all butchers and bakers German? Because twelve to fourteen hours a day was too much like work. Why do most all restaurants employ foreigners? Because they smell too much like work for an American. American girls couldn't ruin their lovely hands by doing housework, so the Swedes and the Irish got a monopoly on that. All you boys and girls were interested in was a helluva good time with little work and lots of pay. And you didn't feel sorry for the foreigner, either. Nope, you were the brains and we were the mugs. So take it on the chin now, if you are real game Americans.

GAME DUTCHMAN.

BLAMING THE FOREIGNER

Queens: I'll bet you would sell your soul for a dime, Game Dutchman. Why is European scum given preference for jobs in America over Americans? Simply because they'll work for scum prices. An American is entitled to your job, but an American wouldn't stoop to work your hours at your wages. And your wages wouldn't be so low if it weren't for cheap foreigners like you. Foreign employers and foreign workers have ruined our trade unions by cheap contracts and cheap workers. Dutch Schultz, Al Capone, etc., all foreign racketeers, have ruined America. Cheap foreign goods have ruined our industries and closed our factories. I'm for the exclusion of foreign riff-raff from this country. Then America could take care of her self-respecting Americans.

GAME AMERICAN.

German Wage-Slave Bondage

ALL Germany is so thoroughly organized into company unions and unions of the employers that the Italian Fascist organ, *Lavoro Fascista,* says of the Nazi movement: "It has delivered the workers to the capitalists, bound hand and foot. The German worker has but one right, the right to obey his employer."

California Becoming Civilized

CALIFORNIA is making progress. At Santa Ana a little girl of seven years of age, whose parents had kept her for months in a chicken coop, and fed her only such food as is given to chickens, has been transferred to a hospital; and there is even hope that some man of courage and honesty can be elected governor of the state who will give Tom Mooney the liberty of which he was dishonestly and infamously deprived.

Millions of Homes Needed

THE Federal Housing Administration estimates that there are 16,000,000 buildings in America in need of immediate repairs, some 3,000,000 of which are so far gone that their recovery is doubtful. Of the 13,000,000 that can be put in good repair it is estimated that an average outlay of $300 will be needed. The secretary thinks 5,000,000 new homes are needed to properly care for the housing needs and comforts of the people.

Shooting the Unarmed in Minneapolis

A SUBSCRIBER in Minneapolis sends a copy of a workers' bulletin telling of the shooting down of 48 unarmed workingmen. He states that when one of these men, Henry B. Ness, died of his injuries thousands of people marched several miles through the streets in protest against the act of the paid Cossacks of the so-called "Citizens Alliance".

Two Little Girls Mailed to Their Fathers

STRIKERS do not interfere with mail trucks; so, at Alcoa, Tennessee, the mothers of two little girls sent them into the strike-closed plant of the Aluminum Company of America to visit their fathers. It cost $2.26 to mail each little girl, and it is of record that the two parcel-post packages cried when their two hours were up and they were mailed back home.

Chinese Migration into Manchuria

ATTRACTED by prospects of cheap land, comparative safety, much lower taxes, and escape from banditry, hundreds of thousands of Chinese immigrants are leaving China and making their homes in Manchuria.

Conditions Now Obtaining in Japan

(By S. M. Erickson)

A YOUNG man was talking the other day about conditions in the rural district. As you know, most of the land is owned by large landholders and leased to tenants under pretty hard conditions. This young fellow stated, "The landowner looks on the tenant as an enemy, and the tenant thinks of the owner as an enemy." Perhaps an outside distraction is needed.

Vice is one of the great problems in Japan. Some progress against licensed vice is being made. During the last forty years eleven provinces have voted to abolish licensed quarters. It has also become a bit easier for women to secure freedom from the quarters. It is reported that one girl was freed in two minutes, just the time it took for the police to sign the papers; but that attitude is not very general yet. The whole land must be enlightened in this matter.

In Yamagata province a certain block of land had been opened and placed on the market for sale. The villagers desired to buy the land, but could not raise the required sum of money. They consulted together and decided to sell their own daughters, 57 of them, into the vice quarters and then buy the land. Little has been made of this in the press, showing that public opinion is not awake to the matter yet.

The crops in the north were very poor. They got less than one-third of the usual harvest. The famine district is doubling the number of girls being sold to the licensed quarters.

Morning, noon, and night the bugles are blowing. The students of high-school grade and college grade are training hard. In the country the lads drill at night. The towns have been decorated to see the regular conscripts off. The tiny tots are playing soldier. Every able-bodied man knows something about a gun. Yes, they need several disarmament conventions.

Taxgatherers Worse in China

TAXGATHERERS are worse in China than in Western lands. The Nanking government, cogitating on what can be done to relieve the lot of the Chinese farmers, have found instances where the taxgatherers, who are military men, have compelled the farmers to pay their taxes for as long as eighteen years in advance.

Have You Had Too Much Mackerel?

THE Boston *Post* takes note of the fact that the Gloucester fleet came home with 49,000 pounds of freshly caught mackerel over and above the code allowance. Then they had to put back to sea, go out ten miles, and dump all that good food overboard; and the *Post* just can't quite make it out why that was a sensible thing to do, in view of the fact that we have millions who are in want. Can you?

French Plea for More Children

FRENCH statesmen have issued an appeal for more French children. Already, the appeal says, in many departments villages are dying out and farms are falling in ruins. The appeal declares that it is the duty of every Frenchman to bring up three children, and those who do not must contribute to the support of children of others.

Newsboys Become Criminals

WARDEN LEWIS E. LAWES makes the very remarkable statement that 69 percent of Sing Sing prisoners were newsboys in their youth. The newsboys early become familiar with the graft, hypocrisy and falsity of "Christendom's" most widely advertised idols and jump to the conclusion that the way to affluence is to ape the ones that have put their deals across.

Angelina d'Ambrose

ANGELINA D'AMBROSE, of Seattle, had had food only two days before, but two days is a long time for a little girl of four years to go without any; so Angelina picked some little plants that she thought would be good to eat. They were poison hemlock; Angelina ate enough to kill ten men, so the relief officials said, when they came to look at her body.

Japan the Junk Market of the World

JAPAN has little iron of its own, and is hence the junk market of the world. The ports of all creation have been scoured, in the search for idle shipping, which has been taken to Japan and broken up for scrap. In two months last winter the United States sent 32 vessels through the Panama canal loaded with scrap iron for Japan.

British Farmers Love to Be Robbed

FOR patient, uncomplaining sufferance of thieves, the British farmers are the outside limit. It is well known to every reader of what is called the "New Testament" that there is not a hint in it of the support of "religion" by any tithing arrangement. Required of the Jew, under the law, it ceased for them and for all when Christ was nailed to the tree.

A mere handful of farmers in Great Britain have to provide £3,000,000 annually for the support of the Church of England, regardless of whether they "belong" to that church or not. The tithe, which for the past one hundred years has been payable in cash, often amounts to six to nine shillings per acre per annum and is a first charge upon the land. In other words, the clergy, the hypocrites, get theirs whether the farmer makes enough to break even or not.

A Kentish farmer, charged with an annual tithing rate of 18s. per acre, stated to the court that during the last seven years he had lost more than £3,000 in the agricultural business; the court ordered him to pay at the rate of £3 per month. A man has to have a pretty good income to pay £3 a month for *nothing*.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners are reputed to be the richest corporate body in Great Britain. The money that comes to them is as purely graft as is the money that comes to the Roman Catholic church for masses.

Highwaymen are notoriously unjust in their robberies. It is that way with the lazy loafers that go to make up the clergy of the Church of England. It may happen that in the case of two houses occupying similar space, and with the same rating, one is paying five times as much in tithes as the other.

In the Wallingford district there is waterlogged land upon which the owner pays 10s. 6d. per acre annually, yet the land is worth nothing, being so soft that it will not bear the weight of a mowing machine.

A protesting farmer who appeared before the minister of agriculture said: "At the present time I have to pay out £53 19s. 7d. to Queen Anne's Bounty for the vicar (annually), I have to pay £203 12s. 4d. to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and another charge of £20 for vicar's stipend; so you see what I have to pay on my farm of 540 acres."

Another farmer on the same occasion said: "We have a charge in our county of £220,000 per annum, mostly ecclesiastical tithe, in return for which no special service is rendered to the agricultural industry. It is equivalent to between 3s. and 4s. per week on every agricultural worker's wage in the county. I cannot imagine any other industry tolerating such a position. These men who are agricultural workers give of their best to the industry in return for what they receive from it, but, owing to the fact that tithe is a first charge on the land, when distress comes along these men have to be discharged or have their wages reduced. We have in effect the national church, intended to serve the whole community, literally riding on the back of a small portion of the community."

Within the past winter the farmers all over England are beginning to indicate that they are getting tired of carrying around these parasites, yet they are remarkably moderate in their protests and demands. The majority merely ask that the tithes be cut down to a place where they can pay them. They do not seem to discern that the whole thing is an out-and-out robbery by the most unprincipled, laziest, most good-for-nothing element in the country, the clergy.

When Caught in the Sand

(*By G. B. Garrard, India*)

WHEN crossing sandy tracts and patches, deserts, dry river beds, etc., the car sometimes gets caught in the loose sand. The more you accelerate, the deeper the rear wheels go into the sand. If you get into this predicament simply deflate the back tires. The trouble is, the tires, being so highly inflated, present an almost solid wheel to the sand, and the faster they revolve, the deeper they cut into it. In deflating the tires a flat surface is produced.

When pioneering, in the course of the thousands of miles traversed, the above proved to be of untold value. Running on a usual pressure at the back of 40 pounds, we would deflate to about 20 pounds on such occasions. Do not deflate too much, as the rims are liable to cut the inner tubes.

Possibly Victims of Poison Gas

POSSIBLY victims of poison gas, thousands of birds have been found dead every morning over a twenty-mile area near Dorset, England. Early risers have seen large numbers of them fall.

Peace, Peace!

What the World War Accomplished

THE Cumberland Presbyterian church, at its general assembly, voted that—

"Much of the spiritual decay and godlessness of this, America's dark hour—the unprecedented waves of crime, immorality and disregard for law; the mighty and innumerable hands of those seeking to destroy organized society; the fertile soil and tremendous harvest of communism; the sweeping from our statutes of many of our moral and restraining laws; unrest, insanity, endless bread lines, suicide, orphaned children, widowed wives and broken homes—are traceable either directly or indirectly to the World War, which, instead of making the world safe for democracy, made it certain for anarchy and dictatorships."

How Their Fortunes Were Made

IT IS claimed that of the seventeen richest men in the world twelve made their fortunes in the munitions racket. It is also claimed that as soon as the French Schneider-Creuzot munitions firm had helped put Hitler in power it at once started alarming the French nation against him. The French papers are disturbed by the discovery that the Germans have developed rocket projectiles which will travel 125 miles, and which would enable them to almost destroy France without a German's even crossing the Rhine.

Strange Reason for Beating a Prisoner

THE London *News Chronicle* reports the imprisonment for over a year of a German writer, Carl von Ossietsky. No charges were ever made against him. While he was in the Sonnenburg convict prison he received a postcard from his daughter in England, saying she was glad to be out of Germany. Thereupon Ossietsky was brought to the guardroom and brutally beaten for bringing up his daughter so badly. The man who administered the beating was demoted, however.

The Barbed-Wire Fences of Verdun

THE barbed-wire fences of Verdun, on which thousands of German soldiers were caught and torn to death, were of excellent barbed wire, bought in Switzerland, and made in Magdeburg, Germany. The German-made wire saved Verdun for France; also, the Germans, throughout the war, supplied the French with metal for shells to kill the German soldiers on the German-made barbed-wire fences.

Nervousness of France and Spain

TWO enormous sirens have been erected to warn the people of Paris of aerial bombardment. Three billion francs has been appropriated for defense purposes. Spain is figuring on spending one billion pesetas (the peseta is worth about 14c) in fortifying the Balearic Isles. Suspicious small boats were seen hovering off the shores of the islands, perhaps measuring depths of harbors, etc. Quite likely these small boats were owned by the munitions concerns that live by fomenting wars and exciting and distressing politicians.

Where Freedom Has Perished

FREEDOM of the press has completely ceased in Italy, Germany, Russia, Portugal, Austria, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Albania, and Lithuania. In these countries, in the order named, publishers are required to print what the governments wish the people to believe, whether it is true or false. The people have to take what is fed to them, and may not object or criticize.

Italy's Giant Naval Seaplanes

A DISPATCH from Paris calls attention to the fact that Italy's giant seaplanes are capable of setting off from Italian soil, bombing the port of Malta, British headquarters in the Mediterranean, and returning to Italy in an hour. Italy is no longer at the mercy of Britain as was the case before aviation was developed.

Sermon on the Mount Seditious

DURING the World War 20,000 copies of the Sermon on the Mount, printed without comment, were ordered to be destroyed by a Leeds (England) magistrate as seditious literature, and the would-be distributor was sent to jail for three months at hard labor. The Church of England is officially a part of the British government.

Munitions Makers Getting Results

THE munitions makers are getting results in South America. Argentine papers say that in the war between Bolivia and Paraguay for the Chaco oil fields 20,000 Paraguayans were slain in the last two years, and as many more have been disabled. The Armament Conference was a big help to the munitions makers.

Religious Potpourri

The Birth of Methodism

A FRIEND calls attention to comments from the 1928 edition of the *Methodist Evangel,* by Dr. O. E. Goddard.

Describing the conditions prior to the birth of Methodism the author says:

"It was the habit of the clergy to change from Roman Catholic to Protestant and from Protestant to Roman Catholic accordingly as the government was Roman Catholic or Protestant. It is said that when Mary, Queen of Scots, changed the government from Protestant to Roman Catholic, more than nine thousand of the clergy similarly changed without losing a day's pay."

Next, he points out the wretched conditions when the Wesleys came on the scene:

"The city clergy were worldly, and the country clergy ignorant. The preachers in the large churches spent their time in sports, employing a curate to go through a form of worship for the straggling few that came to church."

He quoted from Blackstone, who said:

"I heard all the leading preachers of London, and could not tell whether they were Buddhists, Jews, or Christians."

Then he refers to the persecutions of the early Methodists:

"The Methodists were without money, social prestige, political influence, or ecclesiastical backing. People with social ambitions dared not identify themselves with these fanatics. One by one the pulpits were closed to Wesley. He was forced to the commons and the fields."

Finally, he gives a splendid summary of conditions that have at last developed among the modern Methodist churches which have climbed to power and can be classed among the 'big trees'. The author says:

"The mechanics have loomed so large that the dynamics are sometimes lost sight of."

The doctor offers this as a criticism of the denomination, yet he is proud of the place in the sun that his chosen denomination holds, for he says in comparing it with other churches:

"These churches have not won the large place that Methodism has, nor exerted the power in the world of affairs that is so manifest in the work of world-wide Methodism."

Still Striving for Church Confederacy

FIVE bishops and many prominent laymen of the Church of England have issued an appeal to all Protestants to attend Episcopalian communion services and to accept and give invitations to preach.

Dishonors to the Creator

DISHONORS to the Creator are plentiful everywhere; they are especially common in India. The *Illustrated Weekly* of India in a single issue has photographic reproductions of a man holding live coals of fire in his mouth; a man with his head buried in the ground and his body and legs sticking up in the air without any support; a man eating alive the most venomous snakes; a man who has kept his left arm raised above his head until it has become dry as wood, and the nails so long (nine to ten inches, at least) that they flutter in the breeze; a group of more than a dozen men with their lips pinned together; a man sitting on a chair with a seat of sharp spikes sticking up into him; a man with 18 lemons sewn to his body with wires; a man hanging head down over a fire and swinging by his ankles over it for a whole day; and a man completely encased in a frame of needles, scores of them, each of about the size of the spokes of a bicycle. Indeed, this man's body is like the hub of a great bicycle. Buried deeply in his chest are not less than 54 of these great wires. They support a double frame like bicycle tires. Who but the Devil would persuade human creatures to do such devilish things? And what but malice, the desire to do all possible to dishonor God, would induce even the Devil to suggest such things to poor human creatures? All these things are as nothing compared to the devilish doctrine of "purgatory" and the still more devilish doctrine of "eternal torture".

Announcing the Bazaar

SOMEBODY sent in a postcard in which some gent with his collar hind side before is addressing a congregation of 10 souls that are willing, for reasons unknown, to do something to keep him alive, but not willing to do enough. He is reported as saying to the flock: "We have tried honestly to raise the money and failed. Now we must have a bazaar!"

Roper Wants a Religious NRA

AT A DINNER in Washington of Jewish, Catholic and Protestant churchmen Secretary of Commerce Roper advocated a religious NRA. Not sure if he meant for the government to have anything to do with this, but, if he did, it would be a form of union of church and state obnoxious to every true American.

We Wonder About Tommy's Mama

WE HAVE a letter signed "Tommy". The style of penmanship and composition is that of a man at least fifty years of age; and we have no doubt the writer was that old when, from the Capuchin Franciscan Fathers, Home for Poor Boys, Castlegate Avenue, South Hills Branch, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he sent out an undated letter and in it said, in part:

"My dear Friend: I am just a little fellow and so you will know how I look I enclose my picture. Father Dennis said I could write to you. He has charge of us boys here at the Home and he is terribly worried. That's what I want to tell you about. If he cannot get some money he is afraid he will have to close the Home and send us away. My mama went to heaven and left me all alone. Father Dennis and the Sisters take care of me and there are lots of other little boys here too who have no mamas. I get awful lonesome sometimes for my mama but Father Dennis is so good to us I love it here. When I heard him say he might have to send us away I cried a lot. I don't want to go away from here. If you send him some money he won't have to send us away. Maybe you could send a dollar. I would be glad if you could help Father Dennis so he don't have to close the Home. Won't you please help us little fellows so we can stay here and learn to be good Catholic boys?"

We have no doubt that "Father" Dennis is after the dollars, all of them he can get; that does not perplex us. We do not wonder that Tommy's mother is dead; she had probably lived out her allotted threescore and ten years. But we do wonder how Tommy could aspire to be a good Catholic and suppose for one minute that his mother had gone to heaven and not to "purgatory". But perhaps his mother was a nun, and in that case we could understand it. And that is probably the explanation.

The Archbishop's Stand on Hitler

IN AN address before the House of Bishops of the Church of England the archbishop of Canterbury expressed the greatest sympathy with what he called "the immense and beneficent awakening" that has come to Germany through Adolph Hitler.

Lipsticks Barred from Communion

AN EPISCOPALIAN clergyman of London, discovering that women who use lipsticks smear the edges of the glasses from which they drink, has ruled that hereafter those whose lips are thus decorated will not be given communion.

Ambrose: 'the Light of the World'!

ON DECEMBER 28, 1933, Ambrose Ratti, of Vatican City, addressing some Asiatic students who had come on a pilgrimage to Rome, said: "Christ is a Roman inasmuch as from Rome has gone forth the light that has illuminated the world."

According to John's epistle, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world"; and since Jesus himself was never in Rome, and, furthermore, as it was the Romans, at the instigation of the clergy, who crucified Him, something seems not to fit in properly. However, since Ratti and his predecessors have all claimed infallibility, notwithstanding having repeatedly contradicted one another, and since the apostle never made such claim for himself, it must surely be that he made a mistake, unless Jesus himself did.

And now we understand why the proportion of illiterates over ten years of age is 54 percent in Catholic countries, whereas it is only 2.6 percent in Protestant countries. Some "light"!

(First paragraph quotation taken from *El Debate,* Jesuit newspaper of Madrid.)

"Ten More from Somewhere Else"

L. O. HILLYARD, president of Midland Chemical Laboratories, Dubuque, Iowa, encloses the following incitement to boycott, published in *"The Ave Maria,* devoted to the honor of the blessed virgin, Notre Dame, Indiana, United States of America":

Catholics seldom inquire about the religious affiliations of those with whom they do business. Nor should they. Ordinarily, unless for some special reason, goods should be purchased in the field of open competition on the basis of quality and price and the customer's need. There are occasions, however, when Catholics have a right to deny certain individuals the privilege of even soliciting their business. One such case came to our attention the other day. The Midland Chemical Laboratories of Dubuque, Iowa, manufacture soap and other cleansing compounds which they sell to Catholic institutions, even going so far as to reserve space for exhibits at the conventions of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada. At the same time, according to the *Western Watchman,* the president of that company, Mr. L. O. Hillyard, is describing himself on business stationery as one of the sponsors of what he calls the "Rutherford educational program". If the directors and stockholders of the Midland Chemical Laboratories are satisfied to allow their two-sided president to continue his present activities, they are free to do so. They can hardly object, however, if Catholic buyers refuse in the future to purchase goods of an organization, part of the profits of which go into financing the activities of an anti-Catholic campaign.

Mr. Hillyard finds this good advertising. He says he finds from actual experience that every time he loses a barrel order from a Catholic institution the Lord gives him ten more from somewhere else.

Laboring in the Lord's (?) Vineyard

(Contributed)

SOME years ago, while a resident of Long Beach, California, and a member of the South M.E. church, I had my little part in a certain money-making program for some church enterprise (payment of a debt or something); and since I have come to a knowledge of the truth, as I reflect back, it is all so very ridiculous that I think to tell you of it. It is typical of the various means that churchianity resorts to to raise money for her running expenses. My object in "confessing" this now is to help others who are yet engaging in similar things for similar purposes, and who are misled into thinking that what they are doing is serving the Lord, whereas it is merely helping to support an institution or organization.

A commercial concern was enterprising enough to see an expansion of its business by working through women's organizations in churches, and put on the program, which consisted largely in gathering labels from various kinds of staple goods in paper cartons and on cans, paying money for certain big numbers of labels turned in (a clever scheme of advertising the products). The returns in increased sales far more than offset the expenditure for old labels turned in. The crux of the whole thing was the means to which we laborers resorted to secure old labels.

It sounds like a fairy tale now, but I walked up and down alleys many mornings for blocks, looking for the coveted labels in old rubbish barrels and boxes, and was always well rewarded, as, of course, others were. Finally, when we had pretty well covered the town, leaving many bare and unlabeled cans in our wake, we sought other fertile fields. We labored first at the Long Beach city dump; and when that field had been covered we reached out and took in more territory.

With several carloads of workers, and taking along our lunches, we worked for days on the Los Angeles city dump, which covered several acres. In the meantime all the workers were making a point to purchase those special brands of goods, and telling their neighbors about them, and to this day, though that was seventeen years ago, that clever advertising scheme made such an impression on my mind that I never see those labels on shelves or on old empty cans or cartons that I do not recognize them at once. This is merely one of many ways that Jezebel has of keeping herself going.

The House Pet Racket

DR. CHARLES CLAYTON MORRISON, editor of the *Christian Century,* in an address at Chicago, hit it about right when he said that "Christianity has been a kind of house pet in courts of imperial power, in palaces of princes, and in the directors' room of big business". Dr. Jeffrey Jennings, former rector of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, Brooklyn, resigned his pastorate because, he said, he could no longer go on teaching things which he did not believe. He said that he found himself gradually forced into a conviction that the churches had turned into a racket.

213 Denominations

IF WE set to one side the 18 kinds of Baptists, 17 kinds of Mennonites, 19 kinds of Methodists, 9 kinds of Presbyterians, and 22 kinds of Lutherans, we get the 213 denominations in the United States down to a place where we have to consider only 128 sects outside of these five families. Those that are consecrated to God, the multitude of prisoners that are in these cages, will get their liberty in Armageddon, when the prison-houses disappear from the earth for ever.

One Less Candidate for Overalls

AT ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio, an itinerant preacher had been staying at a certain home for four years. He came home with a basket of stolen groceries. His landlady protested at using stolen goods, and he threatened to kill her and her son and daughter. The son beat him to it: he got a rifle and filled the dominie with lead; and now there is one less candidate for overalls.

Here Y' Are, Lobsters 'n' Everything

THE Hartford *Daily Times* contains pictures of a Somerville (Mass.) Baptist minister preaching behind two blocks of ice in which lobsters and fish were frozen. The sermon was on keeping cool in hot weather, with "Whiter than Snow" and "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" as the hymns.

Getting Used to Overalls

REVEREND A. V. BEAUBE, Fort Worth, Texas, preached in overalls to a congregation which, by previous arrangement, was similarly dressed. Not a bad idea. The dominies must get used to overalls sometime, and the sooner they practice in them, the better.

Anglo-Israel versus Israel of God

IN A MANIFESTO, published and sent out in 1931 by the General Council of the British-Israel-World Federation, London, England, there are set forth what are called "links in the development of the divine plan of 'The Kingdom—' ", and under "Link XI" it is stated:

THE 'CAPTIVITY' TREKS TO BRITAIN. About the third century B.C. the body of Israel people, who since the Captivity had dwelt about the Black and Caspian Seas, east of the boundaries of the Roman Empire, were dislodged by the irruption of the Huns and driven over the Danube into the Roman Empire. They fought their way through Europe as Goths, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, forming settlements here and there in Europe. The stream of migration, having reached the shores of the North Sea, made its way into Britain. They came as Saxons, Jutes, Danes, and bearing many other names, as Anglo-Saxons bear many names today. They were bands of the Israel people, shepherded by God according to promise and prophecy into A LAND OF THEIR OWN, this British or Covenant land, from which they should move no more. Last of all came the Benjamite Normans (A.D. 1066), who had separated from the Jews at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus in A.D. 70. By the benign influence of the Gospel, and by the events of history, they were fused into the one Celto-Saxon people.

Under "Link XIII" the same Manifesto states:

THE EMPIRE AND THE UNITED STATES: With 1799 came the last year of the seven times of punishment meted out under Divine Law to Israel-Britain. Seven times equals 2,520 years. This period began when Israel was carried into captivity in 721 B.C. and ended in A.D. 1799. 1801 was the beginning of the most wonderful nineteenth century. The Anglo-Saxon people had now increased to about sixteen millions. Britain, the Motherland, now produced TWO MIGHTY BRANCHES: The United States of America and the beginnings of the British Empire. Britain was the stem of a 'Y'; the United States formed one branch of the 'Y', and the Empire the other branch. Treaties following the wars which ended in Trafalgar and Waterloo recognised the independence of the United States; and confirmed or ceded to Britain the West Indies, Newfoundland, Canada, Gibraltar, Cape of Good Hope, Bombay, and our ships went out and took possession of New Zealand and Australia. . . . The miracle of the United States is surpassed only by the miracle of the British Empire, now coming to be known as the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Under "Link XIV" it is boldly stated:

Multiply the influence of the race, and then ANGLO-SAXON CIVILISATION WILL COMMAND THE PEACE AND ENSURE THE PROSPERITY OF THE WORLD. There will never be another world war after Anglo-Saxon unification takes place, and international economic war will then become a thing of the past.

In "Link XV" is given "the final stage of the plan".

The "Ten Lost Tribes"

Thus are the views of those who claim that the Anglo-Saxons are the Israel of promise, in the Holy Scriptures. Briefly stated, they claim that the Anglo-Saxons, the people of the United States, etc., are the descendants of the ten tribes of Israel which separated from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, after Solomon's death, and which are often termed "the ten lost tribes"; because, after the captivity (of the entire twelve tribes) in Babylon, the ten tribes never reestablished themselves in the land of Canaan, as "Israel", but became scattered as tribes and as individuals among the various nations. The Anglo-Israelites claim they can trace their journey toward Great Britain, and that the greatness and influence of the English-speaking peoples of the world are traceable to the fact that they belong to Israel, and are inheriting the promises made to Israel.

To this the answer must be: Some of the evidences offered in proof that they are of the "lost tribes" seem far from strong; but if we should admit all they claim in this, it would not prove their position, that the greatness and influence of the Anglo-Saxon race are attributable to their being Israelites by natural generation, any more than to their being "lost". Their greatness is attributable apparently to their freedom and intelligence, and not to their being "lost".

The fact that the ten tribes strayed away from the two other tribes of the house of Israel is not to their credit, but otherwise. It is an evidence that they were disposed to reject God's promises; it is a sign of infidelity, of unbelief; for they well knew that God had predicted that the Lawgiver, the Savior, the Deliverer, the King, in whom and by whom the promises were to be fulfilled, was to come out of *Judah*. (Genesis 49:10) The tribe of Benjamin was therefore the only tribe aside from Judah which, at the time of the revolt of the ten tribes, manifested faith in God's promises. But at the time of the return of the remnant of Israel from the Babylonian captivity not all who came back were of these two tribes, Judah and Benjamin, even though those who showed their continued faith in God and His promises by returning to the land of Palestine were mostly of those two

tribes. Among them were some from the various tribes, who loved the Lord and sought Him with repentance, still relying on His promises. (Note that Anna, the prophetess, who lived to see the babe Jesus, was of the tribe of Asher, and not of Judah or Benjamin.—Luke 2:36.) However, a vast majority of the ten tribes, as well as of the two tribes, did not avail themselves of the opportunity to return to the land of promise, preferring Babylon and other lands, many of them having fallen into idolatry and lost their respect for God's promises.

Be it remembered that but a few of those who returned to their land under the lead of Ezra, and none of those who returned under Nehemiah, were of those who had been taken captive, the vast majority having died years before in Babylon. These were their children, in whose hearts the faith of their fathers still burned, who still hoped for the blessings and honors promised of the Lord. Thus the little band of less than fifty thousand that returned were about all the Israelites then remaining, of all the tribes, who by the act of returning to the land of promise showed that they still held to the faith of Abraham. It was to the descendants of these faithful ones sifted out of all the tribes of Israel and all called "Jews" (Judeans) after the royal tribe of Judah, that our Lord Jesus presented Himself and the Kingdom, A.D. 33.

Twelve, Not Two, Tribes

Our Lord referred to them as Israel, and not as a part of Israel, nor as Judah merely. He speaks of even those who had clung to the promises, and to each other, as the "lost sheep of the house of Israel", in that they had wandered far from the truth, after the traditions of false shepherds who had led them in their own way and not as God directed. He says: "I am not sent but [except] to the lost sheep of the *house of Israel.*" (Matthew 15:24) To the house of Israel, consequently, His ministry was confined, in harmony with the foregoing, showing that the Jews of His day were the only recognized representatives of the "house of Israel". The terms "all the house of Israel", "our *twelve* tribes instantly serving God," and many similar expressions of our Lord and the apostles indicate this fact. (Acts 2:36; 26:7) And it will be remembered that our Lord, in connection with this statement that His ministry was to Israel, forbade His disciples' going to any outside the Jews of Palestine: "Go not into the way of the Gentiles [where the so-called 'ten lost tribes' would be], and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel [representatives of all of which must therefore have been in Palestine, and not 'ten lost tribes' being outside and unrepresented in Palestine]."—Matthew 10:5, 6.

Notice also how the apostles used the word "Israel", and not "Judah", when speaking of those who were living at that time in Palestine. Peter, speaking at Pentecost to those then "dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven", said: "Ye men of *Israel,* hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth . . . ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." (Acts 2:5, 22, 23) Later, at Herod's temple, Peter "answered unto the people, Ye men of *Israel,* why marvel ye at this?" (Acts 3:12) (See also Acts 5:35; 13:16; 21:28.) Notice, too, how Paul applies the words of Isaiah concerning the *remnant* of Israel to the comparatively few who received the gospel of God's kingdom, at Romans 9:4, 27, 29, 31-33; 10:1-4; and 11:1, 7-15, 25, and how he speaks of all the rest as stumbling and being blinded: "But Israel [not merely Judah and Benjamin], which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone [Christ Jesus]; as it is written [in Isaiah's prophecy], Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence; and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." (Romans 9:31-33) "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election [the remnant who became of God's elect ones] hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded."—Romans 11:7.

Because God had not cast away this elect remnant of Israel Paul wrote: "I say then, Hath God cast away his [faithful and believing] people? God forbid. For I [who am a member of the elect remnant of Israel] also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people [the remnant thereof]." To prove that Jehovah God foreknew there would be a remnant of Israel Paul continues: "Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias [Elijah]? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. [And it must be remembered that Elijah

worked mainly among the ten tribes of Israel that revolted from Judah.] But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace."—Romans 11:1-5.

A few days before Jesus was crucified He rode into Jerusalem, offering Himself as King to the Israelites, and was rejected. Then and there He said to them: "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." (Matthew 23:38) There the Jews, or Israelites, as a nation were cast away; but there was a remnant of them that remained faithful, and this remnant remaining faithful became "children of the promise". "They which are the children of the flesh [such as Anglo-Israelites claim to be], these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed." (Romans 9:8) The nation of Israel had failed to obtain the great privilege of being Jehovah's witnesses, but those of the Jews who continued faithful, and hence become a part of the *spiritual* house of Israel, did by election obtain that favor. "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, *in the spirit,* and not in the letter." (Romans 2:28, 29) Hence Paul says: "Behold Israel after the flesh" (1 Corinthians 10:18), and then adds: "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the *Israel of God."*—Galatians 6:15, 16.

People for His Name

The gospel was not taken to anyone except natural Israelites until the apostle Peter took it to Cornelius the Roman centurion. (Acts 10) It was after that that the apostles held a meeting in Jerusalem to determine why the gospel had been taken to the Gentiles, or non-Jews, and it was on that occasion that James said: "Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon [Peter] hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them *a people for his name."* (Acts 15:13, 14) On that occasion Paul and Barnabas testified that God had wrought miracles and wonders among the Gentiles by them. (Acts 15:12, 15) Paul was made an apostle especially to the Gentiles. After the gospel went to the Gentiles an opportunity was open to Jews and Gentiles alike, and not alone to natural Israelites. Paul emphasizes the fact that the opportunity of becoming a 'people for Jehovah's name' was a great favor from God to all.

In Romans, chapter 11, Paul says in substance: 'The casting away of the nation of natural Israel opened the way for those of the world to become reconciled to God, including all *individual* Israelites who cease their unbelief; and, that being true, what would be the effect to those individual Israelites who would now accept Jesus Christ and devote themselves wholly to God?' He answers his own question, that the reception would be for them "life from the dead". (Vs. 15) He then warns the Gentiles not to boast because favor has come to them, but to fear. The Gentiles doubtless were inclined to boast; hence Paul says: "Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off; and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear; for if God spared not the natural branches [Israelites after the flesh], take heed lest he also spare not thee."—Verses 19-21.

The apostle Paul emphasizes that only by faithfulness to God and Christ Jesus would anyone have the guarantee of safety. He tells the Gentiles that God is able to bring the fleshly Israelites into the new covenant if they would believe and obey Him. The time had come for the gospel to go to the Gentiles, and those who were selected were not considered from the standpoint of flesh, but entirely from the fact that they were spiritual, that is to say, that they had accepted Christ Jesus and devoted themselves wholly to God. God was from that time forward making no distinction between Jew and Gentile as far as flesh is concerned. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28) Hence fleshly descent from the so-called "lost ten tribes of Israel" makes no difference with Jehovah God and deserves and brings no special favor from Him.

Because the favor had come to the Gentiles and the opportunity had been given them to become a people for Jehovah, that did not mean that all the Jews, or Israelites, were or would be included for the mere reason that they were the natural descendants of Abraham. On the contrary, the Israelites after the flesh and the Gentiles now stood on a common level, and

whether a man was a natural Israelite or a Gentile, bond or free, if he devoted himself wholly to God by faith in the blood of Christ Jesus he might become one of the promised seed. The time must come when there would come out of God's organization (Zion) the Deliverer, and that time came when Christ Jesus appeared for judgment at the spiritual temple of God, in A.D. 1918, as prophecy and modern facts show; and it was at that time that the prophecy applies: "There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

Spiritual Israel Saved

Note the apostle says: "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." (Romans 11:26) The apostle does not here mean "Israel after the flesh", including the "lost ten tribes", but means the "Israel of God", spiritual Israel. It is at the time of the Deliverer Christ Jesus' coming out from Zion, God's organization, that ungodliness is taken away from all spiritual Israelites so that then "all Israel", that is to say, spiritual Israel, shall be saved. The One coming out of Zion, the Deliverer, is Christ Jesus, and it is He that turns away ungodliness "from Jacob", that is to say, from the people taken out for Jehovah's name. It is then that all spiritual Israel are delivered, being gathered unto God as a people for himself and separate and distinct from all the nations of the world, including "Christendom". The argument of the apostle Paul clearly appears to apply, not to Israel after the flesh, but to the salvation of Israel after the spirit.

So, then, even if it could be demonstrated that the Anglo-Saxon peoples were part of the "ten lost tribes", it is clearly to be seen that no favor could have come to them upon that score, under the covenant made with Israel after the flesh by their mediator Moses. Such "lost tribes" deserted the said covenant with fleshly Israel and became idolaters, unbelievers, and also to them would apply Jesus' words of rejection: "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." (Matthew 23:38) Fleshly Israel failing to produce the full number of the "people for his [Jehovah's] name", the law covenant with them failed and waxed old and passed away. "For finding fault with them [fleshly Israel], he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers [including fathers of the ten tribes] in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. . . . In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." —Hebrews 8:8-13.

By His death Christ Jesus put an end to the ordinances of the old covenant relating to fleshly Israel (including the ten tribes), nailing them to His tree: "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it [the handwriting] out of the way, nailing it to his cross." (Colossians 2:14) The nation of Israel after the flesh had proved unfaithful to the law covenant, and therefore unworthy that the new covenant be made with that nation. The fleshly Israelites (except the faithful remnant of all tribes) were cast off, and at that moment the old law covenant with them ended and hence became old. Immediately following this God made the new covenant with Christ Jesus. In behalf of whom? The answer is, the entire house of spiritual Israel, that is to say, all those begotten by the holy spirit of Jehovah as His spiritual children. This new covenant is not with or in behalf of any of the natural descendants of Jacob, but in behalf of all who become righteous by faith in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:22) "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek [non-Jew]; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:12, 13) "For he [Christ Jesus] is our peace, who hath made both [Israelite and non-Jew who become true believers] one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances [of the old law covenant]; for to make in himself of twain [Israelite and Gentile] one new man, so making peace; and that he [as Mediator] might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity [the old law covenant] thereby."—Ephesians 2:14-16.

Thus it is manifest that none of the blessings of the old and abolished law covenant with Israel after the flesh could be claimed by the "ten lost tribes" or by Anglo-Israelites on the basis of natural or fleshly descent from the fathers

of the ten tribes of Israel after the flesh. Note also the actual present-day condition of "the Empire and the United States" as to lawlessness, ignorance of Jehovah God, ungodliness, worldliness, militarism, materialism, and greedy commercialism, etc., and compare such condition with God's promised provision respecting the new covenant which superseded the abolished law covenant: "This shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of [spiritual] Israel: After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD [JEHOVAH]: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." (Jeremiah 31: 33, 34) The facts prove beyond denial that the new covenant does not apply to the Anglo-Saxon world or "the Empire and the United States" and has not been, and is not being, fulfilled toward them.

The boast, therefore, that "the miracle of the United States is surpassed only by the miracle of the British empire, now coming to be known as the British Commonwealth of Nations", must be accounted for on a basis other than as being the result of Jehovah God's favor and covenant relationship with Him. If not from Jehovah God, it must be from His enemy. "The Empire and the United States" are a part of this world, and "know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God". (James 4:4) To the Anglo-Saxon world element has "the devil . . . shewed . . . all the kingdoms of the world . . . And the devil said unto [them], All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou, therefore, wilt worship me, all shall be thine".

Do the "miracle of the United States" and "miracle of the British Empire" indicate that they refused the Devil's proposal? Prophecy answers from aforetime: "And the dragon [that old Serpent, which is the Devil and Satan] gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns ['two mighty branches'—'the Empire and the United States'] like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, . . . saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image [the League of Nations] to the beast, . . . And he ['the Empire and the United States'] had power to give life unto the image of the beast [the League], that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." (Revelation 13:2, 11-15) The true "Israel of God", spiritual Israel, has become the "people for his name", or Jehovah's witnesses, but the Anglo-Saxon world element, "the Empire and the United States," persecutes Jehovah's witnesses, His covenant people today, and opposes these witnesses in their world-wide proclamation of the kingdom of Jehovah God by His Son Christ Jesus the King.

The Modern Torture Chamber: Shall It Be Abolished? and How?

By A. E. Ferries (Florida)

IN WRITING on this subject it can only be in the same spirit that actuated the great prophet when he said, "Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens!" and, "Cry aloud, spare not." (Isaiah 64:1; 58:1) I cannot regard this matter with complacent apathy. This article was inspired by a paragraph in Judge Rutherford's sermon "Is Hell Hot?". An exposition often makes a statement giving much food for thought along lines not embraced in his subject. The statement instanced is this: "If the executioner of the most depraved criminal would torture that criminal for one day with a red-hot iron, he would thereafter be shunned and despised by every honest man of the land." Now readers of *The Golden Age* should be pretty well informed of the evils constantly going on, not alone in the ecclesiastical "hell", but all over this beautiful earth that in the beginning was an expression of God's ideal of perfection. All current literature daily gives details of some atrocity being perpetrated in this Devil's régime, thousands of which parallel torturing a person with a hot iron.

Instances in a recent issue of *The Golden Age* state that among boys and girls fifteen to nine-

teen years of age employed in certain mills the death rate was double that among others not so employed. What unnecessary suffering do they endure, not only for a single day, until, gradually worn out by suffering, death relieves them! Puerto Rico is poor and sick. The death rate is four and a half times what it is in the United States. Poverty and a high death rate always go hand in hand. Can you imagine what it means, or the suffering that is entailed, by being sick and hungry in unsanitary conditions, with insects torturing you, and this in heat that is almost comparable to "hell" accelerating the fever? and what it means to watch in compulsory helplessness your loved ones so suffer from preventable cause and from lack of access to the very things their labor and yours have produced?

Ten million people starved to death in China last year. As a medium of torture, has the hot iron many advantages over slow starvation? Poverty causes death of over fifteen thousand babies annually in the U. S. A. An individual who would slay ten babies would be lynched. Who or what can be indicted on this charge?

Every hour in every day hundreds of thousands of old people, most of them prematurely, who have done their share in producing all the stupendous wealth, magnificence and splendor of the world, suffering in mind and body the "torture of Hades" from poverty. What kind of conscience can realize with indifference that at this present moment millions of people are suffering from preventable cause the equivalent of being tortured with a red-hot iron? Can any one of us shirk our share of the responsibility? Will God accept our excuses?

Do you read detective stories? How do you like the sport of man-hunting? The tortures inflicted in asylums and penal institutions? The suffering of natives in the British Congo? How can preachers howling for law enforcement reconcile their attitude with the "Good News of Jesus", who came to set the captives free? Did you ever contemplate how much suffering you would endure before committing suicide? How many who love life as much as you are driven to this every year? Fifty-nine in one day in New York, I read in *The Golden Age*, men who knew and appreciated the pleasure of life, committed suicide over the late slump in the stock market. Such occurrences clearly show there is no security in riches. This is a system where "stored up wealth waxes old and valueless" and where legal and illegal thieves break through and steal. Think it over.

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Judge Rutherford Before Communications Commission at Washington

PURSUANT to Order No. 1 of this Commission made and issued in accordance with the act of Congress (1934) the Peoples Pulpit Association and associated organizations submit information to the Commission relative to the broadcasting of non-profit radio programs, together with reasons for so doing.

Explanatory

The Peoples Pulpit Association is a non-profit membership corporation, created and organized under the laws of the State of New York. Associated with it is the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, also a non-profit corporation, created and organized under the laws of Pennsylvania. Associated with these two organizations is the International Bible Students Association, a corporation created and organized under the laws of Great Britain. These three corporations are in fact one, having the same executive officers and working always together with the same objective in view. Because those who support and carry on the work of these corporations do so for the sole purpose of giving testimony of and concerning Jehovah God and His provision for the blessing of the human race such persons are known and designated as Jehovah's witnesses. This appearance and statement is made in behalf of Jehovah's witnesses. For convenience the three associations named, together with their supporters, are hereinafter called "Jehovah's witnesses".

Religion properly defined is a form of worship of a god based upon a ritual, creed or statement of belief. Religion may be educational to a degree and it may not be. It is often employed to keep people in ignorance concerning the truth. The Peoples Pulpit Association and associated corporations are not religious organizations but are formed and carried on for the purpose of informing the peoples in matters of most vital importance to them. These associations do not seek members, and practice no form of worship, but all of them endeavor to worship THE ALMIGHTY GOD in spirit and in truth.

The radio is not a human invention. It is God's creation permitted by Him to be brought into action in these last days for the enlightenment of the people. The proper use of the radio would be to honor Jehovah God the Almighty Creator. While the Almighty God could, to be sure, confine the use of radio exclusively to His service, it pleases Him to permit men to exercise their free will at this time in the use thereof, thus giving men an opportunity to honor or to dishonor His name.

Satan, the great adversary of Jehovah God and who rules the present evil world, seeks to deceive all men and turn them away from the true God. A great responsibility therefore rests upon the men into whose hands the radio broad-

Widely, in the public press, and noticed in "The Golden Age" No. 394, millions of people already know that Judge Rutherford appeared at Washington, D. C., before the Federal Communications Commission, Broadcasting Division, on October 5, 1934, directly charging the Roman Catholic hierarchy's agents with deliberate mutilation of evidence offered before the House commerce committee, and the partial destruction of some of the proof presented to Congress.

We are now privileged to present to our readers Judge Rutherford's complete address delivered on that occasion. Copies of the address, entitled "Information by the Peoples Pulpit Association, To The Honorable Federal Communications Commission, Broadcasting Division", were provided each member of the Commission, all in legal form, signed by Arthur R. Goux, of the Peoples Pulpit Association, and sworn to before Charles E. Wagner, notary public.

We are sure that all our readers will be intensely interested in this fight for American rights and liberties and for the honor of the name of Jehovah God by this faithful and true witness and will wish to have the story in full, herewith presented.

casting control is committed to see to it that the people have a full and fair opportunity to hear the truth of God's Word, that they might freely determine for themselves what course to take.

Created and organized for the purpose of informing men concerning the vital truths as contained in the Word of God, commonly called the Bible, the Peoples Pulpit Association in the year 1923 built a radio station at New York known as WBBR and since February 24, 1924, has continuously operated said radio station for the benefit of the people particularly in matters pertaining to the Word of God. For convenience and pleasure of the people it also broadcasts programs of world news, classical and semi-classical music (vocal and instrumental), pipe organ, dramatic presentations, and lectures on health, household and agricultural subjects. That station has never broadcast a program for hire. It does not engage in any commercial business. No member or associate thereof receives any pecuniary profit from the operation of the radio station or from any other part of its work.

That this Commission and Congress may have a clearer view of Jehovah's witnesses, their work, and why they appear here, we beg to submit the following further facts, to wit:

More than four thousand years ago Jehovah God, as stated in the Bible, promised to establish a righteous government upon this earth, with Christ Jesus as the invisible King. That promise is certain to be faithfully kept and performed. Two thousand years later, at the birth of Jesus, it was authoritatively declared that He should be Jehovah's instrument to bring peace on earth and good will toward men and this He would do at His coming and His kingdom. The nations of the world are now in great perplexity and distress. The only hope for peace and prosperity, life and happiness among men is the kingdom of God under Christ. For this reason that which is of greatest importance to the people just now is information and knowledge of and concerning Jehovah God and His kingdom.

Several years ago careful and honest students of divine prophecy reached the conclusion that 1914 would mark the beginning of a great world change culminating later in the greatest time of tribulation ever on earth, which trouble will result in the overthrow of Satan and his unrighteous organization, and that such overthrow will be by the invisible armies of Jehovah, led by Christ Jesus; and that then will follow perpetual peace and prosperity on earth. The physical facts which began to come to pass in 1914, and which have come to pass since that date, fully support these conclusions.

Seeing some of the truths of God's Word, and having a keen desire to know more thereof, and a desire to be of help to their fellow-man in learning the truth, honest men and women from all religious denominations, and without regard to any creeds, came together and organized the aforesaid associations, the members of which are now known as Jehovah's witnesses. They have had but one objective, and that is to give information of and concerning these vital truths to the people who desire to hear and learn.

The main office of the organization of Jehovah's witnesses is at Brooklyn, New York, from which are directed the activities of branch offices in more than thirty-five different nations or countries of the earth. For the sole purpose of advertising the name of Jehovah God and His kingdom these men and women have built printing plants, published and distributed great numbers of books and other literature, built and operated radio stations in different parts of the earth, and used other proper means to carry forward their work.

Christ Jesus is designated in the Scriptures as Jehovah's 'True and Faithful Witness'. When on earth He declared: 'For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear testimony to the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.' (John 18:37) The true followers of Christ Jesus therefore must be witnesses to the name of Jehovah God, and His Word, the Bible, because His Word is the truth.—John 17:17.

Opposition

Throughout the earth there is great opposition to the message delivered by Jehovah's witnesses. This Commission and Congress are entitled to know the reason therefor.

Satan the Devil is the great adversary of Jehovah God and His kingdom under Christ, and is also man's worst enemy. To save repeating the proof upon this point reference is made to testimony given at the hearings before the Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio and Fisheries, House of Representatives, Seventy-third Congress, second session, on H. R. 7986, appearing particularly at the bottom of page thirty-

five and pages following, a copy of which testimony is filed herewith and marked Exhibit A.

Satan's method of opposition to the truth as delivered by Jehovah's witnesses, according to the Scriptures and the facts, is to deceive and thereby blind men to the truth and cause them to vigorously oppose the truth. Satan's chief agents or instruments used for this wrongful purpose are religious organizations, and particularly the leaders thereof, as revealed by the Scriptures and the facts.—2 Corinthians 4:3, 4; John 8:44.

Controversial

Jehovah's witnesses have no controversy with men, although they are bitterly opposed by some men. The work of Jehovah's witnesses is to get the truth to the people. Necessarily the truth is controversial because it exposes error, and that was the sole reason why religionists opposed Jesus when He was on earth. It is the expressed will of God that a knowledge of the truth shall be brought to men. The proclamation of the truth provokes controversy, and this is proved by the Scriptures and the indisputable facts.—1 Timothy 2:2-6; John 15:19-21.

Because of the wrongful practices in the use of radio stations, and because of the unjust methods employed to prevent the people from hearing the message of truth by radio, a petition was circulated and signed by approximately two and one-half million citizens of the United States and presented to the Seventy-third Congress. In keeping with Satan's methods of false representations the statement has been made and widely published by certain religious papers that the names signed to that petition were obtained by fraud and misrepresentation. I here brand that statement as a deliberate and infamous lie, which has been published for the purpose of prejudicing this Commission and the Congress. The petition was plainly printed, submitted to the people, and was voluntarily signed by those persons who did sign it. That petition and protest thus signed and filed is in words and figures, to wit,

To THE CONGRESS of the United States of America: Greetings!

We, the undersigned people of the United States of America, capable of determining for ourselves what we wish to hear broadcast by radio, without censorship by the clergy or anyone else, hereby PROTEST to the Congress against certain wrongful interference with our rights.

The radio act provides, as we understand, for the broadcasting of that which is in the public interest.

The message of the true God, JEHOVAH, as expressed by Him in the prophecies of His Word (the Bible) and as now being given to the people of this nation by Judge Rutherford and others of JEHOVAH'S witnesses, is of interest to us. When broadcast, it is convenient for us to hear it in our homes and is necessary for our welfare. We are entitled to hear and desire to hear that message. We disapprove of every attempt to prevent our hearing it broadcast.

The National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and others, have wrongfully by threats, coercion and other improper influence prevented many stations from broadcasting this message of truth, thus depriving stations of legitimate income and depriving millions of American citizens of the privilege of hearing what they wish to hear; and against this wrongful action we vigorously PROTEST.

Exercising the right guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States, we therefore respectfully petition the Congress to act at once to safeguard the inherent rights of the American people relative to the radio.

The petition was signed by the greatest number of persons that ever signed a petition presented to any Congress of the United States up to this time. Hearings were had by the Congressional committee above referred to on H. R. 7986, and also before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce on H. R. 8301. The testimony submitted at those hearings and made of record is herewith filed as a part of this statement, and marked Exhibits A and B.

Broadcasting Methods

A brief résumé of methods employed and practiced by certain broadcasting corporations and others during the past ten years is here appropriate that a proper understanding may be had as to why there should be a change in the allocation of time and of broadcasting channels for the benefit of the people.

Radio Station WBBR above mentioned was originally assigned a very desirable frequency. At the instance of others that channel was taken away from it and a far less desirable channel assigned. Since then WBBR has operated under a handicap to the disappointment of many.

The programs broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses are designated Watch Tower programs. In July 1927, by courtesy of the president of the National Broadcasting Company, the chain facilities of that company were used to broadcast a Watch Tower program from Toronto,

Canada. Much interest among the people was aroused and such a great demand for further nation-wide broadcasting of these programs that application was made on behalf of Jehovah's witnesses to the National Broadcasting Company to hire its facilities at convenient times for broadcasting other Watch Tower programs. Although Jehovah's witnesses offered to pay the commercial rate for the use of such chain facilities, the applications were denied, and subsequent applications have been denied.

The chief reason for the denial of such applications has been and is the influence exercised over the National Broadcasting Company's officials by religious clergymen. Yielding to such influence of clergymen, the National Broadcasting Company made and promulgated a rule that no one shall use its facilities for broadcasting Bible talks except they be first approved by its religious advisory committee. Accordingly, that corporation has repeatedly refused to permit anyone to use its facilities to give to the people information on the Bible. It has restricted broadcasting of its so-called religious programs to certain Catholic, Protestant and Hebrew clergymen approved by its own committee. Stated in other phrase, the National Broadcasting Company acts as the self-constituted religious guardian of the American people.

The motive for this manifest face-about change clearly appears. In view of the fact that the president of the National Broadcasting Company so courteously permitted the use of its facilities to Jehovah's witnesses on one occasion, its change of position is due, without doubt, to influence exercised over its officers by professional religionists, and hence against the interests of the American people.

The Columbia Broadcasting System, admittedly following the lead of the National Broadcasting Company, adopted and follows a similar method. Contrary to the Congressional mandate, both of these chain broadcasting companies have thus deprived the people from hearing that which is of public convenience, interest and necessity.

In order to meet the public demand, and in order to get this vital information to the people, Jehovah's witnesses were compelled at stated times to build up a private chain broadcasting arrangement.

Such chain broadcasting, thus privately established, has been accomplished by cooperation of the Bell Telephone organization. This private arrangement has entailed an unreasonable expense for Jehovah's witnesses. Such exorbitant cost and expense they have been compelled to bear during the past seven years, and in addition thereto they have been unnecessarily and unfairly excluded from many of the most desirable radio channels and stations in America.

During the past seven years, for private chain broadcasting of only 128 program hours, Jehovah's witnesses have been required to pay more than $600,000. Had these same programs been broadcast over the entire facilities of the National Broadcasting Company or the Columbia Broadcasting System at their highest commercial rate, the cost to Jehovah's witnesses would have been less than $200,000.

Private citizens of America have thus been compelled to bear an unnecessary burden of more than $400,000 because of the arbitrary and unwarranted course pursued by the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System. This large sum of money was voluntarily contributed by citizens of the United States who did so unselfishly and with no hope or prospect of receiving any pecuniary return therefor.

The opposition to Jehovah's witnesses by the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System did not stop with merely refusing their chain facilities, but they have gone further, in attempting to prevent and in preventing privately owned radio stations from taking and broadcasting the programs of Jehovah's witnesses.

The aforementioned broadcasting chain corporations deny interfering with privately owned stations and thus preventing them from broadcasting the chain programs of Jehovah's witnesses. Evidence produced at the Congressional hearings in 1934 shows that such denials are not supported by the facts. See report of hearings on H. R. 7986, pages 94-97. Reference is also made to the testimony of Anton Koerber appearing in record of the hearing on H. R. 8301, beginning at page 299.

The following quotation is taken from that record on pages 303 and 304:

"The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System have a virtual monopoly of effective large-scale broadcasting in the United States. This is accomplished, first, by outright ownership of certain powerful broadcasting stations, and, secondly, by what is known as preferential time

contracts with independently owned stations. These contracts provide that whenever demanded by either chain such independently owned stations are required to yield time to the chain. Such contracts are generally made in writing, but with the N. B. C. this monopolistic control is effected by means of a 'general understanding' as between the respective independently owned stations and N. B. C. This agreement is said by N. B. C. to be not in writing in most cases."

Additionally, the following is quoted from the same record on H. R. 8301, page 306:

"A vice president of Columbia Broadcasting System, Henry Bellows, testified, March 20, 1934, before the House Radio Committee that substantially all C. B. S. stock is owned and controlled by the Paley family. Like the N. B. C., C. B. S. also maintains a self-established censorship, admittedly dictated by Henry Bellows.

"In addition to stations owned by C. B. S. and its subsidiaries, it controls absolutely by contract most of the time of many independently owned stations. While its representative who testified before the House Radio Committee denied the existence of such control, the following excerpts from two contracts made by C. B. S. with a certain station are offered in evidence that such absolute control in fact exists:

" 'Agreement entered into by and between Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York (hereinafter called "Columbia") and . . . .

" ' . . . It is agreed that during the term of this contract the station will not permit the use of its facilities by any other broadcasting chain or network; and that it will not receive programs from or forward programs to any other station, group of stations, chain or network without the specific consent in writing of Columbia.

" ' . . . It is agreed that during the term of this contract the station will not, without the specific consent in writing of Columbia, permit the use of its facilities by any other broadcasting chain or network; that without such consent it will not receive programs from or forward programs to any other station, group of stations, chain or network; and that without such consent it will not, directly or indirectly, through an agency, representative, or otherwise, sell its facilities for use along with the facilities of any other station or stations as a group.'

"For consideration of the chairman of the committee, it is respectfully suggested that C. B. S. be required to file for information of the committee a copy of its contract with stations."

Further upon this point we offer herewith the affidavit of A. R. Goux, marked Exhibit C.

It was the manifest intention of Congress, in enacting the radio law, that all radio facilities shall be used and operated in the interest of the public, and this is shown by the fact that the Radio Act repeatedly uses the terms "public convenience, interest and necessity".

The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System, taking advantage of the provisions of the law, have builded mighty chain broadcasting organizations. The presumption therefore must be indulged that these broadcasting chain facilities are to be used for public convenience, interest and necessity, and that hence it is not the prerogative of a religious censor committee to determine what the people shall or shall not hear on matters pertaining to the Word of Almighty God.

In other words, a few prejudiced religionists are by the officials of the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System entrusted with the important duty of determining what the people shall or shall not hear on matters pertaining to the Scriptures, and this is done contrary to the letter and the spirit of the law.

And now it appears that the high officials of the National Broadcasting Company and of the Columbia Broadcasting System have been and are working in conjunction with the managing director of the National Association of Broadcasters to impose upon independently owned stations, as far as possible, the recognition of the same improper rules and practices with respect to these matters that have been developed and followed by the two major chain broadcasting systems. In proof of this statement, reference is here made to the speech of Henry A. Bellows, delivered September 17, 1934, before the annual convention of the National Association of Broadcasters.

Permit me to remind this Commission that Congress and other public officials are the servants of the people and are obligated to serve the interests of the people and to protect them against the selfish machinations of individuals or groups of individuals who wish to use the radio facilities for private gain.

The policy of our opponents has been (and therefore we anticipate it will be here) to select an isolated sentence and quote it from our literature entirely out of its setting so as to make us appear ridiculous.

If this is done this time and the Commission desires to have the whole facts, we shall be pleased to submit any literature from which the opponents may quote, that full opportunity may be had to examine the entire matter.

Hierarchy

In 1933 the clergy, operating through their publications, and particularly Catholic newspapers, began an open, vigorous campaign against Jehovah's witnesses; and in order to prevent the people from hearing the message of Jehovah's kingdom under Christ, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and others employed threats and coercive and other improper means and influence to deter privately owned radio stations from taking and broadcasting programs of Jehovah's witnesses.

By the term Catholic Hierarchy as here used is meant, not the rank and file of the Catholic system, but the ruling power or group.

The abundant proof submitted to the House radio committee and the House commerce committee at the hearings aforementioned, and which is set forth in the printed record, establishes beyond all doubt that agents of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy used threats and coercion, expressed through various newspapers and other publications and various organized groups of their sympathizers, including the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the National Council of Catholic Men, the Knights of Columbus, and others, to compel many station owners to discontinue broadcasting Watch Tower programs of Jehovah's witnesses.

Additionally, it was proved conclusively that the Hierarchy's official representative, Henry Caravati, acting by authority and with approval of several archbishops and bishops of the Hierarchy, directly conferred about stopping Watch Tower broadcasts with one then a member of the Federal Radio Commission, a zealous Roman Catholic.

It was further proved beyond any question that following that conference with the Catholic member of the Radio Commission, and for many weeks thereafter, agents of the Hierarchy by their publications openly led their readers in all parts of the country to believe that the nation-wide campaign of the Catholic Hierarchy to force all radio stations to discontinue broadcasting Watch Tower programs was approved by and carried on with the knowledge and consent of the Federal Radio Commission.

Copies of such publications containing threats of boycott by agents of the Catholic Hierarchy were freely used in many parts of the country to coerce owners and managers of broadcasting stations and allied business enterprises. Such action was taken to enforce pressure upon those stations by means of organized letter writing and personal visits of individuals and groups spurred to act by direction of the Roman Catholic clergy. (See printed testimony, hearing on H. R. 7986, pages 35, 113-124. Also, hearing on H. R. 8301, pages 302, 303, 307-318.)

As a result of the nation-wide opposition conducted by the organized clergy and the subsequent action of the members of the Federal Radio Commission in writing officially and specifically to hundreds of radio stations regarding the Watch Tower programs, many radio stations, induced by fear of losing their license, have broken their contracts with Jehovah's witnesses and decline to further broadcast their programs until the matter shall be definitely settled by Congress or its duly constituted authority.

Because of this organized opposition to the message of Jehovah's kingdom, and because the people are thus being deprived of their just rights and privileges, the aforementioned petition was circulated, signed and filed with Congress; and in support of that petition the evidence was offered at the two Congressional hearings already mentioned.

Not content with its accomplishments up to the time of the Congressional hearings on this matter last spring, thereafter the Catholic Hierarchy through its official agents mutilated the official record, partially succeeding in destroying some of the proof presented to Congress. Obviously that was attempted to prevent members of Congress from identifying the Hierarchy's agents and their conduct.

As one example, mention is here made of the deliberate mutilation of certain evidence offered at the hearing on the Communications bill before the House commerce committee, and concerning which the clerk of that committee wrote to the Watch Tower representative at Washington. The clerk's letter is here quoted, and a photostatic copy submitted herewith as Exhibit D.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Committee on
Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Washington, D. C.

June 13, 1934.

Mr. Anton Koerber,
1603 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Koerber:

Reference is made to your inquiry regarding the Chart on page 309 of the hearings before the Com-

mittee on the Federal Communications Commission. The chart upon this page you state should show a letter "S". I have checked this print with the original which was furnished by you, and which was sent to the Government Printing Office, and I note that the letter "S" on this chart was eliminated for some reason, it being plainly visible where the "S" was taken off the diagram.

Very truly yours,
ELTON J. LAYTON
Clerk.

In explanation of the letter of Mr. Layton, the following statement is made:

At the House hearing on the Communications bill a chart was offered in evidence for the purpose of showing the authoritative arrangement of the Catholic Hierarchy's organization and also to show that Mr. Henry Caravati was and is the executive agent of said religious organization and acting as executive secretary and business secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men; also that the said Caravati is the one who conducted the propaganda throughout the United States against the Watch Tower programs and how this was done by him by direction of the higher officials of the Catholic Hierarchy.

Said chart and an explanation thereof appear at pages 308 and 309 of the hearings on H. R. 8301. On page 309, in the chart there shown, immediately following and below the letter "Q" the letter "S" appeared on the chart as originally made. This letter "S" directly located Mr. Caravati as the executive agent of the aforementioned Catholic organization and as the connecting link between the higher officials of the Catholic Hierarchy and the Catholic press and the Federal Radio Commission.

After this chart had been offered in evidence, approved by the committee for publication and delivered to the custody of the clerk thereof, a prominent Catholic who had appeared before the committee called at the office of the clerk of the House commerce committee and asked to see the record including this chart and went over the whole record before it was passed to the Government printer.

When the chart was printed the aforesaid letter "S" did not appear as it had appeared on the original official record.

In further support of this, a photostatic copy of the chart as originally placed in evidence is here now offered to be made a part of the record, marked Exhibit E.

This is also supported by the affidavit of Anton Koerber hereto attached and marked Exhibit F.

World-wide Opposition

It is due this Commission and Congress that information be submitted that the opposition to the use of the radio by Jehovah's witnesses is not confined to the United States. It is an opposition that extends throughout the nations of "Christendom", and it is on such a gigantic scale and so intricately formed and carried on that it is manifest that it could not emanate from a human mind, but that it is the product of the supermind of Satan himself, whom the Lord Jesus denounces as a liar and the father of lies and says that those who follow the methods of Satan are Satan's children.

In this connection we quote the words of Jesus addressed to the clergy in His day:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it."—John 8:44.

As to the facts in support of these assertions we submit the following:

During the past six years in the northern part of New Jersey alone and within the jurisdiction of the Catholic bishop of Trenton there have been arrests of Jehovah's witnesses to the number of more than 700 men and women. These arrests have been upon charges of peddling and hawking and being disorderly persons because walking through the streets and refusing to disclose their names.

The real facts are that the only "offensive" thing that these witnesses of Jehovah were doing was going about from house to house presenting the gospel of God's kingdom to the people who were willing to hear, and in doing this they were following the commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ and doing exactly as His apostles did, as stated in the Scriptures. (Matthew 10:12, 13; Acts 20:20) Upon a hearing of these cases in the magistrates' courts invariably a conviction resulted after a trial which was a farce and a disgrace to the judicial branch of the government. Upon appeal, the higher courts have held these convictions invalid and discharged the defendants and in many instances have held that the ordinances under which the arrests were made are inapplicable to such

as Jehovah's witnesses. Regardless of these decisions of the higher courts the police continue to make arrests of harmless men and women for preaching the gospel.

In a number of instances where the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey has held ordinances inapplicable to Jehovah's witnesses, the law-making bodies of certain cities, towns and villages, yielding to the improper influence of religious leaders, have declared their purpose to enact and have enacted ordinances for the express purpose of preventing Jehovah's witnesses from carrying on their work of preaching the gospel.

Only certain specially selected police officers are sent out to make these arrests of Jehovah's witnesses, and the statement has been made repeatedly by policemen that these specially selected officers are acting under the direction of the clergy who are back of all this persecution.

Since the hearings before the Congressional committees in the early part of 1934, Catholic newspapers have continued their assault upon Jehovah's witnesses.

In the Catholic stronghold of Quebec there has been open persecution, arrest and prosecution of Jehovah's witnesses.

In Australia, where Jehovah's witnesses have been using thirty-odd radio stations for some time, the Catholic press, at the instance of the clergy, have carried on a constant campaign of opposition.

In the *Catholic Freeman's Journal*, published and copyrighted throughout Australia, the following appeared on June 21, 1934:

" . . . What authority have these people? None whatever. God never invited them to be His witnesses, nor did He give them such a ridiculous message. Judge Rutherford's authority as an exponent of Scripture is nil. He betrays no sound scholarship whatever; knows nothing of any real principles of interpretation; and violates all logic and reason in the outpourings of his warped imagination. Is the movement harmful or otherwise? It is harmful from almost every point of view. It is not in the least constructive. It is destructive, not only of Christianity, but of all lawful civil authority. There has been a lot of trouble in America over the broadcasted utterances of Judge Rutherford. The Radio Stations refused to hand his matter, and the Witnesses of Jehovah protested to the Radio Commission that, even though they were ready to pay for time, the Stations would not sell it to them. The case went to Congress in March last, and the McFadden bill was introduced in their favor. The Witnesses of Jehovah handed in petitions signed by 2,500,000 persons. But it was shown that the signatures were obtained under false pretences, that many were frank forgeries, and others the names of mere children. The McFadden bill, in favor of Rutherford, was defeated in Congress, and American Stations were justified in their refusal to waste people's time with the anti-political, anti-Christian, and insulting propaganda of Judge Rutherford. Thus you have the trend, gist, authority, and harmful character of Judge Rutherford's organization."

The foregoing is a sample of the mass of material which has emanated from the Catholic Hierarchy's business headquarters in Washington, D.C., known as the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and which has been published under the Hierarchy's supervision in hundreds of newspapers in the United States and other countries. The page from the *Catholic Freeman's Journal* containing the statement just quoted is offered herewith for the record, and marked Exhibit G.

This shows that the press is either woefully misinformed or willfully given to misrepresentation of the truth.

At the last session of the New Jersey legislature, in the Assembly there was introduced by an ardent Knight of Columbus a bill which, if enacted into law, would prevent any person from making any speech or comment within the state (regardless of whether that speech were true or false), criticizing any religion or that might have the tendency to hold up any religion or religious group to ridicule and contempt; and also would prohibit the use of radio stations, transcription machines, phonographs or any other means of conveying such message, and would make it a criminal offense for anyone to rent a hall to any person or group of persons to be used for such public address, either by a person or by any mechanical instrument.

This bill was quietly enacted in the Assembly, and when it came before the Senate the whole scheme was exposed and the bill died there.

In proof we submit herewith for the record a copy of a statement filed with the New Jersey Senate by Charles R. Hessler on behalf of Jehovah's witnesses, entitled "PROTEST", marked Exhibit H.

Manifestly the object of this proposed legislation was to prevent information in any form from reaching the people, unless the same was first approved by the clergymen of certain religious organizations.

A proclamation was made by the Catholic Hierarchy that the year 1933 was a "holy year" during which prayers were made for peace and prosperity. That having failed, then the Catholic St. Joseph's Guild, on June 30, 1934, issued a call for a nation-wide prayer meeting to be engaged in by various religionists and the distinguished men of America, for peace and prosperity.

Jehovah's witnesses distributed a small leaflet announcing that a radio lecture would be delivered and broadcast on August 12, 1934, the purpose of which lecture was to inform the people as to the Bible teaching of and concerning public prayers for peace and prosperity. For the "heinous" offense of inviting the people to hear that lecture and subsequently for distributing free copies of such lecture, many of Jehovah's witnesses were arrested and thrown into jail at the instance of the clergy.

This is cited for the purpose of showing the studied effort to prevent the people from hearing the truth by means of radio and that this opposition to the truth is led by the clergy and is in keeping with their effort to influence this government to prevent anyone from using the radio except by the consent of "organized religion".

In France during the year 1933 the president of the Peoples Pulpit Association and its associate organizations was advertised to deliver certain public addresses over a chain of radio stations, the speech originating at station POSTE PARISIEN, Paris. A number of Catholics freely stated that they had been advised by the papal Hierarchy not to listen to such lectures and furthermore an attempt was made to have the radio stations cancel the contract for such broadcast.

A volume of evidence along this same line might well be submitted, but this is deemed sufficient to show that the opposition to the proclamation of the message of God's Word by Jehovah's witnesses emanates from Jehovah's great adversary, Satan, who opposed Christ Jesus when He was on earth and who has opposed every effort to proclaim the truth since. Said Jesus to His followers who are Jehovah's witnesses: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."—John 15:19, 20.

The method of that great adversary, Satan the Devil, is to employ fraud and deceit to mislead the people, and in doing so he has blinded and misled millions of persons of good intent. Without a question of doubt organizations such as Fascists, Nazi, communists, are all carried forward at the instance and under the immediate direction of the organization of Jesuits, which organization is the secret service department of the Catholic Hierarchy.

The provision of the American Constitution relating to freedom of religion and freedom of speech has enabled this mighty organization, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, to expand its activities politically and otherwise to an extent not possible in a land of less freedom. That mighty institution has laid hold of the accouterments of freedom for its own ends and has flourished. It is not surprising in this day to see that this organization turns against the very arrangement or provision of freedom that enabled it to grow in this land.

Now it comes into the open and displays itself as the deadly foe of truth, equality and liberty, and employs threats and coercion to prevent the people from hearing what they are entitled to hear. It deems itself sufficiently entrenched now to show itself in its true colors and to begin to impose its will on the vast majority of the American people.

Let it be distinctly understood that by no means do all Catholics find themselves in accord with the policies, activities and objectives of the Hierarchy, which arrogates to itself the power to rule them. The Hierarchy's world-wide organization is in fact controlled and operated from a country foreign to America and where the fundamental principles of the American government are entirely ignored. Millions of good, honest Catholic people residing in the United States are not at all in sympathy with the coercive and boycott and other oppressive methods used by the Catholic Hierarchy to keep the people in ignorance of the truth of God's Word.

In all this opposition the Catholic clergy are ably supported by the Protestant and Hebrew clergymen.

Jehovah's witnesses desire to be clearly and distinctly understood that they have no controversy with clergymen as men. Each and every

clergyman ought to have the right to worship his god and to practice his religion as the Constitution of the United States provides. These have no right, however, to act as censors of the speech or message of others nor to determine what the people may or may not hear.

Other citizens of the United States who do not believe that these gentlemen who are designated clergymen are pursuing the right course should also have the privilege of exercising their God-given rights to worship JEHOVAH GOD and serve Him and His kingdom and to make known the truths concerning the same to other people who want to hear. If such a rule is not invoked and followed in the United States, then this country ceases to be a nation of freedom of speech.

The practice of preventing or trying to prevent anyone from expressing his honest convictions is entirely contrary to God and His truth and righteousness. God does not attempt at any time to prevent any creature from freely expressing himself. Had God exercised His power to so prevent freedom of expression and activity, the Devil would never have been permitted to carry on as he has for thousands of years.

Concerning Satan, the adversary, JEHOVAH said: 'For this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that my witnesses may proclaim my name throughout all the earth.'—Exodus 9:16, *Leeser*.

The time has now arrived when God commands His witnesses to go forth amongst the people and declare to them that He, JEHOVAH, is the Almighty God, and this commandment they must obey.

The great issue before mankind now is, Who shall control the world, JEHOVAH GOD or Satan the Devil? Because we have reached the time of the settlement of this final issue, every creature of "Christendom" is required to take his stand either on the side of the Devil or on the side of JEHOVAH GOD. In order to intelligently place themselves on one side or the other, the people must have information and knowledge. It is the expressed will and command of JEHOVAH that His witnesses must bring this knowledge to the attention of the people.

How can the people obtain this information unless someone tells them? Appropriate hereto are the words of the Scriptures recorded at Romans 10:14, 15, which read:

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Since this matter has been brought before Congress and this Commission a serious obligation rests upon each one having to do therewith. It is my duty and obligation, therefore, to say to this Commission that each one of you must take the responsibility before God of choosing one side or the other of this question at issue: that is, to favor the open and free discussion of matters of such vital importance to the people as that contained in the Bible, and therefore to take your stand on JEHOVAH'S side; or, to favor the suppression of freedom of expression and thereby keep the people in ignorance of the truth and so align yourselves on the side of God's enemy, Satan.

The highest executive officer of the United States, in his inaugural address, with propriety quoted from the Bible the following text, to wit: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." —Proverbs 29:18.

The people can have no vision or understanding of God's gracious provision for them unless they receive information and knowledge concerning the same.

Jehovah's witnesses have entered into a solemn agreement with the Most High God to do His will, and upon them is laid the duty and obligation to bear this information to the people and call it to their attention. A failure or refusal on the part of such witnesses to bring this information to the attention of the people in obedience to God's commandment would mean their own annihilation.—Matthew 24:14; Isaiah 43:10-12; Acts 3:20-23; Ezekiel 3:17-20.

The influence of big religionists has precluded the newspapers from publishing the truth concerning JEHOVAH GOD and His kingdom. The radio is the only means left whereby the American people can have the full opportunity to hear the whole truth relative to any matter; hence Jehovah's witnesses must make an effort to carry this information to the people by radio.

Appropriate hereto the following timely words are quoted from a recent speech of Hon. C. C. Dill, senator for the State of Washington:

"The public interest demands that radio stations give news to their listeners in order that the people may know the truth, the whole truth, regarding public controversies.

"The abuse of the right of free press by the great newspapers . . . has destroyed the confidence of the masses of the people in the press in many parts of the country. They doubt that they are getting the full truth about controversial matters. They deplore their inability to get both sides, and in many communities the support of certain newspapers for any cause even does that cause more harm than good.

"The American system is the only one by which freedom of speech by radio can be compelled. There is no freedom of speech by radio in Germany, Italy and Russia. Even in democratic England, in free France, and in liberty-loving Denmark, there is no freedom of speech by radio for the discussion of public questions."

In view of the facts we, as Jehovah's witnesses, could not consistently come here and ask that we be *permitted* to use the radio facilities to proclaim the message of God's kingdom; but in the name of Jehovah God and in the interest of righteous-minded and free people we can and do consistently demand that a fair and equal opportunity to use the radio facilities be accorded to all persons or organizations and that there be no discrimination shown; and that no one shall be permitted to directly or indirectly interfere with the proper use thereof.

Having in mind the character of the organizations and the men that have wrongfully interfered with the use of radio facilities in the United States and other places, and judging the immediate future by the past, I am certain that the un-American and ungodly methods of interference will continue to be employed by organized religionists and others to prevent the free and proper use of the radio, unless Congress takes some positive action to prevent the same.

Since the matter has come before Congress and before this Commission, the questions are, Will the law-making branch of the American government wink at such improper interference and permit a group of religionists and other entrenched selfish interests to continue to exercise wrongful influence over the owners of radio stations and to deprive commercial radio stations of the privilege of earning a legitimate revenue, and at the same time prevent the American people from hearing and receiving proper information concerning matters of vital importance to them, or will Congress use its proper powers to safeguard the interests of the people?

Shall the lawmakers of the nation yield to the demands of selfish men, or shall they give heed to the commandment of Almighty God and permit the people to now have a fair opportunity to receive a knowledge of His truth?

Since the government has undertaken to regulate radio broadcasting, manifestly there should be some change in the law concerning broadcasting facilities and the manner of using the same, and this change should be made in the interest of the people.

By law Congress should provide that no person, group of persons, corporation or company shall either directly or indirectly interfere with or attempt to interfere with the owner or operator of any radio station in entering into contract or contracts with other persons looking to the broadcasting of their radio programs.

By law Congress should prevent the use of threats, boycott or other means of coercion by providing for adequate punishment of offenders. American citizens should not have their liberties curtailed by any group of persons, and particularly when that group is directed by a foreign power.

Furthermore, persons, groups of persons, companies or corporations should not be permitted to arbitrarily determine that nothing shall be broadcast concerning the Bible until the text thereof first receives the approval of a board of censors made up of clergymen. Censorship is un-American and, above all, ungodly, and hence unrighteous.

Religionists should not be denied an opportunity to express their views by means of radio, nor should they be permitted to interfere with others' expressing themselves. Let all have a fair and equal show. If any group of persons is willing to contract and pay money for the use of radio facilities to broadcast its programs, and radio stations are willing to contract and undertake the broadcasting of such programs, then certainly no group of persons or organizations should have any right to interfere and should not be permitted to interfere.

Since the government has undertaken to regulate the use of broadcasting facilities for the benefit of the people, it should provide:

(1) That all organizations have an equal opportunity to employ the use of the radio and that none be excluded by reason of the views they hold.

(2) That every organization be free to give expression to its views without being subjected to censorship.

(3) That it be made a criminal offense, pun-

ishable by heavy fine and imprisonment, for any person, corporation, or other organization to willfully attempt to use or to actually use boycott, threats or other coercive measures to prevent a radio station from contracting with others for any programs or receiving and broadcasting any such programs; but that every radio station be left free to contract with anyone who is willing to meet its terms and pay for the use of facilities.

Importance

Why is the message now being delivered by Jehovah's witnesses of such great importance to the people? With calmness and sobriety of mind, with malice toward none, and with knowledge based upon the plain and infallible Word of Jehovah God, and which is now fully supported by the physical facts well known to all persons who think, I make the following statement without expectation of successful contradiction and with the absolute certainty that the same is true, to wit:

That the world is face to face with the greatest tribulation that has ever afflicted humankind. All the floods that have ever swept over the earth; all the disasters that have befallen mankind, resulting from earthquakes, cyclones, fires, famines, pestilence and war, all added together, will not equal the dreadful disaster that soon shall befall the nations of "Christendom". In the language of Jesus Christ, the greatest teacher that was ever on earth, that will be a time of tribulation such as the world has never known, and no, there shall never be another like it. At the conclusion of that tribulation there will be so many dead on the earth that the survivors will not be able to bury them. —Matthew 24:21; Jeremiah 25:33.

And why should such a great disaster come upon the world? Because Satan the Devil, in making his last and desperate attempt to determine the issue of supremacy in his favor, is gathering all nations to the battle of Armageddon, and all who side with Satan will perish in that conflict. The time is at hand when this great issue of supremacy must be settled. It will be settled by the armies of JEHOVAH GOD completely wrecking and destroying Satan's organization, both visible and invisible.

In this terrible trouble that is just ahead there is but one possible way for men to escape, and that way is plainly pointed out in the Bible, the Word of God, and at no other place. If a great hurricane were sweeping up the Atlantic coast, notice and information thereof would be flashed to every village, town and city along the way, and anyone who would cut the wires to prevent such message of truth from reaching the people would be denounced as a wicked criminal and subjected to severe punishment. It is of far greater importance that the peoples of the earth now be informed as to what the Word of God says about the approaching world trouble and the only way of escape. If, after receiving the information, anyone chooses to disregard the same, that is his responsibility. But woe unto the man, men or organizations that now attempt to keep the people in ignorance of the truth. God's great adversary, and who is the worst enemy of all men, namely, Satan the Devil, is the one using his agencies to keep the people in ignorance of what they so much need to know and understand. This Commission and the Congress to which its report must be made are charged with a grave responsibility toward mankind and before Almighty God.

The matters here for consideration involve the vital interest of millions of people. Above all, they involve the name of JEHOVAH GOD, the creator of radio. They should be determined without reference to fear of men, and with a sincere desire to do good unto all men as opportunity is afforded. Above all, the conclusions should give due credit and honor to the name of JEHOVAH GOD and to His kingdom.

Seven Cents for a Life

IN FRONT of Verdun during the World War one French regiment mutinied and five men were chosen by lot and executed. The widows of two of these men have just received seven cents each for the loss of their husbands, the courts having held that they were unjustly executed.

Thirty-four New Deal Divisions

THERE are now thirty-four divisions of the New Deal. The government has listed these in alphabetical order, and with one exception they are all designated by the initials of the services performed. The full list of initials: AAA, CCC, CSB, EC, ECW, EHFA, EIB, FAC, FACA, FCA, FCC, FCT, FDIC, FERA, FFMC, FHA, FHLBB, FICB, FSRC, HOLC, NEC, NLRB, NRA, NRB, PWA, PWEHC, RACC, RFC, SEC, SES, SH, TVA, USIS.

Pope Attacks "Heresy" *By Fred Slaughter (New Jersey)*

JUST in case you are a "heretic" whose "heresies" need 'stamping out'; perhaps a little study of the Associated Press clipping below might be enlightening. A heretic in this case is one who does not believe that God and Christ ever appointed anyone "pope" to rule this world, and who holds and teaches doctrines other than that which popes hold and teach; for example, Judge Rutherford.

CITES ERA OF INQUISITION IN LETTER TO DOMINICANS

VATICAN CITY, March 10 (AP).—Pope Pius today exhorted the Order of Dominicans throughout the world to rally to the standard of St. Dominic and drive out heresy. His exhortation was included in an apostolic letter commemorating the seventh centenary of Dominic's canonization.

He recalled the Era of the Inquisition and urged modern Dominicans to "follow the example of the founder".

That last paragraph is very interesting, and should be examined carefully. "He recalled the Era of the Inquisition and urged modern Dominicans to 'follow the example of the founder'." We may also recall with profit that "Era" and 'the example of Dominic', thereby judging what to expect from modern Dominicans and others. An excerpt from Dominic's last sermon in Languedoc, southern France, after failing to "convert" the poor people of that region to support the pope and his corrupt organization, will reveal "the example":

"For many years I have exhorted you in vain, with gentleness, preaching, praying and weeping. But according to the proverb of my country, 'Where blessing can accomplish nothing, blows may avail.' We shall rouse against you princes and prelates, who, alas, will arm nations and kingdoms against this land . . . and thus blows will avail where blessings and gentleness have been powerless."

True to the spirit that animated that speech, the forces of the pope drenched that land with blood in a horrible civil war in which all France was involved, the papal north subjecting the south to the domination of the popes. Part of the "subjecting machinery" in finally stamping out all opposition was the tribunal of the Inquisition.

THE INQUISITION. The name given to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction dealing with the detection and punishment of heretics and all persons guilty of any offense against Catholic orthodoxy. The following information is according to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, Vol. VIII, pages 30-34:

THE INQUISITOR. A special but permanent judge, acting in the name of the pope and clothed by him with the right and the duty to deal legally with offenses against the faith. Chosen especially from the Order of Dominicans. "Where they sat, there was the Inquisition."

PROCEDURE. The inquisitor, on coming to a heresy-ridden district, summoned the inhabitants together, and if any of them confessed of their own free will a suitable penance was imposed, that is, a pilgrimage. This (the confessing of the penitents) pointed out proper quarters for investigation, and much evidence was obtained against individuals this way. These were cited before the judges, usually by the parish priest, and the trial began. If the testimony was incriminating and the accused denied he was a heretic (for fear, etc.), four methods were used to extract a confession from him:

(1) Fear of death; that is, by giving the accused to understand that the stake awaited him if he would not confess.

(2) More or less confinement, possibly emphasized by a curtailment of food.

(3) Visits of tried men, who would attempt to induce free confession through friendly persuasion.

(4) Torture.

WITNESSES. Names of witnesses were generally withheld. Witnesses for the defense never appeared, because of fear. There was no personal confrontation of witnesses; neither was there any cross-examination. No lawyers could defend them, by order of Innocent III.

PUNISHMENTS. Torture was authorized by Innocent IV and others and was used as a means of obtaining a "confession" from the so-called "heretic". The punishments administered by the civil authorities, as outlined by the inquisitor, in serious cases was burning at the stake, or perpetual incarceration in prisons, the best of which were rotten. "In some cells the unfortunates were bound in stocks, unable to move about, and forced to sleep on the ground. There was little regard for cleanliness, and in some cases there was no light or ventilation, and the food was meagre and very poor." (*Cath. Encyc.*, Vol. VIII, page 32) In connection with burning at the stake Innocent IV said, "When those adjudged guilty of heresy have

been given up to the civil power by the bishops or his representative, or the Inquisition, the podesta or chief magistrate of the city shall take them at once, and shall within five days, at the most, execute the laws made against them. This papal bull "ad exstirpanda" referring to burning at the stake of the impenitent heretics was made thereafter a fundamental document of the Inquisition, renewed and enforced by several popes: Alexander IV, Clement IV, Nicholas IV, Boniface VIII, and others. The civil authorities themselves, if they did not obey, were excommunicated, and thereby became "heretics".

THE FINAL VERDICT. The ultimate decision (of the Inquisition) was pronounced with solemn ceremony. Two days before, those concerned had the charges read to them, and later were told where to appear to hear the verdict. The *Sermo,* a short discourse, began early in the morning; then followed swearing in the officials, who were made to vow obedience to the inquisitor in all things pertaining to suppression of heresy. Then regularly followed the "decrees of mercy" or statements concerning previous remittances of penalties, and finally the due punishments were pronounced, after their offenses had been again enumerated. The punishments announced started with minor judgments and proceeded up to the most severe perpetual imprisonment or death. Thereupon the "guilty" were turned over to the civil power.

"With Ecclesiastical Approbation"

HERE is a little four-page folder, printed by the P. A. Kemper Co., Dayton, Ohio, and marked "With Ecclesiastical Approbation". It came in an envelope with other material advertising the business of Reverend Father Francis Smyth, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Barnesboro, Pa. Probably the folder has his approbation, and so we examine it with interest.

The interior of the folder and the back page are full of spiritual exercises, 300 days for this and 300 days for that, and 7 years and 7 quarantines for this and 7 years and 7 quarantines for that; all together, 14 years, 14 quarantines and 900 days for going over these matters just once. There are 40 days in a quarantine; so the thing figures out (at 365¼ days to the year) at just 18 years, lacking one day.

The front page shows where the 18 years apply. It contains a picture of a bake-oven, apparently lined with fire-brick, and divided into four compartments, in each of which sinners are being baked. Up one side of the picture the ones that got out of purgatory are shown going up to heaven. Through the four windows, or tuyeres, one can see five persons in the flames. They are shown dressed and tearing their hair; so it seems that the flames for some reason do not burn either their clothing or their hair.

Well, after a good many hundreds or thousands of years they get out, one by one. The angels come for them one at a time to take them to heaven. Two men and one woman are shown being escorted up to heaven. The men are the first and the last, with the woman in between. Men angels come for men, and women angels for women. At the top is a picture of two angels acting as a reception committee, and a picture of the deity with the head not shown.

The whole main center of the picture is taken up by a priest in full regalia. He is standing on top of the oven. An altar boy is lifting his skirts while he is holding aloft the glass of wine which, in a few moments, he expects to pour down his neck. The suggestion is made that every dollar he gets which is not spent for wine is divided with the angels that take the souls out of "purgatory"; but it seems as if they would all be in better business if they let the fires go out and did by the poor sinners and the long suffering and badly stung public as they would like to be done by.

In all innocence we showed the foregoing effort to a young Italian clerk, and within a few minutes he handed in the following. Probably he wants us to give it "ecclesiastical approbation"; but nothing doing. The Italians are up to too many tricks already; however, we print it, for what it is worth.

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Our Angels are courteous to the utmost. They know
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ON THIS PAGE

the series of five-minute talks by Judge Rutherford is continued. Misconceptions attached to the word "holy" are clearly pointed out. The importance of this subject cannot be overstated, and a careful study of this and other talks in the series will prove of inestimable benefit to the earnest seeker for the truth. The talks deal with fundamental issues and teachings of the Bible and show the bearing these have upon the people today, and enable them to pursue a wise course in this time of stress.

Holy

THE WORD "holy" has been grossly misused, and thereby many persons have been deceived. "Holy" means that which is complete, pure, without fault, and entirely devoted to righteousness. Jehovah God is the Holy One, because He is complete, pure, without fault, and entirely devoted to righteousness. The Scriptures, at Psalm 99:5, say: 'Worship Jehovah, for he is holy.' (*A.R.V.*) Anything that is out of harmony with Jehovah is unholy.

Satan, the Devil, is the wicked one, is entirely out of harmony with Jehovah God, and is unholy. Everything that is of Satan's organization is unholy. The Scriptures declare that Satan, the Devil, is the invisible ruler of this world and that the world is under his control. (2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:19) "The world" means the organization of the peoples of earth under the supervision of the invisible overlord the Devil. The only way for a person or thing to become holy is to be entirely separate from Satan's organization, or world, and be entirely devoted to God and His kingdom.

The Catholic church organization is ruled by a few men, which body is called the "Catholic hierarchy". There are millions of persons who are subject to that hierarchy but who have nothing to do with ruling the Catholic church organization. Those millions of Catholics desire the truth, but have been kept in darkness by their rulers. My purpose is not to offend anyone who is a Catholic by this statement, but it is to speak the truth from God's Word that others may be informed. No man or company of men has the power to make anything holy by so declaring. The proclamation of the pope declaring 1933 a "holy year" was made without authority; and hence the year was not holy, nor did it bring peace and prosperity to the people, and everyone knows that fact now. The Catholic hierarchy is not holy, for the reason, it is not devoted to God and His kingdom. It participates in the political affairs of this world, and hence is a part of the world, and the friend of the world; and the Scriptures, at James 4:4, say that this world is God's enemy. Therefore, the Catholic organization serves the Devil, and not Jehovah. The pope now acknowledges that his "holy year" proclamation has failed to bring peace and prosperity, and in his alarm he calls upon all the people to pray that Armageddon may be averted. But his prayers in this behalf will also fail, because Jehovah God has declared that the battle of Armageddon shall destroy all worldly organizations to make way for God's holy kingdom under Christ.

No good could result to the people by continuing to support an organization that is out of harmony with God and His kingdom. What the people must now do is to get on the side of Jehovah and His kingdom, regardless of what your religious affiliations may have been. If you would have God's approval and escape the great tribulation of Armageddon and receive the blessings of His kingdom you must devote yourself to Jehovah, which means to be entirely separate from all human organizations. It is written, in 1 Peter 1:16: 'Be ye holy, saith Jehovah, for I am holy.' You cannot be holy unless you separate yourselves from unholy organizations; and this is plainly declared in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. You must study the Bible and find out for yourself what is the right way. Do not follow the teachings of men, because all men are imperfect and their teachings are imperfect, regardless of their good intentions. Follow the teachings of God's Word. Books are now available which show how to study the Bible and how you can inform yourselves and learn what is the right way to go. The failure of the so-called "holy year" ought to be sufficient to open your eyes to the fact that doctrines taught by men cannot be relied upon unless

those doctrines are entirely supported by God's Word. And this you can determine only by gaining a knowledge of the truth as set forth in the Bible. Your self-interest demands that you learn the truth and follow it.

In the kingdom under Christ there will be no rival organizations; because everything must be in harmony with that kingdom, and therefore must be wholly devoted to righteousness. All opposing organizations will be gone and the people will be devoted to God and His righteousness. Then the people will enjoy everlasting peace and unbroken prosperity. Those who then try to do right and render themselves in obedience to God's kingdom will live for ever in peace and happiness. In this time of world distress it is of the greatest importance that you know the truth.

[The eighteen short talks of which the foregoing is one are obtainable in the form of phonograph records which may be used on any phonograph, at the usual rate of 78 revolutions per minute. The set contains nine records. There has been an unusual demand for these instructive talks, and they are being widely used to disseminate Bible truths of special importance to the present generation. The records are made by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, of 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y.]

Unclassified Squibs

Says Mrs. Hoeck, Dietitian

IN SOME healthful countries in Europe, particularly in Switzerland, and in many Asiatic countries, the goat leads as a producer of milk and cheese. The health, the longevity, the mental alertness of these people, is a matter of public knowledge. In one country where goats' milk is the principal food there has not been a case of tuberculosis in one hundred years. It is no wonder that the people of the Old World were so healthy and lived so long. They ate plain foods and drank goats' milk.

In modern America, in the whirl of present-day progress it has been easy to slip away from some of the fundamental practices in the promotion of good health. Eating habits have become disorganized, and with the ever increasing number of new and seemingly tempting dishes has come a proportionate increase in indigestion, stomach ailments and general debility. The tremendous nerve energy demanded by the whirl of industrial, commercial and civic activities is exhausting physical reserve and depleting human energies. Social requirements tax strength to the utmost.

"We Americans are digging our graves with our teeth," a famous physician has said. Also, "Your days are numbered, ere you watch your diet."

Jehovah's witnesses and Dominicans

IN THIS present day Jehovah's witnesses are in the "holy land" or "secret place of the Most High". Woe unto you modern Dominicans if you do follow the example of Dominic who of old wrote against the wretched people of southern France, "We shall rouse against you princes and prelates, who, alas, will arm nations and kingdoms against this land," and if you come up against Jehovah's people to "stamp out" their testimony. However, being part of Satan's organization, your crowd is already engaged in the conspiracy to rouse all nations to battle "against Jerusalem". Your great opportunity will soon be here, no doubt; also your destruction.

Rehabilitation of Families in the South

IN THE Southern states 80,000 families have been given a new start in life, placed in habitable houses, provided with a cow, chickens, tools, seed and other necessities, and some provided with a mule or horse. In Alabama the average outlay per family was only $80; in other states, only $100 or a little more. Heads of families are employed on roads or other projects financed by the government, and it is believed by government officials that the government never spent money to better effect than in giving these ruined families another chance to make a living.

University of Pittsburgh

THE University of Pittsburgh may possibly lose its annual state subsidy of $594,000 for its act in dismissing Dr. Ralph E. Turner, liberal professor of history at the university, supposedly to please the Mellon plutocracy.

Notes on Goat Milk *By Mrs. F. L. Hoeck, Dietitian*

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Society, the official organization of 100,000 physicians in the United States, under the heading "Dietetics and Hygiene", says:

The goat is the healthiest domestic animal known. Goat milk is superior in every way to cow's milk. Goat milk is the ideal food for babies, convalescents and invalids, especially those with weakened digestive powers. Goat milk is the purest, most healthful and most complete food known.

In the beginning, since earliest times, the goat has functioned continuously as the producer of nature's finest and most nearly perfect food for man. Biblical history is replete with tales of ancient people and their dependency upon the goat for sustenance. One fine reference is made in Proverbs 27 : 27 : "Thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens."

The physical evidence of years, manifested in these peoples relying upon the goat for milk, is more substantiated by our modern scientists and physicians.

How easy it is to keep your internal machine in good condition and to feel fit and fine, through use of pure goats' milk—nature's most easily digested food, with alkaline reaction on the stomach, which heals! Goat milk contains chlorine, a purifier for the system, and in every drop is potassium, which has greatest affinity for oxygen, to pep up life to the limit. It is rich in iron, but not too rich in butterfat; and contains more vitamins than any other food known.

Goat milk is (1) alkaline in reaction, (2) rich in mineral salts, (3) digested in twenty minutes, and (4) a laxative.

Goat milk is ideal for anemia, nervousness, loss of weight, run-down condition, constipation, tuberculosis, ulcerated stomach, nervous indigestion, babies, pernicious anemia.

WHY GOATS' MILK IS NATURE'S IDEAL FOOD FOR OLD AND YOUNG, SICK AND WELL

DIGESTIBILITY

Goats' milk digests in twenty minutes, whereas it takes cows' milk from two to three hours. Goat milk is destined by nature to nourish a little kid that weighs at birth 6 pounds, which is the average weight of a human baby. Cow's milk is destined to nourish a calf that weighs 45 pounds at birth. The fat globules in goat milk are in more perfect emulsion and do not rise as rapidly as cream in cows' milk, and so goat milk digests in twenty minutes.

BUTTERFAT

Contrary to general belief, goats' milk is not richer in butterfat than cows' milk, but it is richer in the vital mineral salts that are necessary to life. The butterfat test of a herd is just 3.5, which is city ordinance requirements for Grade A milk.

STOMACH REACTION

Goats' milk has an alkaline reaction on the stomach, whereas cows' milk has an acid reaction. Goats' milk contains much magnesium (the digestive chemical), which is the same mineral used in milk of magnesia, the principal medicine for stomach disorders.

VITAMINS

Goats' milk contains more vitamins than any other food known.

THE STORY IN A NUTSHELL!

So it is no wonder that goats' milk is recognized by the world's greatest physicians and dietitians. It is so easy to digest; will heal poor ulcerated stomachs with its alkaline reaction. It contains calcium, the bone builder; silicon, the immunizer against tuberculosis; fluorin, the protector; and chlorin, the perfect germicide. In every drop of goats' milk is a little oxygen tank in the form of potassium, to pep up life. The iron content builds up red blood corpuscles; and goats' milk contains more vitamins than any other food known, and is a laxative.

IT'S DIFFERENT!

If you went to your druggist and asked him what tonic or bitter he could furnish you in form of herbs, he would most likely tell you he had sassafras, burdock, dandelion, yarrow, dock, elder, blackberry, etc. Leaves, barks and various kinds of herbs are the things goats crave, and this is one reason there is so much medicinal value in goats' milk. It is needless to say that milk of any animal is produced from the food it eats; and since goats prefer to eat these leaves and herbs, it is reasonable to suppose that the dairy goat furnishes all these in correct proportion for the human system, done up in one package in the form of goats' milk.

Diabetes *By William Held, M.D. (Illinois)*

[Reprinted from *Western Medical Times*]

NO, SIR, I am not going to contribute another long article to the countless treatises of insulin that have crowded upon one another. I wish to dispose of that item of my remarks by pointing out that we are witnessing now a sort of reaction, a period of readjustment during which the unduly hopeful diabetic realizes that insulin (as Banting stated from the start) is not a curative substance; that its successful administration can only serve to decrease the sugar percentage of the blood and increase the sugar tolerance; in other words, that administration of insulin does in no way coax the patient's pancreas to resume its sugar-splitting work, but that insulin does the splitting *for* the malfunctioning pancreas. Therefore it is not a cure. Moreover, the administration of insulin (which, by the way, was known years before Banting made its application practical—see Stedman's *Med. Dictionary* 1916) has its drawbacks, as, for instance, the necessity of frequent blood analysis to prevent overdoses, which by depriving the blood of its normal sugar contents would be fatal, and the fact that administration requires hypodermic injections several times a day, needle work which naturally has its limitations. The surgeon general at Madras (as well as many others) called attention to the dangers of insulin administration and pleads for scientific application. While all medication should be scientific, yet most remedies do not require so great precaution at the penalty of so dire results. During the time elapsed between the work of Langerhans (the pioneer of insulin research) and Banting, little practical work has been done. It seems that research men are determined not to permit such long lapse of inactivity to be repeated, as indicated by the fact that a long list of substances destined to replace insulin have already been isolated from vegetables, fish, yeast and glands.

The tendency of today, forced upon us by observation of clinical evidence, is to regard failure of a single gland to supply its specific ferments as only indicating that the entire glandular system is involved. The soundness of this opinion is very apparent when we remember the inter- and co-relationship existing between the individual members of the glandular chain, and, further, by the observation of certain phenomena which I shall mention directly.

Conditions like goitre, cretinism and myxedema, for instance, cause us to think of the thyroid, diabetes of the pancreas, impotence of the sex glands, and so on. In directing our attention to the specific glands, the functions of which in our mind are intimately related with the symptomatology of these patients, we are still only thinking of the most *prominently* affected, and not necessarily of the *solely* responsible gland.

Failure of a member of the glandular family causes disruption or participation in the disturbance of the entire family. Mayo, of Rochester, recently (in St. Louis) spoke of a chemical which he thought would replace thyroid deficiency to the end that youthful appearance of the aged might be retained.

This merely means that such chemical would possess the characteristic to supply elements which could enable the crippled thyroid (deprived of these elements) to resume normal function or to supply the system with chemical elements replacing the missing thyroid substances.

We must be prepared to have old and ingrained opinions and maxims which we imbibed in our college days rudely shaken. But we shall be repaid by seeing in the place of antiquated theories not only newer but demonstrable facts installed.

To return to our subject of diabetes. The hypo-function of the pancreas is universally accepted as the cause of diabetes. This contention has been arrived at by virtue of chemical and physiological experiments, extirpation and transplantation in dogs, and by supplying the specific sugar-splitting ferments of the pancreas (from islands of Langerhans) to diabetics. Having thereby increased the sugar tolerance and decreased the glycosuria, the etiology on the side of the pancreas was strengthened.

Doubtless the pancreas, in developed cases of diabetes, is the gland at fault, but there is evidence to the effect that the pancreas is not the *chief* offender, stamping it only an "accessory to the fact". If it is true that the pancreas, or any gland which shows unmistakable signs of guilt, is only the brunt-bearer of other glands' offenses of omission (failure to secrete properly), then we ought to be able to "get at the pancreas" via such other glands. In other words, we ought to strike at other glands and mean the pancreas.

Lauta in Minerva Medicale reports the use of a serum prepared from pituitary substance, which when administered to diabetics proved successful in forty percent of treated cases to reduce sugar percentage and increase sugar tolerance.

In similar manner I have treated diabetics with glandular elements which were combined on the basis of such patients' history and *without* the use of pancreas substance. The idea was to "hit at faulty glands" which in turn were to affect the pancreas. To the combination of gland substances (arrived at by carefully noting symptoms indicating which gland was hypo-functioning) ordinary yeast was added. In one case administration was per mouth. A urinalysis was made once a week, the patient herself going to a different laboratory each time. Each analysis showed a decreased glycosuria over the preceding week. During the four weeks of treatment, capsules were given three times per day and the diet regulated. After one month's treatment the urine was sugar free, treatment was discontinued, and ordinary diet permitted. Ten weeks later, without any treatment, a urinalysis showed sugar free. I am well aware of the objections to which this result is open, that this was a case of glycosuria without pancreatic involvement.

I forego to cite detailed symptoms of this case which entitle me to consider it one of genuine diabetes, and will, instead, rest my case on the results obtained in the treatment of another case to be cited. Remember that my contention is that readjustment of glandular harmony, detoxication, establishment of lost rhythm, will involve even such glands whose specific elements are not a part of the administered gland substances and that failure of one results in disharmony of other glands. The next case was that of a chronic diabetic, a man whom I have known for many years. This patient had first a toe and later the entire leg amputated. (Diabetic gangrene.) This patient for years had a urinalysis made once a day, which never failed to show the sugar contents, which the patient, by diet, attempted to hold low.

Taking a careful survey of all the symptoms aside from those characteristic of diabetes, the indicated glandular material was prepared, using fresh glands and subjecting the same to a fermentation process. This material was placed in a large gelatine capsule, such as used by veterinarians, and was inserted into the rectum before retiring at night. The urinalysis next day revealed a sugar-free urine. True, the sugar was again evident the following day, still the results suggest that the treatment sufficed, temporarily at least, to stimulate faulty glands or to split sugar, no doubt due to ferments which were either set free in the patient's economy or were supplied by the substances administered.

Comparison of results obtained and the absolute harmlessness of the procedure with more drastic methods, invites more attention to "nonspecific" glandular therapy in diabetes and other conditions.

Such and similar experience tends to make us skeptical as to the sole responsibility of the pancreas as *the* etiological factor in diabetes. I lean to the opinion that future events will prove that the pancreas is merely one of the links in a chain of implicated glands. I am not prepared to say that the pancreas is the primary cause; it may well be the most prominent or conspicuous member of the glandular system *after* having been drawn into the vicious cycle of glandular upheaval.

Having been intimately connected with this work I am well aware that some of the ideas expounded here will shock some of my staid brother practitioners, but this will not greatly chagrin me. I remember the words of Abderhalden, whom I am proud to count amongst my instructors, who said, with reference to the attitude of skeptics and antagonists: "This must not deter one to attack the most daring problems."

The idea of ascribing minor importance to the pancreas in diabetes appears less startling and iconoclastic when we consider that even the time-honored etiology of Graves' disease has been attacked by Dr. Liek of Danzig.

The deeply rooted belief that the thyroid is *the* gland at fault in Graves' disease is being shaken by Liek's investigation. He says: "There is no disturbance of the thyroid, but rather a disturbance of the entire endocrine system, including the central nervous system." From all this it appears that, as said before, disharmony of any gland may constitute the primary cause which later involves other members. The chief cause of glandular sluggishness is doubtless toxic infiltration. The toxic etiology of goitre has been mentioned by many authors.

With the toxic etiology in mind we can easily understand why therapy directed to glands re-

mote from the seat of a prominently pathologically affected gland, and administration of non-specific glandular material, has given good results. The answer is in the detoxination of the blood, the freeing of the glandular tissue from the grip of toxins which prevent their normal function.

That glandular disharmony produces autointoxication of the entire system, ranging in effect from discomfort to death, needs no renewed proof. All know the result of renal, hepatic, ovarian, gastric, prostatic and other glandular disfunctioning. And that detoxination affords the means to revive the sluggish glands has been established beyond cavil by the work of many investigators and has been testified to by countless observing physicians. There is voluminous literature accumulating substantiating the soundness of my contention, namely, that diabetes is not dependent solely upon the impairment of the pancreas.

Roubitschek (*Klin. Wchsnchr.* June, 1923) speaks of three types of diabetes, pancreatic sclerosis, pituitary and renal type, and states that "diabetes is not simply a disturbance of carbohydrate metabolism, but a localized disease of the endocrine glands".

This coincides with my statement that the pancreas is the registering apparatus which proclaims the sins of omission of the other members of the endocrine system.

E. J. Kraus (*Klin. Wchsnchr.* Aug., 1923) also states that he found "changes of varying degrees in all the endocrine organs in diabetes".

E. Freund (*Wiener Klin. Wchsnchr.* July, 1923) says in part: " . . . it is at least interesting that the vasomotor effect alone is capable of explaining many of the phenomena of diabetes. Another instructive example exists in the effects of the various endocrine glands. The pituitary, thyroid and adrenal glands are classified (Eppinger) as vasodilators in diabetes, the pancreas and parathyroid as constrictors, arresting diabetes. While constrictive when first administered, adrenalin after a time becomes vasodilative."

The teaching of these and similar findings is that, to use the expression of McCann, Hannon and Dodd (Johns Hopkins Hospital, July, 1923), "Insulin is pronounced in no sense a cure for diabetes, and it is highly important that other methods of influencing the disease favorably should not be neglected."

With the principle of toxin-stifled glands in mind we are relieved of a good deal of guessing, incident to results obtained in the treatment of various afflictions, results for which we had no other plausible explanation. Only upon the detoxination theory, it appears, can we understand why, for instance, malaria infection cured paresis, why anti-epileptic serum has cured epilepsy, why milk injections proved an effective galactogogue, and why the entire glandular system often responds to the administration of a single substance. It appears that in the poison, particularly cholin-splitting and ousting effect of certain preparations, is the answer.

A Delicious Whole-Wheat Bread

By Mrs. J. H. Martin (Pennsylvania)

AFTER many years of experimentation I have developed a formula for making whole-wheat bread that not only is delicious, but ranks very high as a nutritious article of food. The ingredients and directions for making are as follows:

Dissolve one cake yeast in two quarts warm water, add four heaping tablespoons brown sugar and stir in sufficient unbleached white flour to bring to the consistency of pancake batter. Let stand in a warm place for two hours. Then pour mixture into dough-tray, or other receptacle, containing three quarts warm whole grain wheat flour and, with hands greased, knead, adding sufficient unbleached white flour to bring to a consistency where the dough will almost stick to the hands. This is very important. Care must be taken not to have the dough too stiff. Let stand for about four hours; then form into loaves and let stand for one hour, and bake in oven at 400 degrees. This will make two dozen muffins and three medium-sized loaves.

Exercises After Operations

KUMBAROVSKY, a prominent Soviet surgeon, claims to have accomplished excellent results for his patients by insisting that shortly after operations they take mild exercises, such as walking around. He claims that long periods of enforced idleness cause internal organs to function improperly.

The Financial Guides

CITING where the house of Morgan & Co. (the same Morgan that paid no income tax) made $68,000,000 profit in sixty days, and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. made $5,500,000 profit for "services" rendered the Pennroad corporation, the Senate investigation committee says of investment bankers generally that they "failed to check adequately the information furnished by foreign officials; ignored bad debt records and bad moral risks; disregarded political disturbances and upheavals; failed to examine, or examined only perfunctorily, economic conditions in foreign countries; failed to determine whether the proposed uses of the proceeds of the loan issues were genuinely constructive; failed to ascertain whether the proceeds of loan issues were applied toward the purposes specified in the loan contracts; failed to ascertain whether revenues pledged for the service of loans were collected and properly deposited in accordance with the agreements; and generally indulged in practices of doubtful propriety in the promotion of foreign loans and in the sale of foreign securities to the American public". In other words, our greatest and biggest and best and wisest and most patriotic bankers took the American people by the heels and swung them in a circle until every nickel they could get had been detached from their trousers, and then they threw what was left on the ash pile. And having done this to the common people, the Allies for whom they made such great sacrifices in the World War welched on the payment of anything they ever borrowed from those same common people, and denounced those same common people as Shylocks demanding their pound of flesh. And they did this in a year of famine. And when they did it, and boasted of it in their Parliament, their statesmen cheered as only statesmen of the Devil can cheer when they see their father's will done on earth.

Irish Boys Get $427,000

ABOUT a dozen Irish boys, or young men 25 to 30 years of age, took $427,000 from an armored truck in Brooklyn as easily as a grown man could take a stick of candy from a baby. All were dressed in butchers' aprons, except one poor old peddler with a push cart, who turned out to be a machine-gun expert. The boys left $100,000 and one machine gun behind them, but got away with the biggest cash haul on record. Nobody was hurt.

The Wallkill Country Club

NEW YORK state maintains at Wallkill, New York, an institution popularly referred to by convicts as the "Country Club". This is a prison where men who have committed robbery on a huge scale can rest quietly without having to be brought in contact with the 'common, low-down' thieves that have stolen only a little. It is quite an idea. One gentleman confined there used $2,000,000 of a bank's funds; why send such a man to a common prison? Another stole $200,000 while treasurer of a county; another, $60,000 while treasurer of another county. The prisoners in what might be called "New York Prison First Preferred" have small rooms instead of cells, the citizens do enough work on the prison farm to work up an appetite, the number of guards is small, and everything possible is done to avoid a prison atmosphere. It is well known that in "purgatory" the same wrinkle is worked; the man who left plenty behind him, to be used in saying mass for the "repose of his soul", does not need to get the same amount of hot charcoal down his neck as the miserable wretch who left nothing for the priest. All of which brings us back to the homely aphorism of Bill Nye (or was it Josh Billings?), "Them as has gits."

Big Business Keeps the Faith

SOME suspicious people seem to think that Big Business never keeps the faith, but in the munitions hearings at Washington it was brought out that when the president had placed an embargo on arms shipments to Bolivia and Paraguay, the leading munitions firm of the country did keep the faith; for, instead of filling the order direct, it sent the order to its British branch to be filled. Now, if that isn't high principle, what is it? The same concern in one year during the World War declared a 100-percent dividend on its stock.

The Real Enemies of Society

SAYS the Sioux City *Journal:* "The real enemies of society are not found in the underworld. They are found in high places—what Theodore Roosevelt called 'the malefactors of great wealth' and what Washington Gladden called 'a race of plunderers more cunning and more powerful than ever before appeared in history, with great lawyers to aid them in their predatory schemes'."

Texas County Dominies See It Coming

IT IS a matter of common knowledge that the world is in its present condition because it has been mistaught. Big Business has taught that all the assets of the world should be put in its maw, and the common people held down to a bare subsistence. Only now is it discovering that the common people have no jobs, and when they have no jobs they have no wages, and when they have no wages they can buy nothing, and when they can buy nothing there is no business for anybody, big or little.

Big politicians have taught that by the route of battleships, bombing planes, torpedoes, tanks, flame throwers and poison gas, as well as cannons and machine guns, it is their duty to do the will of Big Business, regardless of what happens to anybody who gets in the way. Only now are they beginning to learn that when there is a big war, the side that wins the war loses its best customers, at home and abroad.

Big preachers have always taught that the governments of this world, including Japan, are parts of Christ's kingdom, and constitute the "higher powers" to which all should be subject. They therefore fall in line with every act of Big Business and big politicians, bless it, and do their best to sell it to the common people as a substitute for the kingdom which Jesus taught His disciples to pray for, 'Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth.'

Meantime a few people who have their eyes open, Jehovah's witnesses, continue to bear testimony to the truths of the Bible, that all present governments are part and parcel of Satan's empire, the same that he showed to Jesus, and which Jesus spurned when offered to Him. They bear testimony to God's purpose to replace all these institutions of men with a new and better organization of things at the hands of Him who testified, "I make all things new."

We are now living in the day when the shift from the old organization to the new is taking place. As the work progresses, the Scriptures show, some will discern the change of dispensation sooner than others, and among these there will be representatives of the clergy. Notice Zechariah 13:4, 5:

"And it shall some to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive: but he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle."

Something like this is taking place in Texas county, Oklahoma. One minister wrote to one of Jehovah's witnesses, asking him to look after his affairs if anything should happen to him; another resigned, ostensibly for a rest, and that in a business which consists in resting for a week at a time, with only a few minutes of work on Sundays. Still another resigned stating that he was going on a farm. Wise man.

Reverend R. L. Wells is not as wise. In a lengthy article in the *Texas County News* he wants the county put on a war basis, with the same old gang in control that has always been in control, and that is responsible for getting the country into its present predicament. The common people would be dressed in overalls, and all under 50 put under military rule.

Obviously, when such a plan goes into operation, the best place in it would be reserved for the Reverend Wells. No overalls and alarm clock for him. Not *yet*. But it will do him little good to think of the conditions of 1917-1918, when the preachers were using their churches as recruiting stations and hounding the young men out to kill one another, and when they were most honored and admired of men. They have had their day, and the wise ones are breaking for the long grass, while they can.

All Wrong to Make Sling Shots

MOST boys know how to make sling shots. All they need is the fork of a limb, two rubber bands, a little fish cord, and a small piece of leather. Thereafter birds, cats, dogs and window panes are more or less unsafe. Three little chaps in Kentucky had some of the materials for a sling shot. They needed the fork of a limb, and climbed a tree to get it. The tree was on the premises of the presiding elder of the Danville district of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The presiding elder fired at the boys, and they started to run. He called to them to stop. They kept running, and he fired twice more. The last time he fired the bullet entered the brain of twelve-year-old Mitchell Bailey and the poor little colored boy will never see again, though he still lives, more is the pity. A presiding elder is a "character-builder" on a big scale, and even a small-sized, one-horse character-builder knows that a little twelve-year-old colored boy ought not to make sling shots; and, besides, why have a gun if you never use it?

Friendly Home Visits with the Editor

(Reprinted from *The Graphic*, Kirksville, Mo.)

LAST Sunday afternoon we had an interesting experience. Having heard Judge Rutherford, whose announcements have been carried in *The Graphic* for years, by radio we were familiar with his work. But we wondered just what sort of folks could be found in an assemblage of "Jehovah's witnesses". So along about 2:30 we dropped in at 214 N. Franklin. A pleasant room with pictures on the wall, soft lights, a piano, comfortable chairs.

There was a small group, mostly women. A couple of workingmen, but the appearance of the average church-going crowd. Mrs. Agnes Wilcox, local representative for Judge Rutherford, introduced us to a tall, distinguished-appearing man with gray hair and a youthful face who told us that his home is in Saginaw, Mich., but that at present he is in Green City, from which point he is carrying on work for the man we were about to hear. "Brother Thompson is the name," he said.

Brother Thompson delivered a short set speech, evidently memorized. It explained that on July 30, 1933, Judge Rutherford had delivered an address in Plainfield, N. J., before 1,800 persons in defense of 56 of "Jehovah's witnesses" who had been thrown into jail for "speaking the truth" and distributing reading matter concerning Rutherford's work. The city was seething with excitement, and the theater was filled with armed policemen.

The introduction concluded, here came the voice of Judge Rutherford by electrical transcription. It filled the room, and one needed little imagination to visualize the scene. There was no passion, and little denunciation; rather the scholarly presentation of an able jurist summing up the evidence. Judge Rutherford was not molested, and the accused were released.

The room was quiet, the listeners attentive. Lulled by the steady flow of language, by warmth and quietness, a workingman nodded in his chair. But we have seen many a tired man sleep in church. At the lecture's close it was announced there would be a study period and all who desired might stay. Most of the audience did so. The service concluded with a hymn, a short prayer, and the announcement of services and a lecture by Judge Rutherford next Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

It was interesting to learn that this remarkable man, Joseph Rutherford, was born and reared in Boonville, Mo., practiced law and was elected to a judgeship in St. Louis, and gave up his important and lucrative position to carry on this work in which he is still engaged. His home now is in New York. The followers of Judge Rutherford believe that they are "Jehovah's witnesses" as set forth in the Scriptures, that we are living in the "last days" and that the present condition of the world and the World War is the work of his satanic majesty, the Devil. Most of us can agree with that. We were told that Rutherford's talks had been barred from the air in some foreign countries but were given by electrical transcription as they were here. An attempt is being made to bar Rutherford's talks by radio in this country; something we do not approve. Nor did we approve the efforts made to bar the militant Father Coughlin. Let us have free speech.

There is nothing of the fanatic about Kirksville followers of Judge Rutherford who style themselves "Jehovah's witnesses". They impressed us as being sincere, earnest people, and whether one agrees with them or not it is an interesting experience to attend one of the meetings. And most unusual: There is no collection.

Nova Scotia Clergyman Goes Straight

A CLERGYMAN of Debert, Nova Scotia, went straight recently. When found, he was bent a little, but not seriously. As soon as he decided to reform he lit out for New Brunswick, changed his name, and got work as a farm hand. An old pair of his trousers were found on a beach, and memorial services were held for him in the Baptist church of which he had been pastor for three years. When the police located him he lied at first, not wishing to disclose his real identity, but finally admitted that he had been a preacher, but insisted he was now leading an honest life. The prophet foresaw cases of this kind when he wrote: "But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth." (Zechariah 13:5) The fib which he told when located is explained on the ground that it is hard to break away from old habits long practiced in the pulpit. The man is now in a business where he is not apt to further dishonor God's name, and unless wanted back in Debert for some statutory crime he should be let alone.

All Making the Same Kind of Submarines

THOSE who fear another world war may take heart. There is real brotherliness among all the principal armament-making nations; they are all using the same plans and specifications for making their submarines. The Electric Boat Company made the plans and the Vickers Armstrong Company made the submarines for Britain, Canada, Ireland and India; the Boat Company itself had a corner on business with the United States and Cuba; the Vickers Company passed the plans directly to Japanese, Dutch, Australian and Spanish munitions concerns; also German and Italian. What a comfort it will be, if war breaks out between these recent brothers in arms, for them to know when they are sent to the bottom that the plans were all alike, and everybody who could pay the price could get them! Various munitions firms in Europe paid the Electric Boat Company £800,000 in royalties for the privilege of using its plans.

Legislation by Typewriter

HENRY S. BRECKENRIDGE, assistant secretary of war in the Wilson administration, is unconvinced of the present millennium on the Potomac. He says:

"They have ground out more pages of rules, regulations, edicts, interpretations, pronouncements, than in all the statute books of all the Congresses from the time of the birth of the nation up to the beginning of this administration. They all have the power of law, and the maze and the pile of them has become so great that no lawyer can find his way among them and know what they mean. The one tangible result has been the discharge of many old civil service employees in the name of economy, and their replacement by a new and greater army of officials without the traditional requirements of civil service. This army is prying into everybody's business, meddling in every conceivable detail of our lives, and changing their policies so fast that by the time you think you know what they want you find that they want something else."

Price Raising Brings Results

THE effort to raise prices seems to be bringing results: in May, 1933, the average cost of relief per family was $16; in October of the same year it was $19; now it is $23. Five million families are expected to be on the relief rolls by February, 1935. The effects of the drought are being felt; this winter will be one of the hardest in American history.

West Virginia Makes a Record

WEST VIRGINIA has made a record. It seems that in that state the government distributed $110,926 in wheat, tobacco and corn-hog adjustments, and to accomplish this adjustment required a government expense of $60,919. New Jersey's record was still greater. There it cost the politicians $72,845 to distribute $8,915. Rhode Island was the only state to make a perfect record. In that state the expense of distribution was $12,233, and not one cent went to the farmers. Rhode Island is a very religious state. In that state the Roman Catholic bishop forced Judge Rutherford off the air, from two radio stations, and died suddenly from no known cause while he was yet relatively a young man.

Schall's Charges of Censorship

IN HIS open letter to the president, Senator Schall, of Minnesota, said of a so-called press censorship bill, which he claimed was introduced at the request of the executive, that by its terms the administration could have sent to prison for ten years a publisher not approved, and added: "Every government department under you is now cloaked in censorship. Almost every bill that has been forced through Congress by you has been in itself a little censorship, a little dictatorship, either giving blanket powers to you or to some of your left- or right-hand bowers."

$10 for Each Slugging or Killing

REPORTS from Chicago are that union prices for slugging and killing are $10; at least that is what one paymaster for such work reported. He admitted handling $400 in this manner. One of the $10 jobs resulted in a death. While the industry was going on 400 passengers on the Chicago Motor Coach Company line were injured by employees of the slugging corporation, which, in this instance, was an alleged labor union.

Placement of Disabled Veterans on Homesteads

THE government contemplates placing 10,000 disabled veterans of the World War on homesteads of three to five acres, in homes that will cost $2,500 and may be amortized at $15 per month, paying out in 15 years. The men will be carefully selected; they are all skilled artisans, disabled but competent to earn a living; unemployed but willing to work.

Dictators Use Brute Force

SAYS Senator William E. Borah:

"No one knows better than labor that in all these schemes of absolute government, of arbitrary power, such as fascism, Nazism, or communism, the soul of labor has been tortured, murdered, and that only enslaved, brute force remains—that back of all arbitrary governments are hunger and peonage for the average man and woman—that behind all Hitler's coveting power and promising freer days stands a Thyssen with his monopolistic schemes forging shackles for the toiler. There is no exception to the rule, and never has been, and, if we are to judge the future by the past, never will be, that when constitutional government has been destroyed and liberty has been denied or forfeited, labor becomes the victim of ambition on the one hand and the prey of greed on the other."

How a Prisoner Earned Parole

IT USUALLY costs $1,500 to paint the inside of the dome of the Allegheny County (Penn.) prison. A prisoner did the job in three days, rigging up a sliding chair on two iron rods and having other prisoners pull him from point to point. As a reward he was given a parole. Two days later, in Bridgeport, Conn., a man out on parole asked to be recommitted to prison because he could not find work and did not wish to steal.

New York the Rendezvous for Thieves

NEW YORK has become the rendezvous for thieves, and they seem to be able to do about anything here that they please. Imagine the nerve of a young man entering the cashier's office of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, at Grand Central station, taking to himself $11,000 in small bills and making his escape without leaving a trace. The young man was slightly nervous, for in his haste he overlooked another stack of $12,000.

The Laws of the NRA

REFERRING to the New Deal, in merely one department, a report of the American Bar Association says: "One Federal administrative agency alone, the NRA, has been responsible for 10,000 or more pages of pronouncements, supposedly having the effect of law, in the period of one year, a total which greatly exceeds the volume of all Federal statutes now in effect (the Federal code contains 2,735 double-column pages)."

Mooney Denied Sight of Mother

TOM MOONEY'S mother died in September, but, although the funeral cortège crossed to San Quentin to give Tom a chance to see it, he was kept in the kitchen and denied the privilege. Some might consider this small; but in this day civilization has descended to such unspeakable depths that nothing is small, nothing is mean, nothing is contemptible, nothing is unspeakable. Tom asked that his mother be buried as near the prison as possible, which was seven miles away, and, as there did not seem to be any way in which his request could be refused, it was done.

New Lawmaking Body in Illinois

A NEW lawmaking body has blossomed out in West Frankfort, Illinois. The Socialists claim that the chief of police of that little burg told them: "You can see the mayor, and the state's attorney and the sheriff, and if they give you a permit I'll stay at home; but you see the undertaker before the meeting, because you'll never make no more speeches." It is regrettable that this new and supremely powerful "lawmaking body" in West Frankfort uses poor grammar; but Fascist officials are like that.

Fascism Breaks Out in Georgia

IN GEORGIA, in September, 126 men and women, pickets in a textile strike, were arrested without warrants, and without trial and without counsel were herded into concentration camps with only the most primitive sanitary conveniences; their whereabouts were kept secret from their families, their lawyers and the press, and they were searched without warrant. National Guardsmen of the State of Georgia were used in these illegal arrests, made under orders of Georgia's Fascist governor.

Want an American Siberia

THE California Convention of the American Legion is said to have considered proposals for an American Siberia (in Alaska); to have wanted deportation proceedings transferred from the Department of Labor to the Department of Justice, and to wish 'treason in the second degree' made punishable by imprisonment up to 100 years. In this last proposition treason is defined as 'doctrine inimical to the state'.

The Townsend Plan

THE Townsend plan for straightening out the difficulties of civilization, and particularly the United States, was started by an elderly physician of Long Beach, Calif., and has now spread to forty-seven states. It is said to have collected more than two million signatures from persons who are willing to support it. The plan provides for the payment of $200 a month to all persons over 60, which amount must be spent within thirty days. The system is intended to be financed by a sales tax. This scheme, it is estimated, would take eight million persons out of jobs and make room for unemployed persons of younger years, as well as adding $2,000,000,000 a month to the country's purchasing power. Sinclair's proposal to pay $50 a month to persons over sixty was not included in the state platform of the party backing him.

Norris Dam in Tennessee

NORRIS dam, in Tennessee, when completed, will form a lake with 800 miles of shore line. Some 2,000 families with homes in the lake area will have to be moved elsewhere; also, about 5,000 graves. It is intended to make similar dams in the Tennessee river watershed area, which includes portions of seven states. More than 11,000 men and women are working in the Tennessee valley for what is called the TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority), and 10,000 more are to be employed. Nine cooperatives have been launched, financed with government funds: fruit, berry and vegetable canning, seed potato cultivation, flour grinding, dairying, woodworking and handicraft textiles are the leading activities. All this is socialism, and nobody is seriously worried about it, or needs to be.

Beck Tired of Being a Rubber Stamp

REPRESENTATIVE JAMES M. BECK, of Pennsylvania, one of the ablest members in the House, says:

"I am retiring from Congress because it has largely ceased to be a deliberative body. The present Congress has not only unlawfully delegated to the president its chief legislative powers, but in respect to the more important emergency legislation it has denied to the minority any adequate opportunity to debate public questions or even to offer an amendment to proposed legislation. Under present conditions, Congress is merely a rubber stamp for the executive, and to be one four-hundredth part of a rubber stamp no longer appeals to me."

Federal Reserve System

A MILD gentleman in Texas, known as "Cyclone Davis", writes as follows in *The Ferguson Forum,* Austin, Texas:

"One of the charges that our fathers made against King George was that he had 'erected a multitude of new offices and sent swarms of officers to harass the people and eat up their substance'. Exactly so with these financial freebooters. They filled our land with corporation officers drawing salaries from ten to two hundred thousands a year. There are seven railroad robbers in New York that draw a combined salary of over six hundred thousand a year. Yet they go to Congress and get billions of the people's money to replenish the roads they have robbed and made bankrupt. There are at least five hundred Big Business buccaneers at the head of big banks and corporations that tax the people to pay an annual salary larger than the president of our country. There are a thousand officers uncontrolled by law, limited only by their inordinate greed, that draw more salary than a member of our Federal supreme court. These millionaire marauders are indeed our masters. Congress is either unwilling or unable to take us from under their despotic control."

The New Deal According to Schall

ACCORDING to Senator Schall, of Minnesota, "the farmers of the South were compelled to plow under ten million acres of cotton, for which they were paid. The money thus collected from the government, part of it, at least, was spent for fertilizer, which resulted in raising more cotton than was destroyed. While thousands of people are standing in the bread line, hungry and ill-clothed, we have killed six million pigs and destroyed crops in an effort to raise the price of products. Just how a man who is unable to buy a dozen eggs at 20 cents will be able to buy them when they are raised to 40c a dozen is not clear to the average mind. It is part of the inscrutable wisdom of the New Deal and can be understood only by the brain trust."

Disfranchisement Under Way

DISFRANCHISEMENT propaganda is under way. Twelve states are talking of disfranchising the common people that are on relief because they can no longer pay the interest on the bonds of the robbers that have grabbed the country. The leading newspaper of Chicago (millionaire-owned) has taken up the cudgels on behalf of the millionaires and against the people, as is to be expected.

Government Still Able to Borrow

THE government is still able to borrow what it needs. Late in August $75,000,000 in 182-day treasury bills were oversubscribed five times, and yet the interest paid to the investors comes to only 0.22 percent per annum. Some bankers are now admitting that currency inflation is for the public good and that it is inevitably coming. One of them is alleged to have said recently, to Howard Vincent O'Brien, of the Chicago *Daily News:* "I don't see how we can maintain the present debt structure and at the same time make it possible for people to consume the goods for whose manufacture the debts were incurred. To put it briefly, the farmer can't buy new plows and pay his mortgage too; and the government can't support the unemployed by borrowing from the workers." Senator Schall, republican, of Minnesota, declares that inflation has already begun, and new greenbacks to the amount of $150,000,000 have already left the government printing presses and are finding their way into circulation.

Governments Sell Death

UNDER the heading "Governments Sell Death", William Floyd, editor of *The Arbitrator,* says:

The government of the United States sent army and navy officers to South America to boost the business of selling munitions. . . . During the war the United States government permitted the Whitehead Company of Fiume, then under the Austro-Hungarian flag, to obtain American submarine patents, thus enabling Germany to perfect its U-boats that preyed on American shipping . . . the Navy Department lent Commander Strong to Colombia in order to prepare that country for defense against Peru and boom sales of American munitions . . . The United States War and Navy departments did all they could to enable the Driggs Company to sell anti-aircraft material to Turkey, sending the cruiser Raleigh to Istanbul to demonstrate the effectiveness of American guns. . . . It has been estimated that there was a profit of $10,000 for someone for every soldier killed in the World War.

Hardware on the Decline

A DISILLUSIONED and forgotten man, giving his address as Box 125, Kenosha, Wis., is eager to swap his Croix de Guerre, distinguished service cross, purple heart and two Mexican border service medals for a steady job. If you want hardware for your manly breast, now is your chance.

Taxation

(With apologies to Denver *Post*)

Tax the people, tax with care,
To help the multimillionaire.
Tax the farmer, tax his fowl,
Tax the dog and tax his howl;
Tax his hen and tax her egg,
And let the bloomin' mudsill beg.
Tax his pig and tax his squeal;
Tax his boots run down at heel.
Tax his horses, tax his lands;
Tax the blisters on his hands.
Tax his plow, and tax his clothes;
Tax the rag that wipes his nose.
Tax his house and tax his bed;
Tax the bald spot on his head.
Tax the ox and tax the ass,
Tax his "Henry", tax the gas;
Tax the road that he must pass,
And make him travel o'er the grass.
Tax his cow and tax the calf;
Tax him if he dares to laugh.
He is but a common man; so
Tax the cuss, just all you can.
Tax his bread and tax his meat;
Tax the shoes clear off his feet.
Tax the payroll, tax the sale,
Tax his hard-earned paper kale;
Tax his pipe and tax his smoke,
Teach him government's no joke.
Tax their coffins, tax their shrouds;
Tax their souls beyond the clouds.
Tax all business, tax the shop;
Tax their incomes, tax their stocks;
Tax the water, tax the air,
Tax the sunlight, if you dare.
Tax them all and tax them well;
Tax them to the gates of hell.
But close your eyes, so you can't see
The coupon clipper go tax free!

Managed Economy Does Not Work

MUSSOLINI has freely admitted in a lengthy public address that a planned economy does not succeed and he sees no way out but war. The Italian deficit since 1930 is 12,000,000,000 lire.

Anti-War Dance at Oregon University

AT THE University of Oregon 75 couples attended a dance in honor of their pledge: "I will not cross the boundary of another country to kill or destroy, nor will I support my government in so doing."

Some Reflections on Taxes

(By Daniel W. Hoan, Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, admittedly America's best-governed city)

TAXPAYERS' leagues have sprung up or grown strong all over the country during the present depression. They demand a drastic reduction of federal, state and local taxes, and characterize the income tax as confiscatory. They condemn governmental waste and extravagance, speak vaguely of dispensing with useless services and consolidating boards and commissions, and demand salary slashes all along the line.

They claim that excessive taxation is draining the financial resources of our industries, curtailing production and preventing a return to prosperity. They oppose every attempt to make high incomes and inheritances pay a more just share of the cost of government, and propose to put into effect a sales tax which falls hardest on the common man.

Government had no share in causing the depression, but it has stood like the Rock of Gibraltar in this frightful time to save us the agonies of complete chaos. While banks failed, factories closed, shops went bankrupt and pyramided utilities collapsed, the government was expected to function, and did function, with more vigor and energy than ever before. All who were in distress flocked to their governments with outstretched hands. Few indeed were those who did not seek some kind of governmental assistance or subsidy. Even the geniuses of banking, insurance and railroads are not to be excluded. The farmers and the unemployed were depending on the government to save them from starvation and eviction.

The fact is that private business practically collapsed. It cuts its pay rolls to the tune of eleven billions of dollars a year—a sum greater than all the costs of the combined governments of the United States. Millions of people were thrown out of work and onto poor relief and yet the very men who profited most by governmental subsidies at the top were most active and instrumental in organizing the "cut cost of government" leagues throughout the country. It is the bigger interests in all communities that lead the assault on governmental services.

When banks, newspapers and business generally engage in wholesale bribery to avoid paying their just share of taxes, it is not surprising that we have grafting officials in cities like New York and Chicago. Private legitimate business has been the worst offender in corrupting government in order to obtain special privileges. It is notorious that newspapers which holler the loudest about government are often the biggest tax-dodgers in their cities. Colonel Robert McCormick's editorials and pamphlets about the cost of government make an interesting study compared with the Chicago *Tribune's* tax record.

Do we really want cheap government at any cost? Do we want to send our children to the cheapest school that employs the cheapest school teachers? Do we want firemen and policemen paid such low salaries that we may expect none but grafters and ignoramuses to man these departments? Do we want our public health services operated so cheaply that contagion and epidemics rage throughout our communities or that there is neglect in inspecting our food products, resulting in the poisoning of ourselves and our families? Do we want dangerous and broken streets, defective lighting, inadequate sewage disposal, no garbage collection? If the cheapest kind of government is what we really want, then we might expect important industries to migrate to small villages where there is little or no public service.

The per capita cost of sending a child to the public school is usually about one-half the cost of the same service in a private school. The same comparison can be made in practically all governmental services. This is true even where a charge is made against such services for the amount of taxes which such services should bear. Bad as some of our city governments are, you get more for your tax dollar than you do for any other dollar you spend.

Of course, we should not forget that a large share of city taxes could be met by public ownership of all public utilities. The average worker who owns a home pays more for light, gas and telephone service in a year than he does for taxes. If the cities owned these utilities, the tax bill could be cut all the way from 33⅓ to 100 percent. There are several score of cities and towns in the United States today where the entire cost of city administration is met by their publicly owned utilities. But, of course, the tax-dodgers aren't interested in promoting public ownership. They are always lined up with the big fellows because that's their gang.

The salary paid to the president of our local street railway and light company in 1931 was

$96,000. This sum is more than the combined salaries of the mayor and 32 heads of departments in the government of Milwaukee.

At present there is no federal tax on estates under $50,000, and the maximum tax is 45 percent on all estates over $10,000,000. Some claim that this is exorbitant. We hold that no tax on inheritance is exorbitant. No person, or no entire family, has ever done anything even by present standards which would entitle them to receive $10,000,000 without one bit of work. The right of inheritance is not an inherent constitutional right. It has been made by statute and custom, and obviously should be subject to the most drastic restrictions. This practice of the transmission of huge fortunes is a most antisocial one, and tax rates on inheritances and gifts should be kept at the absolute maximum. In its limited fashion this is one effective way to redistribute wealth.

It is a well known fact that the cream of our income is skimmed off in New York and vicinity. Obviously an income tax benefiting only New York is unjust, since the money is made all over the country. A far more equitable plan would be to have all income taxes levied by the federal government and rebated to states according to their population and their needs. The state would be saved the expense of administering a separate income tax and would not have to worry about tax-dodgers, while every honest taxpayer would be benefited in that only one income tax return would be necessary and the tax would reach all fortunes, regardless of whether they were accumulated by land speculation, industry, or stock manipulation. This would eliminate those two American frauds, the Delaware corporation and the Florida official resident. It would enable each state to receive a share of the taxes in direct proportion to the expense incurred by these taxpayers.

On the Other Side of It

THE New York *American* calls sharp attention to the fact that expenses of federal, state and local governments for 1934 will amount to $17,000,000,000, which is quite a little bit more than one-third of the national income. The *American* wonders that Americans are any longer willing to support so many governmental units, 182,839, all together, including states, counties, cities, towns, villages, boroughs, townships, school districts, and other divisions.

WHO SHALL RULE THE WORLD?



THE present rule of the world is unsatisfactory to all who desire good government. In every country there is much poverty, suffering, distress and perplexity. Are the rulers responsible therefor? It is written: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18) Will there soon be a change of world rule for the peoples' good? These questions will be clearly and satisfactorily answered

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Shall the Truth Be Suppressed?

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LIBERTY of conscience, and freedom of speech and press, have ever been dear to the hearts of the true men of America. Love for those principles moved the men of the early days to build this nation. Today there is an organized and subtle movement to take away from the American people liberty of conscience and freedom of speech. The prime agency of that unrighteous movement operates from its headquarters in a foreign land. Already many Americans have fallen into its subtle snare.

In the early part of this year a petition signed by approximately two and one-half million American citizens was presented to the Congress, demanding that affirmative action be taken to prevent selfish organizations from interfering with the rights of the people in hearing what they desire to hear by means of radio. That was the greatest petition ever presented to Congress up to that time. A law was enacted creating the Federal Communications Commission, one section of which instructs that Commission to hear evidence concerning the radio broadcasting methods and to report to the Congress not later than February 1935. Such hearing of testimony before that Commission was had in the month of October this year, and the official record thereof is now at Washington. The members of Congress are the servants of the people, and now the people are entitled to know what is contained in that official record, in order that they may instruct their congressmen at the next session thereof.

Jehovah's witnesses offered testimony before that Commission, which testimony constitutes a part of that official record. My speech on this occasion is to enable the people to gain some information concerning the situation, and therefore I shall quote from the official record. The substance of this testimony will be printed in booklet form and millions of copies thereof will be distributed amongst the people within a short time. If you desire a copy, write the station to which you are listening or to Watch Tower, Brooklyn, and you will receive a copy without charge. At their own expense Jehovah's witnesses are now bringing this program to you that you may get some of the truth of this matter.

IN THIS ADDRESS Judge Rutherford protests against the conspiracy of "Haman", now under way. Read it and rejoice that America still has a few real Americans. With rare restraint the speaker held himself to his announced subject, a necessary and important part of which was mention of the mutilation of Congressional evidence at Washington. The story was so truthful and so pointed that the Washington radio station which carried it cut the speaker off from the last two minutes of his address.

Not mentioned in Judge Rutherford's address, but directly related to it, and revealed by photographic evidence in this issue of The GOLDEN AGE, is the fact that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, claiming to control 20,000,000 Roman Catholics in the United States, has expressed its settled purpose to murder any or all of the remaining 100,000,000 Americans as soon as the Hierarchy feels that it has seized enough power to make this act 'prudent'. Interestingly, this evidence came to light 33½ years, to the day, from the time this official purpose of the Roman "church" was announced by its spokesman.—Ed.

A Radio Station Against Free Speech

One radio station* in this chain has threatened to cut off the program if any statement is made by the speaker which it would seem to that station should not be heard by the people. If that station does cut off the program, that will be evidence of an effort to suppress the truth. I shall say nothing about any person on this

Just as this leaves our hands a cable comes from Hemery and Burton, London, England: "Thrilling reception Pittsburgh broadcast." (Reception from W8XK, Pittsburgh.)

* See page 135.

occasion except what appears in the official record at Washington; and all of such record the people have a right to hear. The two major broadcasting corporations in America could broadcast to you all of that record with very small expense; and they should do so, but they will not. That may be considered as circumstantial evidence that they do not wish the people to hear all the truth that is in that record.

Because this matter involves the right of the people to speak and to hear the truth, and hence is of such vital importance, you should write your congressman, demanding that the entire official record of the aforesaid hearing before the Communications Commission, Broadcast Division, be printed at the expense of the government and freely distributed to the people. You are entitled to know the facts which your congressmen have required the Commission to report.

The aforementioned petition presented to Congress early in the year charges that the NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO., the COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, and the ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCY, and others, have wrongfully, by threats, coercion and other improper influence, prevented many stations from broadcasting certain programs, thus depriving the stations of legitimate income and depriving millions of citizens of the privilege of hearing what they wish to hear. The evidence offered in support of those charges shows not only that said two major chain-broadcasting companies refuse to permit their facilities to be hired and used by Jehovah's witnesses, but that they attempt to prevent other radio stations not owned by them from accepting and broadcasting such programs. The evidence also shows that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has, during the past year, carried on a campaign of coercion by means of threats of boycott to prevent Jehovah's witnesses from using radio stations for broadcasting and have tried to induce many radio stations to refuse to broadcast programs offered to them in a legitimate way. Representatives of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in giving testimony before the Congressional Committee charged that the aforesaid petition was obtained by fraud. From the official record I quote:

"In keeping with Satan's methods of false representations the statement has been made and widely published by certain religious papers that the names signed to that petition were obtained by fraud and misrepresentation. I here brand that statement as a deliberate and infamous lie, which has been published for the purpose of prejudicing this Commission and the Congress. The petition was plainly printed, submitted to the people, and was voluntarily signed by those persons who did sign it."

People Should Be Free to Hear

The official record shows that the programs which are broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses are called Watch Tower programs and are devoted to explanations of the Bible concerning God's kingdom on earth about which all the prophets foretold and for which Christ Jesus instructed His followers to constantly pray, and which kingdom is the only hope for distressed humanity; that Jehovah's witnesses do not desire controversies with anyone, but they are earnestly endeavoring to give information to the people concerning God's kingdom because of its importance to them; that Satan the Devil is the great adversary of God and of His kingdom, and that such adversary uses selfish men whom he blinds to suppress the truth and to keep the people in ignorance thereof; that the people should be free to hear the message concerning God's kingdom and then determine for themselves what is for their own best interests.

The law governing broadcasting emphasizes the fact that radio stations must broadcast programs of public interest, convenience and necessity. The words *interest, convenience* and *necessity* should be clearly defined, and the definitions thereof should be according to the highest authority. The presumption must be indulged that Congress used the words according to the definitions based upon the highest authority.

Claims to Be a Christian Nation

In this connection attention is called to the fact that the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of Church *vs.* United States, 143 U.S. 457, in an opinion delivered by Mr. Justice Brewer, affirmatively held that the United States is a Christian nation. The highest courts of practically all of the states have followed that decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. No lawmaking body of the United States could now be heard to say that the United States is not a Christian nation whether that claim is absolutely true or not. That decision means that the government recognizes Christ Jesus as the Master Teacher and Jehovah the

Most High the supreme authority. Christ Jesus taught only the words of Jehovah God. Therefore the law of God as set forth in the inspired Scriptures takes precedence over man's law, because God is supreme. We therefore ask the Commission and Congress to give due and careful consideration to the definitions of the foregoing important words according to the meaning placed upon them by the supreme authority. The proper definition of these words will aid in determining the value of the testimony offered at this hearing.

Interest. According to the derivation of the word, *interest* means that which commands attention because of its importance and value. It does not mean merely that which entertains, but means that which is for the good or profit of those who hear it or receive it. Necessarily it follows, that which is of public interest is that which relates to man's peace, prosperity, happiness and his life. Since all these desirable things proceed from Jehovah God, that which is of public interest is Jehovah God's provision for mankind.

Convenience means that which is necessary, proper, profitable and for the building up or improvement mentally, morally, spiritually and materially of the people. At Proverbs 30:8 the word *convenience* is used in this manner: "Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me." The original word from which the English word *convenient* is there derived means, "That which is good, righteous, and well for my person."

Necessity means that which is needful to meet a condition that exists. Where one is in stress or under constraint *necessity* is that which meets his demands for his well-being or betterment, and hence is profitable to him.

Interest, Convenience, and Necessity

The foregoing definitions, based on the highest authority, therefore show that programs broadcast should be for the upbuilding of the public in things which they need, mentally, morally and spiritually, and which would advance them in the way of righteousness and best equip them to meet their life battles. It necessarily follows then that nothing could be of such public convenience, interest and necessity as that which is contained in God's Word.

It is written (2 Timothy 3:16, 17, *R. V.*): "Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work."

According to the foregoing definitions of the words *public interest, convenience* and *necessity* there are very few programs that are broadcast in the United States that meet the requirements of the law. It is certain that the programs broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses come nearer meeting the legal requirements than any other, for the reason that a large portion of these programs are based upon and fully supported by the inspired Word of God.

Further the official record says:

"Throughout the earth there is great opposition to the message delivered by Jehovah's witnesses concerning the kingdom of God. This Commission and Congress are entitled to know the reason therefor. Satan's method of opposition is to deceive and thereby blind men to the truth and cause them to vigorously oppose the truth. Satan's chief instrument used for this wrongful purpose is the religious organizations, their leaders and their allies."

Hierarchy

The Roman Catholic Hierarchy used threats and coercion, expressed through various newspapers and other publications, to compel many station owners and managers to discontinue broadcasting Watch Tower programs of Jehovah's witnesses.

Copies of such publications containing threats of boycott by agents of the Catholic Hierarchy were freely used in many parts of the country to coerce owners and managers of broadcasting stations and allied business enterprises. Such action was taken to enforce pressure upon those stations by means of organized letter-writing and personal visits of individuals and groups spurred to act by direction of the Roman Catholic clergy.

As a result of the nation-wide opposition conducted by the organized clergy and the subsequent action of members of the Federal Radio Commission in writing officially and specifically to hundreds of radio stations regarding the Watch Tower programs, many radio stations, induced by fear of losing their license, have broken their contracts with Jehovah's witnesses and decline to further broadcast their programs until the matter shall be definitely settled by Congress or its duly constituted authority.

The official record of the Congressional hear-

ing, which purported to show the methods of operation between the Catholic Hierarchy and its connection with the Federal Radio Commission to prevent radio stations from broadcasting Watch Tower programs, was mutilated, which mutilation tended to destroy the value of that testimony. The fact of the mutilation is not disputed. The question is, Who would be interested in destroying the record showing those connected with the Catholic Hierarchy in their campaign against Jehovah's witnesses?

Censorship

The two major radio corporations have joined hands with the clergy not only to censor programs, but to prevent such programs' being broadcast which might disturb the religious doctrines long held by some others, even though those doctrines are utterly erroneous. They have created what they call 'The National Church of the Air', and limited all religious broadcasting to Catholics and Protestants, recognized clergymen, and refuse to hire their facilities to anyone who tells the people what the Bible says on vital questions of the hour. A few men have assumed to tell the people what they may or may not hear.

Objections to programs of Jehovah's witnesses are that their programs attack other religions or other persons. That charge is not supported by the facts or the evidence submitted. Before the Commission Mr. Bellows, for opponents, testified:

"I do not believe it is legitimate to hold the things that are dear to other people, things that they care about, things that men cherish in their hearts, up to public ridicule."

If a statement is broadcast, and which statement is fully supported by the Word of Jehovah God, that statement is not an attack upon men of the clergy profession even though such statement of truth makes the doctrines held dear by the clergy to appear ridiculous in the eyes of other persons. A statement of truth, fully supported by the Word of God, is of the greatest public interest, convenience and necessity, even though such truth holds up some men to ridicule and contempt. On this point the scripture says (Romans 3:4): 'Let God be true though it make all men liars.'

People Entitled to Learn

Religionists have, for more than a hundred years, held to doctrines which are clearly contrary to God's Word. If in the present time there is an advancement in the understanding of God's Word, then the people are entitled to hear it; but if private corporations are permitted to determine that only those who advocate the ancient doctrines should be heard, then the people are prevented from hearing discussed that which is of interest, convenience and necessity to them.

As an illustration, the orthodox doctrine of both Catholics and Protestants is that when a man dies he is not in fact dead, but that he has an immortal soul that keeps on living and if that person was wicked his soul is in purgatory or hell torment. The orthodox doctrine is that persons in purgatory, undergoing punishment, may have the duration of punishment lessened by the prayers of men who are living and who are practicing the Catholic religion. The Bible, on the contrary, teaches that all who die are in the grave awaiting resurrection.

If the dead are not in purgatory but are in the grave, then certainly no man, regardless of whether he is a priest or holds any other position, could pray him out of purgatory or lessen his punishment in purgatory, and anyone who would teach the people that this could be done, and would take money therefor, would be taking money under false pretenses.

"Shocked Susceptibilities" vs. Information

Do this Commission and Congress wish to hold that repeating the plain statement of God's Word on this subject shall be construed as an attack on religionists? Will this Commission and Congress conclude that the broadcasting corporation systems and the Catholic Hierarchy are justified in having these divine truths excluded from the people merely because the truths themselves "shock the religious susceptibilities" of some persons? If so, is this regulatory power of the broadcasting facilities being exercised in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Congressional mandate? Manifestly it is these plain Bible truths, clearly stated and broadcast for the benefit of the common people that they might hear and understand, to which our opponents object, because these truths expose errors of long standing, which errors are 'cherished in the hearts' of some persons.

If our opponents' contention is correct, then it is more important to let the people go blindly on in the dark and not know of God's gracious provision for them than it is to tell the truth which might disturb some time-worn doctrine

that is 'held dear to the hearts' of some persons.

Jehovah's witnesses have no fight with men, and whether any group of men is well thought of or little thought of is not material as far as this Commission is concerned.

Time-worn, Illogical Nonsense

In the light of the proper definition of public interest, convenience, and necessity, is it fitting and for the best interests of the people to know the truth as set forth in God's Word, or to hold to the time-worn traditions of men which are 'cherished by some persons'? Such doctrines of men as are mentioned above, and which are contradicted by the Scriptures, are not of public interest, convenience and necessity, in this, that they do not tend to the betterment of the people; but the truth of God's Word is of public interest, convenience and necessity, for this reason, that it not only tends to lead but actually leads them into the light, builds them up materially, morally and spiritually, and shows them the way to eternal life. Here the words of Jesus are appropriate (John 17:3): "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

How can the people know these truths unless somebody tells them? and if our opponents are permitted to prevent the people from hearing, then Congress is permitting them to use the radio facilities against public interest, convenience and necessity.

Even though Jehovah's witnesses collectively may be in the minority when compared with the group of Catholics, Protestants, Jews and others named as our opponents, yet two and a half million American citizens have petitioned Congress that they might be privileged to hear the programs of Jehovah's witnesses, which they declare are of aid, comfort, benefit, interest, convenience and necessity to them.

Dare Congress Deprive Millions?

Will Congress permit our opponents to deprive these millions of persons of the privilege and liberty of exercising their God-given rights and duties of proclaiming the truth in obedience to Jehovah's commandment merely because the proclamation of such divine truths "shocks the susceptibilities" of some who hold time-worn doctrines 'dear to their hearts'?

If Congress permits this condition to persist and continue, then our forefathers labored in vain to lay the foundations of the nation as a place of freedom to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of one's conscience.

Will this Commission and Congress desire to go on record as holding that if the unvarnished truth upsets some old and cherished doctrine the truth should therefore not be told lest it disturb the sensibilities of those holding such doctrines?

Shall we assume that Congress meant that programs should be broadcast truly for the public interest, convenience and necessity, or that they be broadcast to please the sensibilities of a few individuals or corporations?

This matter is squarely before this Commission, and will be before Congress. The law-making body must determine whether a few men will be permitted to set themselves up as duly qualified to edit and select programs and determine what the people shall or shall not hear and thereby appoint themselves as the mental and spiritual guardians of the people.

Shall the people have a free and open forum to discuss and hear discussed vital questions and to determine for themselves what is for their welfare, or shall America continue to be a paternalism?

The Thing Desired to Be Covered

Would it not be more appropriate to follow the principles originally adopted by this nation, to allow every man freedom of conscience and freedom of speech? Also to follow the admonition of the great Teacher, Christ Jesus, to wit (Matthew 23:8, 9): "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."

In this Twentieth Century of enlightenment, does it not seem that the American people are so advanced in knowledge and education that they need no company of men to pose as or act as their "fathers"? This is not said to hold up men to ridicule, but because it is the plain unvarnished truth. The American people are entitled to know the truth.* Paternalism is foreign to American principles.

*The two preceding paragraphs about the "rabbis" and "fathers" were too much for radio station WOL, Washington, D. C. (the one mentioned previously in the address), and at this point the station broke its contract and cut the speaker off the air. It did not wish this 'fatherhood' paternalistic matter further aired.—*Ed.*

Where the Washington (D.C.) Station Faded Out

The mere fact that a plain statement of the truth as set forth in God's Word "shocks the religious susceptibilities" of some and appears to a few men as an attack upon "the religious convictions of millions of radio listeners" is no reason whatsoever why that truth should be withheld from the people.

A most atrocious crime is committed in the land which shocks the susceptibilities of all order-loving persons. Yet these chain-broadcasting systems do not hesitate to broadcast the details of that atrocious crime. If the theory that they have adopted with reference to "religious" broadcasts is correct, then nothing should be published that might shock someone else, regardless of how true it is.

Truth is eternal, and always bears the closest scrutiny and investigation, and could never be shaken or disturbed by any statement that any person or organization might make. Teachings of orthodox religion, 'cherished' in the hearts of some men, have endured only a few centuries, and now in the light of God's Word it appears that those things so held are erroneous.

"The truth of Jehovah endureth for ever." (Psalm 117:2, *A.R.V.*) Shall the eternal truth of God's Word be denied to the people merely because the light from that Word plainly shows that previous doctrines might be disturbed? Of the two, which is of public interest, convenience and necessity?

A reference to the definition of these words hereinbefore set out will at once demonstrate that the truth, and the truth only, is of public interest, convenience and necessity. Error could never free anyone. It was the great Teacher, Christ Jesus, who declared (John 8:31, 32): "If ye continue in my word . . . ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

In all the programs broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses, not one person has been called by name and held up to ridicule. The record will bear out conclusively the truthfulness of this statement.

Conclusion

The truth which the great Jehovah God, the Creator of heaven and earth, has caused to be published and preserved for the benefit of the human race is of such paramount importance to all things else that it should have the widest publication of anything, particularly among the people who claim to constitute a Christian nation. To maintain the claim and past reputation of this nation the solemn duty devolves upon Congress to enact necessary laws to prevent all interference with the open, free and wide publication by radio, and by all other means, of the truths set forth in the Word of Jehovah God.

By taking the side of those who oppose the message of God's Word, all so doing align themselves with the Devil. By opening the way for free, unhindered discussion and consideration of the truth of God's Word, those who so do, to that extent, place themselves on the side of Jehovah God.

It is written (Romans 6:16): 'Ye are the servants of him whom you serve.' Let the Congress of the United States now choose to declare which side they take and whom they desire to serve.

"Father" Harney Would Murder Judge Rutherford

TESTIMONY offered in form of affidavit by Anton Koerber before the Communications Commission charges the Roman Catholic hierarchy with mutilating and destroying certain evidence presented before Congress by Jehovah's witnesses. "Father" Harney, of the Paulist Fathers, considering himself implicated, rushes into print stating that he never asked to see the evidence which was mutilated. Nicely stated, isn't it? Here is something else not so nicely stated. In St. Peter's Roman Catholic church, New Brunswick, N.J., there was placed in the box the question: "Does the Roman Catholic church regard Protestants as heretics, and does it not believe and teach that heretics should be punished, even unto death, if necessary?" It was answered by the "Reverend Father" Harney, of the Paulist Fathers, as follows: "In a way I say Yes. Certainly the Church does consider Protestants as heretics, in a way. A formal heretic is one who knows he is perverting the truth of God and the Roman Catholic church. No one, by sinning himself, should be allowed to lead others into sin. I do not doubt, if they were

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"As human society protects itself against the murderer and the man who proves to be a traitor to the Government, so the Church of God has a right to protect itself."

On the Sunday following this meeting, a reporter for the *New York Herald* interviewed the priest and in that interview Father Harney stated that his remarks on the Friday evening, as given above, were correct. He said they expressed his personal convictions, *and were in accord with those of the Roman Catholic Church.*—From the Washington *Fellowship Forum*, May, 1934.

Father D. J. Phelan, editor of the St. Louis *Western Watchman*, was received in special audience by the Pope in 1905 and 1913. Said this celibate in the *Watchman:* "We would like to rack and quarter Protestantism; we would like to impale it and hang it up for crows to build nests of; we would like to tear it with pincers and pierce it with red-hot irons; we would like to fill it with molten lead and plunge it into hell fire a hundred fathoms deep."

"The only true Church" is quite as offensive in this Protestant country as it is abroad. Father H. Lester, S.J., wrote as follows in the Pope-blessed *Universe* of 9th March, 1923: "We have said before and we say it again — Protestantism isn't a religion, it is a disease. The Church has to deal with those affected with the disease as a physician deals with a case of smallpox, or a dentist with a decayed tooth."

Cardinal Bourne, the Pope's chief representative in the British Isles, took a solemn oath (printed in the *Daily Telegraph* of 1st December, 1911), in which he promised "to combat with every effort heretics and schismatics and those rebelling against our Lord the Pope and his successors."

Public men, ignorant of Rome's uncharitable speech and action, sometimes patronize Papal functions. The Church of Rome teaches plainly that the Protestant Churches are "from the father of lies and therefore displeasing to the God of truth." They little know the sort of thing they are helping on—a grossly intolerant and offensive foreign system — "the Italian Mission" (to use the *Church Times'* description).

Let us hope that a perusal of the Bureau's tracts will open the eyes of the offending public men and women (Rome vilifies the fair sex. See the Bureau's Tract No. 4) — and that in future they will have nothing whatever to do with what Charles Dickens (no bigot) rightly described as the "most horrible means of political and social degradation left in the world," and John Ruskin as "the most debasing and degrading of all creeds," while that great Roman Catholic authority, Cardinal Newman, simply stated the truth when he confessed that "the Catholic Church is encumbered with its connection with moribund nations." Let *that* suffice!

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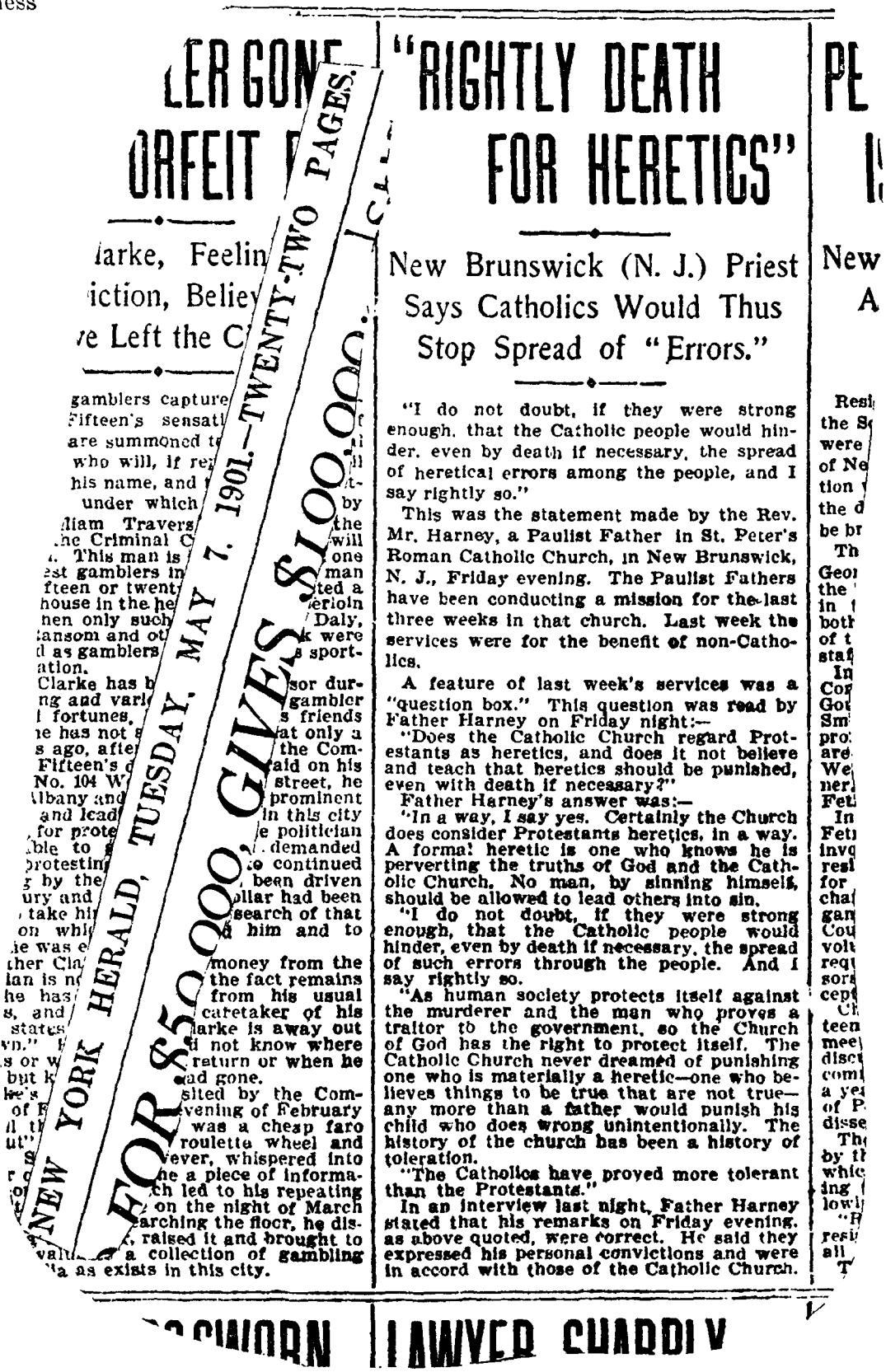
Harney's Amusing Denial

NEWSPAPERS in New York, Philadelphia, New Haven, New Britain, and all over the country, have printed the Associated Press dispatch from Washington reiterating Judge Rutherford's charge before the Communications Commission that agents of the Catholic hierarchy mutilated the record of Congressional radio hearings, thus destroying certain evidence. Hardly had these dispatches, dated October 4 and 5, been sent out over the country than other dispatches, dated October 8, also went out from Washington stating that "Father" John B. Harney, of New York, superior general of the Paulist Fathers, denied before the Communications Commission that he had asked to see the official record of radio hearings before a House committee last spring. Now just why "Reverend" Harney should rush into the case is for him to say. Seems as if it would be a good idea for the whole Catholic hierarchy, from the pope down, to make similar statements, equally truthful, and then the only unpleasant, stubborn fact remaining will be that the records were mutilated while in the hands of agents of the Cath-

olic hierarchy, where they had no business to be. But why should we put words in anybody's mouth, when they know so well, of themselves, what to say?

Fumigating the Radio Situation

SINCE Judge Rutherford directly charged the Catholic Hierarchy with destroying Congressional evidence, and since "Father" Harney rushed to say he had not *asked to see* the evidence which was mutilated, the scheme which Mr. Harney had previously urged, that Congress allocate part of the nation's broadcasting facilities to educational, civic and religious organizations, has been temporarily held up. Meantime the atmosphere is being fumigated by the Columbia Broadcasting System and others urging that what "Father" Harney urged be not done.



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New Brunswick (N. J.) Priest Says Catholics Would Thus Stop Spread of "Errors."

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This was the statement made by the Rev. Mr. Harney, a Paulist Father in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, in New Brunswick, N. J., Friday evening. The Paulist Fathers have been conducting a mission for the last three weeks in that church. Last week the services were for the benefit of non-Catholics.

A feature of last week's services was a "question box." This question was read by Father Harney on Friday night:—

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"As human society protects itself against the murderer and the man who proves a traitor to the government, so the Church of God has the right to protect itself. The Catholic Church never dreamed of punishing one who is materially a heretic—one who believes things to be true that are not true—any more than a father would punish his child who does wrong unintentionally. The history of the church has been a history of toleration.

"The Catholics have proved more tolerant than the Protestants."

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SUSCEPTIBILITIES are feelings or sensibilities. According to the 1935 edition of Webster's *New International Dictionary*, the word is closely related to the shorter and more common one, "sense." "Susceptibilities" includes, however, not merely the *receiving* (through one or more of the five senses) of impressions, but also commonly emphasizes more strongly *quickness of response* to impressions from without.

Agents of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy plead, with crocodile tears, that the broadcasting of the truth of God's Word, the Bible, might "offend the religious susceptibilities" of some listeners; and that therefore such broadcasting, meaning particularly Watch Tower programs, ought to be strictly prohibited.

At the same time, is it any wonder that the susceptibilities of order-loving persons in every part of the land, who desire to know the truth, are 'shocked' and 'offended' when they are arbitrarily deprived of the opportunity to listen peacefully at home to broadcasting of the refreshing message of the true God, JEHOVAH, as that message is expressed by Him in the prophecies of His Word (the Bible) and as now being given to the people of this nation by Judge Rutherford and others of JEHOVAH'S witnesses?

One of the millions who are so 'offended' and 'shocked' is a listener in Virginia who has just written to Judge Rutherford. His letter, reproduced in full below, beautifully portrays the attitude of the two-and-a-half million who *protested* to Congress last January against the atrocious practices of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, the National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, and others, in depriving Americans of the privilege of hearing Watch Tower programs, and whose PROTEST stands to this day unanswered. And here is Mr. Turner's letter:

Judge Rutherford,
c/o Watchtower,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

MY DEAR FRIEND:

Your talk of Sunday, November 18 (A.M.), from WCAU as regards the interference of the Roman Catholic clergymen with Watchtower broadcasts prompts me to write this letter.

I *am not, never have* been, neither will I ever be a member of any church, for the simple reason that their dogmas, doctrines, long-faced and impious money-grabbing ways, and their hell torment and other ignominious twistings of the pure and simple laws of

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The Fellowship Forum
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(Contributed)

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[1] Whose "Religious Susceptibilities" does this expressed desire to commit murder offend?

Almighty God and the teachings of Jesus Christ, nauseate me, and deepen my disgust of them daily, especially the Roman Catholic churches.

Watchtower broadcasts of the past two years have given me the utmost joy, and increased my belief in Jehovah God and the Bible, beyond measure. What a pleasure to hear the plain truth in plain words! No Romish priest with clothes the color of the rainbow, calling some man his holy father, and bowing down to his wood and stone image-saints!! No preacher with his collar turned backwards, and his belly filled, telling the poor to give their hard-earned money to the church, and just believe, then they shall be saved from eternal torment!!! No wonder the world is in such a turmoil, but I can see peace ahead, thanks to the truths of the Bible as shown by the Watchtower broadcasts.

The following words are taken from a letter written by me and addressed to the president of the National Broadcasting Company, dated October 22, 1934. Up to this present moment I have received no answer, although I specifically asked for one, which seems to prove, to me at least, that "silence may be golden, but it can also be an admission of guilt". Quote letter:

President N. B. C.
New York, N. Y.
DEAR SIR:

May I as one of the N. B. C.'s most consistent supporters and enthusiastic listeners take just a moment of your time for a bit of constructive criticism in regard to one of your Sunday afternoon programs.

The N. B. C.'s policy, I believe, is to give to its listeners an unbiased and non-partial review of such public problems relating to politics, economics, religion, etc., both pro and con. I am therefore writing in a spirit of helpfulness, I hope, as regards N. B. C.'s treatment of Sunday religious programs. I am not a member of any church, therefore I trust that what I am writing will not be taken as being for the benefit of either the Roman Catholics or the Protestants.

Your Sunday (P.M.) program (of the past few weeks), called the "Catholic Hour", seems and in reality *is* so obviously one-sided in the matter of religion that I am beginning to doubt very seriously the N. B. C.'s non-partiality. I hope, however, that I am wrong in this conjecture, but it is impossible even for your most casual or non-partisan listeners to class this particular program as anything except partiality.

Permit me to call to your attention the non-denominational and independent broadcasts of the "Watchtower Bible Society", of Brooklyn, N. Y. You will find, I'm positive, millions of N. B. C. listeners, getting, as I do, much pleasure and comfort out of these (Watch Tower) broadcasts; at the same time becoming puzzled as to the N. B. C.'s—shall I say, "lack of cooperation," i.e., not giving to a large portion of its audience that which they enjoy, namely, the Watchtower broadcasts. Why not give them a "spot" along with the others (religions) on Sunday afternoons? It is my honest belief that in doing so you will be doing a distinct public service, at the same time proving N. B. C.'s non-biased and non-partial attitude, which, I'm sure, it is in reality. Hoping for an early reply, etc. Unquote.

I have quoted this letter to N.B.C., thinking that perhaps it may be of some slight interest in showing how the Watch Tower programs are appreciated. Trusting that I have not taken up too much of your time, and hoping that the *Almighty Himself* will open the way for a greater number of people to hear the truth, I remain

Sincerely,
JAMES E. TURNER.

Kneeling for Hours on Concrete Floors

SECRETARY ICKES, of the Department of the Interior, has suspended seven teachers of Indian schools for devilish practices, probably learned in some church system the name of which was not disclosed. These teachers had been compelling school children to kneel for hours at a time on concrete floors, or to stand for a quarter of a day immovable, with eyes fixed on a single point. Nobody could learn anything but evil from such persons.

Still Waters Are Stagnant

SAYS David Brewer, in the Greenwich *Journal:* "The time is past in the history of the world when any living man or body of men can be set on a pedestal and decorated with a halo. True, many criticisms may be, like their authors, devoid of good taste, but better all sorts of criticism than no criticism at all. The moving waters are full of life and health; only in the still waters is stagnation and death."

Petition to Congress

BECAUSE of its intense interest in the subject of freedom in general and freedom to worship God in particular, *The Golden Age* reproduces on the following page the petition being circulated by Jehovah's witnesses and other liberty-lovers during December and January. The reason why it is here reproduced is that the readers of *The Golden Age* may have a part in this demand that what happened at the hearings before the Federal Communications Commission, Broadcast Division, be brought into the open. This matter has never been given adequate space in the newspapers. The people have a right to request that the Government do as the petition sets forth. The American people have been taught that theirs is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. The people have a right to know what is being done in matters having an important bearing on their liberties. Cut out the petition sheet. Sign it, have others sign it, everyone for himself or herself, giving name and address. When filled send it to Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y. All petitions should be in before the end of January.

PETITION

To THE CONGRESS of the United States of America: Greetings!

In obedience to the mandate of the Seventy-third Congress, second session, the Federal Communications Commission, Broadcast Division, has taken the testimony of many witnesses in relation to the broadcasting of programs of public interest, convenience and necessity. We are deeply interested in these facts and therefore PETITION Congress to publish all the testimony and the report of the Commission, at government expense, and mail to each of us, the undersigned, a copy thereof.

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Diet a Simple Science

By H. Sillaway (Tennessee)

THE greatest difficulty in establishing a truth is in divesting it of the complexities we erect around it in its uncovering. The fallen human mind worships mystery and rejects simplicity. Dietetic truth is no exception to this rule, and no subject has ever experienced a worse maze of conflicting theory. There is little wonder that the average individual is perplexed. How can we expect people to take a subject seriously that not only is crisscrossed by and enveloped in theories that contradict one another in practically all essentials, but also creates tables, rules and regulations that are over the head of the average individual's ability to comprehend and harmoniously apply?

But, after all, diet is a very simple science. Does it look reasonable that the all-wise Creator has made man's dietetic needs a matter of complex scientific study requiring years of more than average intelligence to get back of? Just a little common sense is all that is needed to answer this question. Our foreparents in Eden did not have to take a long course in dietetics to learn what to eat and how to eat it. They were told the foods they were to eat, and that was all there was to it. They were endowed by their Creator with the sense or instinct of food selection in proper variety and balance, and this was their unerring guide.

But mankind in general have long been on an off diet, and have formed perverted appetites, and some study and a lot of common sense are needed to get back on the right track. With most of us in the past it has taken years of experience in wading through theories and fads to arrive at the simple truths that common sense should have taught us at the start. But just ordinary, everyday common sense has little scientific ring to it; and because of that fact the majority of investigators of this subject are lured to the fads and theories with which it is beset, and each adds his own bit of theory to the mountain of mixed truth and rubbish.

But, after all, that is fallen man's roundabout way of getting at the truth, and the truth results though it takes a lot of sifting to get it. After years of this sifting of dietetic theory no small part of it is found to be rubbish. Another element of it is scientific truth that is of special value to the dietitian and scientific anthority, but of minor importance to the ordinary individual at the present time, who merely wants to know what and how to eat to maintain health. To such we trust the following pointers on diet and the pitfalls of theory will be of interest.

While diet is one of the chief essentials to health, it is not the only one, by any means, and too much should not be expected of diet alone. Some authorities tell us that good health must and will result from the use of a proper diet where sufficient vigorous daily exercise is taken. But this is not always true; for many have not the constitutional foundation for perfect health, and the daily vocations of others are either of a character not healthful in themselves or are under conditions that cause nerve tension, mental depression or too great mental or physical strain. Again, many are subject to unavoidable worry which renders perfect health impossible. But whatever the handicap may be, diet is a long step towards health, and for that reason alone proper dietetic rules should be observed as far as reasonably possible.

People suffering from subglandular weaknesses, as many of us do, cannot expect full vibrant health to result from diet; for no system of diet yet inaugurated has had the miraculous power to develop constitutionally undeveloped glands. But, on the other hand, there is no class of people to whom a proper nourishing diet is more necessary for the maintenance of even a measure of health than the subglandular one. But through recent scientific discoveries there is a ray of hope ahead for this class of sufferers. In subglandular troubles, especially of the thyroid and adrenal glands, a lack of magnetic nerve force results, which in turn results in an improper atomic arrangement of the iron in the blood. To the extent that this exists, to that extent the iron is deprived of its oxygen-carrying nature, which appears to be the principal office of the iron in the system. The result of an improper functioning of this iron as an oxygen carrier leads to oxygen starvation of the tissue cells, which is the direct cause of much disease and weaknesses among subglandular sufferers. It has been found that by placing the patient inside a magnetic field for a few minutes once to three times daily the atomic state of the iron in the blood is corrected and the glands stimulated.

Tables of food values in their nutrient essentials are a valuable study in the selection of the necessary variety in the menu. But this very study often proves the very reverse of

what it should, as more often its influence is towards faddism and theorism detrimental to sound dietetic rules. More often proper dietetic habits are better established by not giving these tables too serious consideration and by following simple rules, such as are here given, in food selection. After dietetic habits are once established on a sound basis a deeper study of the scientific principles involved will not endanger one so much to unsound theorism, and will be an aid in correcting minor irregularities in dietetic rules that have escaped our attention.

Wild birds and animals in their normal state are not subject to disease, because they live a natural life and eat what they should. Their food is selected through the food selection instinct with which the great Creator has endowed them. Man is subject to disease because he does not lead a natural life and either ignores the food selection instinct with which he is endowed or, through circumstances, is unable to use it. Perverted appetites have had the influence to crowd out his inherent sense of food balance and food selection. This sense is the only real guide we have for a proper and harmonious food selection, and for that reason it is necessary that we redeem it by a study and correction of our perverted appetites.

These perverted appetites are our tastes or preferences for all kinds of improper and demineralized foods, as pork products, corn syrups, white-flour bread, white rice, potatoes peeled before cooking, etc., and also the extensive use of high flavorings, spices and condiments, tea and coffee, all of which create false appetites and render our sense of food balance and selection more or less useless. Even a light use of any of the above-noted products is often sufficient to seriously interfere with a proper functioning of our food selectivity instincts, and the failure to realize these can always be traced to indulgence in some of our old perverted tastes.

Having rid ourselves of our perverted appetites we are now in a proper state for our food selectivity instincts to begin to function as our guide in what to eat and in the quantity of each kind of food to eat at each meal. And rest assured they will do it after a little rigid training, and far more nearly perfectly than can be done by the unnatural methods so widely advocated. For a time we shall be troubled by temporary returns of our old perverted appetites. These we must train ourselves to recognize. Remember, too, that our guiding senses in food selection will function only when we are really hungry. A strong desire for sweets at the beginning of a meal usually denotes a slight digestive derangement, and it further denotes that we are not really hungry, however faint at the stomach we may feel; for, normally, such a desire for sweets does not manifest itself, if at all, until the keen edge of hunger has been satisfied.

Of course, the reader is wondering what this sense of food selection that we are discussing is and how recognized. But, after all, there is nothing at all mysterious about it, any more than there is about hunger, of which it is an accompaniment and to which it is directly related. When we sit down at the table we often see some article or articles of food upon it that we like, and though we are hungry these particular foods do not appeal to our appetite at this particular meal. This is nothing more nor less than the discriminating call of our system for the foods in their combination of nutritive elements which it needs at that meal. In other words, it is our instinct or sense of food balance and selection in operation.

We have always possessed this sense, but if in the past our diet has been an improper one, its functions have been perverted; and because of this perversion some authorities fail to recognize the original office of it, and think it necessary to figure out a table of the average proportionate amount of each nutritive element the system requires daily, and urge that we see to it that our daily diet contains these in something near that proportion. But here are the facts of the matter: The depletion in the system of the various nutritive elements which our food supplies varies greatly in time. Some meals or days we may not require any of some nutritive elements as available in some particular combination found in a certain food or foods.

The fact that divine providence has provided such a wide range of food products gives us a lot of material for thought. We have all noticed that when restricted to a diet limited in variety some foods, which at the beginning were keenly relished, finally lose their savor to our appetites and oftentimes even become loathsome. The reason for this is that the system has been oversupplied with the nutritive elements in the combination in which they exist in this par-

ticular food, while, on the other hand, it has starved for the want of the nutritive balancing combinations found in certain other foods that sometimes may not even differ radically in chemical analysis. Food chemistry is not even yet the perfectly understood science we are often led to believe.

The fact that nature has provided such a great variety of food products is in itself proof that perfect health demands that they be used in as much variety as is reasonably possible. When possible, quite a range in variety should be on the table at each meal; for in no other way can a diet be provided in a harmonious balance for each member of the family. This gives each an opportunity to select the foods that the appetite calls for. A food that is but poorly relished is nothing more than an imposition against nature, and no matter how rich it may be in its nutritive elements the system will derive but indifferent benefit from its use.

All foods should be prepared in an appetizing form in which the natural flavor of the food itself predominates. For this reason high seasoning and flavoring should be avoided with all foods except, perhaps, an occasional desert. Black pepper should be eliminated, as not only is its use detrimental to health, but also its influence is towards a perversion of the food selectivity instincts.

The housewife should acquaint herself with a table of food values in their component nutritive elements, so that in the selection of the menu a complete range of these will be represented in the foods selected. In this selection natural food products which in their analysis show a low nutritive value in their constituent properties should not be discriminated against, as their lack in this respect is usually made up for by other health qualities. Nor should this selection favor foods only of high vitamin analysis. To do so means not only a limited variety, but also the cutting out of some of the most healthful of our food products. It is indeed a question if these vitamins are not produced in the digestive processes through the solvent chemical action of certain mineral food elements when combined with their solvent affinities in proper food combinations. The decided vitalizing effects of such combinations as have been noted, when used by those of sensitive organisms, very strongly indicate this.

Because of the solvent principles involved in proper food combinations such combinations should be followed in the diet. This will be done naturally if we let our natural instincts guide us in food selection. We instinctively use fats with proteins, sugars with acid fruits when used with other foods, acid fruits with meats, etc. But if we restrict variety too much in our meals we miss more or less of these vitalizing combinations. We regret space does not permit taking up this important phase of diet in this treatise.

Our diet should contain plenty of roughage, and more raw foods should be used than ordinarily are. The menu should also contain an abundance of fruits and vegetables, as these are indispensable to health. Practically all kinds of fruit are healthful. The prejudice voiced by some health authorities against strong acid fruits is based on mistaken theory. And the same is true in the prejudice against bananas, which is based on the fact that bananas are cut green.

Bananas cannot well be transported in a ripened state, but divine providence has provided for this by storing up in the thick cluster stem of the fruit sufficient nutriment in advance to thoroughly ripen the fruit after cutting; and bananas pulled from the stem green will not ripen naturally. Bananas are among our most useful table fruits, and many even with weak digestion can use them with impunity in any stage of ripening.

Going Up

THAT something has been accomplished under the NRA is evident from the fact that food prices have gone up 7.7 percent during the past year. Wholesale prices of commodities are the highest in three years. This is, no doubt, a good thing for "business", but it is probably not so good for the consumer. Wages have not increased appreciably, if at all.

Cancer on the Increase

IN 1906 the death rate from cancer was 71.8 per 100,000 of the population; in the next twenty-seven years thereafter, in which the use of aluminum cooking utensils became widespread, the rate jumped to 124.6 per 100,000. The health authorities do not know what causes cancer, and never will. Why should they?

THE FOURTEENTH

in the series of short lectures on the Bible specially prepared by Judge Rutherford is presented herewith. The emphasis which the Bible places upon an understanding and appreciation of the truth should lead every reasonable person to a diligent effort to obtain the treasure. In the brief lecture herewith Judge Rutherford shows how one may obtain the truth, and what obstacles are put in the way of those who are earnestly seeking for the truth.

Truth

THE truth is not what man may think, believe and teach, but the truth is what is contained in the Word of God as set forth in the Scriptures, or Bible. Concerning Jehovah it is written, at John 17:17: "Thy word is truth." Why? Because Jehovah is the Creator of heaven and earth, the source of life, and the Giver of every good and perfect gift. His Word of truth is man's only safe guide, as it is written, in Psalm 119:105: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Religion is not synonymous with truth, because religion consists of forms of worship and the doctrines of men. There are many religions, and none of them are wholly devoted to God and His kingdom.

The Bible discloses the purpose of the Almighty Creator toward His creatures. It plainly teaches the origin of man, tells why men become sick and die, why there is so much woe and suffering on earth, and what will bring about the end of all wickedness and unhappiness, and what is the hope of the peoples of earth. These things are particularly necessary to know in these times of great distress. No one can possibly know the truth without having some knowledge of Jehovah and His purpose as set forth in the Bible; and for that reason a knowledge and understanding of the Bible is of greatest importance to the people.

Man's worst enemy is the Devil. His name *Satan* means that he is the opposer of God. The purpose of Satan is to keep men entirely in the dark and ignorant of the truth in order that they may not find the way to God, life and happiness. These facts are plainly written in the Scriptures. It is the will of God that men learn the truth, that they may then be free to follow whatsoever course they may desire. Satan's purpose is to prevent men from learning the truth. If there is an organization of men that keeps the people in ignorance of the Bible, it necessarily follows that such organization is serving Satan and is against God and His kingdom; and this is true regardless of what the men in these organizations may claim. The indisputable history of the Catholic hierarchy is that that organization has kept the people from studying the Bible. That is the best evidence that the Catholic hierarchy is serving Satan and not Jehovah, and hence is an unsafe guide for the people. The Catholic hierarchy has been and is chiefly interested in having the people pay into its coffers their hard-earned money and for which they get no valuable return. The word of truth is free, and no one has a right to commercialize anything in the name of God and Christ. These things are not said to offend the sensibilities of anyone, but that the people may see that their only hope is to know God's truth and obey it; and they can know it only by gaining a knowledge of what is in the Bible.

All the religious organizations of this world have agreed that they will say nothing about each other's doctrines that might cause offense. That sounds nice, but it is really a trick of the Devil to keep the people in the dark. Such a course is out of harmony with God's Word, because it is written in the Scriptures: 'Let the truth be declared though it make all men liars.' (Romans three) No one who desires to do right can become offended at the truth. If you are in the dark and going the wrong way and someone shows you the light and points out the right way, you are not offended, but you are glad. We are now in the last days, meaning the last days of Satan's false and fraudulent rule. We are near the time when God's kingdom under Christ shall rule the people in righteousness. It is therefore God's time and His will that the people shall have opportunity to learn the truth. To that end God has brought about facts in fulfilment of His prophecy to enable us to see what these present-day events mean. He has

caused books to be published setting forth these facts alongside of His Word of truth as contained in the Bible, and these books are now available that the people may teach themselves. Of course, we must expect the Devil and all of his agents to oppose the circulation of these books; but let the people determine for themselves whether they want to longer be deceived or whether they want to know the truth. Jesus declared: "The truth shall make you free."

In this wicked world of satanic rule falsehood and cruelty are in the saddle. In the kingdom of Christ truth and righteousness will rule; and of that righteous kingdom on earth it is written (Psalm 85:10-12): "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase."

[The foregoing lecture is obtainable in the form of a phonograph record. It is one of a series of eighteen thus recorded. The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has found the record-way an effective means of spreading a knowledge of Bible truths. The records are of the kind that can be used on an ordinary phonograph, run at the usual speed of 78 revolutions per minute. Inquiries concerning these records should be addressed to The Watch Tower, and not to The Golden Age.]

Jehovah's witnesses in Germany

IN A LETTER to a friend a German seafaring man says:

"I came home [———, Germany] just on Sunday, October 7, when all the companies of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany, at direction of Brother Rutherford, met together and at this occasion sent a letter to the German government, informing them, etc. . . . Our joy was great, and the result was that now many brethren again systematically go from door to door with the Bible in their hand and deliver an oral testimony. Even those brethren who have hesitated so far to do this seem to overcome their reluctance and to realize that they have wrongfully permitted other brethren to restrain them from doing service.

"Yesterday [October 19], before we left port in ———, the service leader of the company there came on board and asked me to inform you that the last two days the authorities in Germany began new violent persecutions. They search the homes and seize the literature in possession of the friends which they owned for their *private* use. The local authorities do this against the instruction from the Ministry of the Interior, who has sent (September 17 of this year) an order to governments of the individual states of Germany to return all our confiscated literature.

"The fight starts again at all fronts; but Jehovah's witnesses are marching joyfully forward, knowing that the critical hour is near.

"Germany is feverishly preparing for Armageddon. You understand. [War preparations] Most of the people observe the development of the things with fear and terror and are sensing how dark and threatening the near future is. We find the people in Germany everywhere with hearts full of horror, and Jehovah's witnesses find many open ears. The people are seized by a general restlessness, and the fury of war is heard approaching through the air."

"Be Thou Faithful unto Death"

A GOOD witness for Jehovah God and for their Lord and Master Jesus Christ is indicated in the following from the New York *Post* of November 14:

FUEHRER'S WORD "SACRED"; 2 WOMEN SENTENCED

Havas News Agency to N.Y. Post

DORTMUND, Germany, Nov. 14.—"Our Fuehrer is not Hitler, but Jesus Christ, and we do not submit to the authorities of this world except in so far as we consider them to be just."

In these words two women, charged with being members of the International Bible Students League, a forbidden sect in Germany, defied the Dortmund court.

In summing up the case the prosecutor declared that the two women, despite the prohibition against their sect, continued to spread tracts arousing the people against the Government and asking them to take their stand with Jehovah. He asked for jail sentences of five and three months.

The court, more severe than the prosecutor, imposed sentences of one year and nine months, respectively. The sentences were imposed, the judge ruled, "in order to teach them that the word of the Fuehrer is sacred."

Treasonists Offer General Butler $3,000,000

NOT sure what church Gerald C. MacGuire belongs to, alleged by General Smedley D. Butler as having told him that he had $3,000,000 'on the line' for starting a Fascist revolution in the United States, but can guess. He probably is connected with the same gang that, for the good of the country, was recently run out of Mexico. Spain is in agony for the same reason.

Not sure, even, if Grayson Mallet-Prevost Murphy, MacGuire's employer, knows what church MacGuire belongs to, or if he belongs to the same church. Probably neither of these is the ringleader in this conspiracy. The real conspirators doubtless have their collars on backwards, the same as their consciences. Those birds are clever enough to let some man with no more sense than MacGuire do their dirty work for them.

General Butler has rendered a great service to America in 'spilling the beans' for *this* particular gang at *this* particular time. He let them disclose all their plans, chief among which was to have General Butler head an army of 500,000 men, to assemble in Washington a year from now and take over the government.

If Butler would not betray the country, the job was to be turned over to Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff of the United States Army, with Hanford MacNider, former commander of the American Legion, as third choice. Here is hoping MacArthur and MacNider would have stood the test as well as General Butler. Butler, probably America's most capable military man, has denounced war as "the most vicious racket known to man". He has twice received Congressional medals of honor, having served with great distinction in Cuba, China, Nicaragua, Haiti, Mexico, the Philippines, and France. MacGuire picked the wrong bird, but some other man from his discredited church gang will doubtless yet find a way to put this scheme across.

The men who got MacGuire into this thing should be ferreted out, even if the trail leads to Vatican City direct, and if it results in the exposure of the old man who recently told the Dominicans to get ready to repeat their work of Inquisition. Wonder if MacGuire ever read the U. S. Constitution, Article III, Section 3, about levying war against the United States, and what he thinks is treason.

What we are in for in America when this bloodthirsty gang of murderers get in control of the government may be judged from the following extract from a letter from Germany, detailing how critics of the Fascist régime are treated in that land of darkness. One who knows the facts says:

"It is difficult to describe *how* men are mistreated there. They are beaten, tyrannized and physically and mentally tortured almost to death. At their dismissal they must in writing pledge themselves not to tell anybody one word how they were treated, otherwise they would be immediately arrested again and subjected to even more cruel treatment. If one refuses to sign such an obligation he is confined to a wet cellar room, receives only water and bread, no light, no bed and no chair or anything else to sit upon; and there he remains under most unsanitary conditions until he becomes soft and is willing to sign the pledge. At an inspection of the concentration camp by representatives of the public press, and at another occasion by medical doctors, one who had been horribly mistreated was asked by visitors the cause of his wounds, and according to instructions that were given him preceding the inspection, he had to tell the visitors that his wounds were caused by a heavy fall at the time of his arrest."

Priests Useful to Big Business

UNDER the heading "Priests Oppose Strike" the New York *Times* contains a dispatch from Augusta, Maine, that Catholic priests of that city were urging textile mill employees not to strike for better conditions, and were preaching sermons on the subject. That is all as regular as the clock, and ensures some cash contributions from Big Business that will run into large figures. The whole idea is, "You stand by us, and we will stand by you"; and as far as the public is concerned, well, you know what Vanderbilt wanted to happen to them.

Achievements of America

WHEN listing the achievements of America we should also list the 12,000 murders, 3,000 kidnapings, 50,000 robberies, 5,000 cases of arson, 100,000 assaults, and 40,000 burglaries, all wonderfully encouraged by a system that for so much paid to somebody with influence gets you time off from punishment in this world and "even in the next". Looks like plenary indulgence, doesn't it?

Baby Starves at Mother's Breast

THE Providence *Journal* tells of a little boy born this past summer to young parents that are on relief. The mother, already the mother of two other little ones, was but twenty years of age when little William Ronald Leamy arrived. The father, employed as a life-saver at a city bathing resort, received a nominal wage of $9 per week. The mother thought she was feeding her child properly; she gave it all she had; but subsequent examination of the corpse showed that the baby died of starvation at its mother's own breast. She could not feed herself and the rest of the family properly on the pittance which her husband received. Oscar Ameringer comments on this in the *American Guardian* that Rhode Island contains more millionaires per square mile than any other state. It is probably Ameringer who says in the same paper, "It's a cock-eyed world where a family raises enough cotton to make 800 pairs of overalls and don't get enough back to patch the overalls they earned last year plowing cotton under."

Percentages of Doubled Families

IN HARD times families double up and go in with their relatives. In this way an immense amount of relief work is done that never gets into print in any manner whatever. In Wheeling, W. Va., 21 percent of the homes contain doubled families. Other large percentages are Birmingham 14.6, Indianapolis 13.3, St. Paul 11, and Dallas 10.8. In sixty-three cities 9.5 percent of the families are living in with others, and in the cities investigated thirty-two, or just over half, have more doubled families than they have vacant residential units. This shows why things are slack in the building trades: the people cannot afford either to buy or to rent; all their efforts are bent on mere living.

Green Hints at Socialism

IN AN address at Atlantic City, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, hints at socialism when he asks, "Will it be necessary for society to take over the means of production? Will the Government be forced, because of industry's failure, to invite the eager and willing workers to march into the idle shops and throw again the levers of the machines that will again pour out the endless amount of goods our people require?"

"Give the Kids a Break"

CHILDREN, working half the night in their homes making women's braided handbags, got about five cents an hour for the work. "Give the kids a break," wrote one of the older ones, addressing the NRA. "I made those bags since I was 14. . . . I am sick and tired of watching little kids lose their fun. . . . Please use all your forces to stop handbags from being made in the houses, but, instead, in the shops, where they belong." The NRA stopped the practice and had the work placed in shops under code wages and hours. Put that much to the credit of the NRA. These kids got a break, but millions are still on relief.

Nothing for New Workers to Do

WILLIAM GREEN, president of American Federation of Labor, points out that the constant growth in population adds to the people that desire work some 440,000 a year, and though in the first year of the NRA 2,200,000 were reemployed between June and October of that year, yet since that time the unemployment situation has become worse and we are faced with a worse unemployment problem this winter than was had last winter. No headway whatever has been made, Mr. Green thinks, in putting the unemployed back to work in industry, in the year 1934, and that now we are actually losing ground.

The Army of Fifty Million

IN AN address before the American Federation of Labor, at San Francisco, William Green, president of the Federation, wanted to know the answer to the question, "Shall we resign ourselves to the maintenance of an army of unemployed who, with their dependents, approximate fifty million people?" And when you come to think of it, it is a question such as the head of a great federation of labor would have a right to ask, and he might be pardoned for wanting a definite answer.

Pennsylvania One-Fourth Idle

A DISPATCH from Harrisburg discloses that in July 25.1 percent of the entire working population of the state, as enumerated by the last census, were without any jobs. Desperate attempts are being made to save the capitalist system, but all in vain. It contains within itself the seeds of its own dissolution. Nothing that is built on selfishness can remain.

Communist Outrages Reported in N.Y.

WILLIAM GREEN, president of American Federation of Labor, reports receipt of a telegram from the International Fur Workers' Union in New York city to the effect that "Communist gangster methods in the fur industry have become unbearable. Dozens of workers have been assaulted and stabbed in the last number of weeks. Stench bombs are thrown into the homes of the workers in the middle of the night. The lives of workers are in danger." Seems that America is pretty poor soil for communism, at least outside of New York city.

Over Ten Million Still Unemployed

THE American Federation of Labor receives monthly reports from practically every city and town in the United States, and, based upon these, issued the statement that 10,300,000 are still without work in spite of the "Recovery Program". More than 4,300,000 families, representing 16,000,000 persons, are still dependent upon relief, and jobless workers in a number of states are getting only inadequate relief. Abrey Williams, assistant Federal relief administrator, said, "An entire generation is being given birth and raised on relief."

An Intelligent Relief Administrator

THE District of Columbia has an intelligent relief administrator, in the person of George L. Allen. An experienced and capable executive, he took several weeks going around looking for work. He came back to his relief job thoroughly convinced that ninety-eight percent of the jobless men want nothing but jobs, and that the Federal agencies are run by snobs who do not take the trouble to find out the condition the country is really in, and do not handle sympathetically and intelligently the work entrusted to them.

The Jobless of Pennsylvania

THE jobless of Pennsylvania live on weekly food orders and make their homes, so the welfare workers say, in abandoned box cars, rotting boat hulks, pigsties, sewer pipes, corncribs, quarries, tool sheds, boat houses, chicken coops, deserted lunch wagons, lumber sheds, stables, caves, abandoned street cars, unused brick ovens, abandoned school buildings, barns, and foundries. In one case a family lives in a pigsty, partitioned off from the pigs by a few boards.

Relief to States

THE national relief to states amounts to over a billion dollars; every state participated, New York to the extent of $123,000,000, Pennsylvania in the amount of $97,000,000. The states that received over $30,000,000 each were California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, and Texas. In various ways Iowa received national aid to the amount of $195,000,000, and needed every cent of it, as the country was a desert in what is usually one of America's garden spots.

Fear of Collapse Not Idle One

COLONEL FRANK KNOX, of the Chicago *Daily News*, in a radio address from coast to coast, made the statement that the fear of collapse in public and private credit is not an idle one; that if public credit goes, private credit will go with it and economic life be forthwith reduced to chaos.

More and More People on Relief

MORE and more people in New York city are reaching the end of their resources every month. It is anticipated that by the end of this year the families on relief in New York city will be 500,000, and the total persons thus aided will represent a population greater than that of any other American city except Chicago.

Economic Suicide of the World

DOCTOR NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, president of Columbia University, quite disheartened with the trend of things, is of the opinion that the world is en route to economic suicide unless the nations can find men that will be able to change the present course of things.

Debts of $4,070 per Family

ON JULY 1 of this year the combined federal, state and local government debts of the people of the United States were around $50,000,000,000; it is estimated that this amounts to an average of about $4,070 for every family in the country.

Bergen County Again in Headlines

JEHOVAH'S witnesses the world over will be interested to know that the newly elected president of the International Association of Police Chiefs is from Bergen county, New Jersey.

Thinking Apparatus Intended for Use

PATRICK EGAN, of South Dakota, believes intelligent people should make some use of the space between their ears and their roofs. He quotes Andrew Carnegie's aphorism that:

"He that cannot / He that will not / He that dare not } THINK { is a fool; / is a bigot; / is a slave."

Faith—the Motive Power of Life

DR. CASPER S. YOST, editor of the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat,* in a graduation address at the University of Missouri, said some fine things, a few of which we quote:

"You are well aware of the fact that the fingerprints of no two persons are alike, and that once the fingerprints of a man are recorded that man can always thereafter be positively identified, no matter what he may do to conceal his identity. But did you ever realize that you are entirely different from anybody else all over, inside and out? No two persons look exactly alike, except twins sometimes, and they usually develop differences of manner, tastes, dispositions, that distinguish one from the other. It is true, of course, that the whole human race is built upon the same architectural lines. But nature seems to take delight in so arranging the details of form and features, so marking the lines on the fingers and the convolutions of the brain, so distributing the faculties and varying the temperament, that each man or woman is a distinct and different creation. . . . What does all of this signify? It signifies, for one thing, that nature holds that variety is the spice of life and that life needs spice. It signifies, for another, that nature is opposed to rigid uniformity in human affairs and stands firmly for the individual as the basic factor of human action. We hear a great deal in these troublous days about the passing of individualism and of the new era of collectivism when men will be regimented and operated in the mass for the common good. Maybe so; maybe not. But this I know, nature will go on creating distinct individuals, so different in their character [istics], their ideas, their desires, their emotions, so different in everything, that it is only by force or the persuasion of dire necessity that they can be regimented, and when necessity disappears it is by force alone that they can be so maintained. . . . There is nothing so productive of permanent satisfaction in life [as faith in God], nothing that contributes so much to sense of security in its diversities and adversities. Moreover, there is nothing so stimulative to the higher qualities of personality, the larger values of existence. 'Faith in an all-seeing and personal God elevates the soul, purifies the emotions, sustains human dignity, and lends poetry, nobility, and holiness to the commonest state, condition and manner of life.' Any life, indeed, is gravely deficient without it. . . . And finally, as a fitting pinnacle of the structure of these remarks let me present to you for your constant consideration that much worn but always pregnant and moving admonition of William Cullen Bryant:

'So live that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one that wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.' "

Grandmother at Age 31

SAN FRANCISCO has a young woman, 31 years of age, who is a grandmother. Her own grandmother, still living, is but 73 years of age; her mother is also living, at age 48, and her daughter, at 16. Some years ago, in Birmingham, Ala., two of Jehovah's witnesses, mother and daughter, were 32 and 16 years of age, respectively, and the mother was a grandmother at 32 years. When mother and daughter stood side by side it was difficult to say which was the mother and which the daughter, both looked so youthful.

New Racket Preys on Teachers

A NEW racket has developed in New York, this time aimed at teachers. A couple of ex-bootleggers will see a woman teacher drive up to her school, and then descend upon her claiming $5 to $15 damages for alleged injuries to their car, and judging they can get the cash because the lady is on the city payroll. In these days it is any racket to get a little money.

Reporters Sick of Lies

THE reporters of the country, in a convention of their own, passed a resolution condemning the current practice of requiring the procuring or writing of stories which the newspapermen know are false and misleading, and which work oppression or wrong to persons or to groups.

Said the Devil Guided Him

A CHICAGO youth of 13 who shot and killed his 11-year-old playmate admitted that he knew the gun was loaded and that when he fired the fatal shot it seemed as if a devil had guided him. We have not a bit of doubt that he told the simple truth.

Baby Troubles in South Dakota

THE following are extracts of complaints said to have been received at the Brown county (South Dakota) relief office. State officials guarantee the quotations:

"I cannot get sick pay. I have six children, can you tell me why this is so?"

"This is my eighth child; what are you going to do about it?"

"Mrs. ——— has had no clothes for a year and has been regularly visited by the clergy."

"I am glad to say that my husband who was reported missing is now deceased."

"Sir: I am forwarding my marriage certificate and my two children, one of which is a mistake, as you will see."

"I am writing to say that my baby was born. Two years old. When do I get the money?"

"I am sending my marriage certificate and six children. I had seven, and one died which was baptized on half a sheet of paper by Rev. —."

"Please find out for certain if my husband is now dead, as the man I am living with won't eat or do anything until he knows for certain."

"I am very annoyed to find you have branded my oldest boy illiterate. Oh, it is a dirty lie, as I married his father a week before he was born."

"In answer to your letter I have given birth to a boy weighing ten pounds. I hope this is satisfactory."

"You have changed my little boy into a little girl. Will it make any difference?"

"Please send my money at once, as I need it badly. I have fallen into errors with my landlady."

"I have no children as yet; my husband is a bus driver and works day and night."

"In accordance with your instruction, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."

Forced Membership in Company Union

THE National Labor Relations Board at Washington ordered an underwear manufacturing company at Tamaqua, Pa., to reemploy 61 persons who had been dismissed because they had refused to join the company's labor union.

Ford Will Have Own Steel Mills

THE Ford Company is building its own steel mills, to fabricate the 36 different kinds of steel used in automobile manufacture. These new plants will employ 500 men and make the Fords independent of the steel-makers.

Lloyd George Says Wilson Lied

IN THE third volume of his memoirs, after setting out that the earl of Balfour told President Wilson all about the secret European treaties in the year 1917, and that President Wilson refused to have these described in writing, because the possession of such documents might later be embarrassing, Lloyd George then says: "But the statement subsequently made by Wilson before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on August 19, 1919, that 'the whole series of understandings was disclosed to me for the first time when I arrived in Paris for the peace conference' is a palpable misrepresentation of the true facts." Only mildly interested in this, but it does seem as if one gentleman wishing to call another gentleman a liar might do it while the other gentleman is alive; nevertheless, we have no doubt that Lloyd George has told the truth.

A Much Appreciated Subscription

A LETTER written by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. and Maggie F., of California, is much appreciated in this office, and we believe all our readers will be interested:

> Copy of *Golden Age* came to hand. We miss *The Golden Age* so much. We knew our subscription had expired some time ago. As we are on charity list, and have been for some time, we have not the money to renew. We managed to get hold of fifty cents, which I am sending for six months' subscription anyway. Long live *The Golden Age*, and the publishers of truth.

What a Contrast!

THE richest man in the United States dodges his income tax; that is one item. The other is that two orphan boys in Baltimore found a keg containing $11,000 in gold pieces, and because they had heard that it is illegal to have any gold legal tender in this country, they turned their entire find over to the police. What a contrast! And the orphan boys are the happier.

Half Million Americans Live Abroad

THE State Department has published the information that almost 500,000 Americans have taken up permanent residence abroad. Italy has the second largest number of permanent American residents, some 26,617; France and Mexico come next; there are more than 4,000 in the Azores. More than half of all the Americans residing abroad live in Canada.

Tower of the San Francisco-Oakland Bridge

A SINGLE tower of the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge goes down 237 feet below water (the deepest pier ever sunk) and rises 518 feet above water. The legs of the tower are of 5,000 tons of structural steel segments, riveted together, each segment weighing 50 to 80 tons. The order for steel is the greatest ever placed, and amounts to more than is contained in all the buildings of San Francisco put together. The bridge is designed to handle 16,000 cars hourly. There will be no lumber in the completed bridge, but enough will be used in constructing coffer dams and otherwise to make 3,000 five-room frame houses. 1,300,000 barrels of cement will be required to make the 1,000,000 cubic yards of concrete underwater structures.

New Things About the Greatest Bridge

THE greatest bridge of man is being builded across San Francisco bay. Four and one-half miles in length, it is the first bridge ever reared by the capped caisson method, from the surface of the water down through both water and mud to rock bottom, sight unseen. Each pier is the equivalent of a sixty-story building. No other bridge ever had fifty-one great piers. No other bridge was ever so high above water-borne traffic, 218 feet. There are 70,800 miles of cable, almost enough to gird the earth three times. The cables when spun together are 28¾ inches in diameter. It will require 200,000 gallons of paint to cover the bridge.

The Golden Gate Bridge

NOT less spectacular than the great bridge across San Francisco bay is the greatest of all single suspension bridges, across the Golden Gate itself. The span will be 4,200 feet from one tower to the other. The cables will be 36½ inches in diameter. One of the piers is being built 1,200 feet offshore, in water 100 feet deep, continuously exposed to a seven-mile-an-hour tide.

General Motors' Net Earnings

GENERAL MOTORS' net earnings are up considerably. In 1932 they were $164,970, but in 1933 they were $83,213,675, and the company felt so good over it that they raised the average wage of employees from $1,242 to $1,251 a year. This is the whole of $9, and is part of the great plan for bringing back greater purchasing power to the people, as it were, forsooth.

Things That Have Pinched the Railroads

A PARTIAL list of the things that have pinched the railroads, all of these coming from governments, national, state or local, are: full crew bills, train length limits, hours of labor, overtime penalties, subsidized highway and waterway competition, government-operated competition on the Mississippi, pension bill, frozen employment which cannot be reduced, pension bureau, maintenance of non-paying services and lines, unnecessary and expensive union stations, excessive taxes, increases of wages and employment, destruction of company unions.

Burning of the Morro Castle

THE dreadful disaster, the burning of the Morro Castle steamship, is now believed to have been caused by the wiring system's becoming damp. The horrors of the disaster were multiplied because everything on the electrically operated ship went dead, whistle, steering gear, fire alarm, telephones, and, most important of all, the lighting system. This left the engine room in total darkness and made the operation of the machinery next to impossible.

One Hundred Miles an Hour Trains

IT IS claimed that one hundred miles an hour trains will be installed on the Burlington between Chicago and St. Paul, on the Illinois Central between Chicago and St. Louis, on the Boston and Maine between Boston and Bangor, on the New Haven railroad between New York and Boston, and on the Gulf, Mobile & Northern between Mobile and Jackson, Tenn.

What He Did the Next Day

THE *American Guardian* says that the day after the aluminum trust locked out ten thousand of its employees, its owner, one time secretary of the treasury and ambassador to Great Britain, paid $1,500,000 for a picture, the "Alba Madonna", by Raphael, to hang in his office.

No Advertisements on Freight Cars

THE Interstate Commerce Commission has ruled that private freight cars must not be paid commissions or rebates in any form, which is just. Such cars may not have advertising matter on their sides, nor may their owners be paid more than the operating cost of the cars.

The Privileged Rich

SAYS *The Arbitrator:* "The Internal Revenue Bureau is endeavoring to collect from Andrew W. Mellon, former secretary of the treasury, an additional tax of $3,075,103 for the year 1931 on the ground that the securities which he claimed to have sold at a loss were really transferred to his own corporations so that he continued to receive dividends on the stocks sold. He is charged with fraud and intent to evade tax. The government is also trying to collect $1,275,644 from Charles E. Mitchell, former president of the National City Bank, for income taxes he failed to pay in 1929 and 1930. He claimed that he sold stocks to his wife, but she paid him nothing and he received the stocks back again. Both Mellon and Mitchell have been acquitted of criminal fraud by juries, the respect for wealth being so great in the United States that the rich are granted special immunity. Anyone who cheats the government is considered rather clever. Governor Langer, of North Dakota, after sentence to prison for defrauding the federal government, was renominated by the Republican party. Both Republicans and Democrats resent any interference with Big Business on the part of the government. Andrew Mellon is honored among Americans as the 'greatest secretary of the treasury since Hamilton'. He is an employer who has exploited labor and refused to recognize unions. He admits that his income for 1931, two years after the panic he helped to create, was $10,890,485; the Treasury shows that it was really $15,981,568, enough to support 7,500 families in comfort."

Taunton's $2,000,000 Municipal Lighting Plant

TAUNTON, Mass., is justly proud of its $2,000,000 municipal lighting plant. Rates to citizens have been reduced nine times in eleven years, and yet, in the same time, $431,000 from its earnings has been transferred to the general treasury of the city. The customers have been increased from 7,500 to 11,000. Taunton believes its taxpayers should own something besides sewers and pavements.

Fast Time on Pacific Coast

TWO airmen recently flew from Seattle to Los Angeles in 5 hours 30 minutes. It takes the fastest trains 40 hours 40 minutes to cover the same distance, which is 1,088 miles by air line, but 1,438 by rail.

Companies Not on Relief

ARTHUR SHULTS, of Indiana, calls attention to the fact that in a year when (in March) the government had 4,560,000 families on relief, the following companies made the net profits stated. These companies are dealers in foods, but for the "reasons" indicated they are not on relief:

American Sugar Refining Company	$4,801,574
Armour & Company	8,121,641
Borden & Company	4,646,444
Continental Baking Corporation	2,788,430
Corn Products Refining Company	11,504,941
Cream of Wheat Corporation	1,289,593
General Baking Company	2,035,649
Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company	1,679,842
National Biscuit Company	14,995,305
Pet Milk Company	468,776
Quaker Oats Company	4,444,104
Swift & Company	10,149,582
United Fruit Company	9,240,942
Ward Baking Corporation	397,431
Wilson & Company	3,055,924
Great Western Sugar Company	6,414,063
National Sugar Refining Company	1,413,803
Libby, McNeill & Libby	2,206,342

Public Ownership of Public Utilities

IN HIS greatly enlarged and beautified magazine *Public Ownership of Public Utilities* Carl D. Thompson, editor, calls attention to the millions of dollars of profit made annually by the Swiss railways, and humorously suggests, "How utterly stupid of these people to make all that money for themselves when they could just as well have made it for Morgan, Rockefeller, Wiggins, and other deserving exploiters. We are in favor of sending missionaries over there to see if we can't save them from their folly and induce them to turn their railroads over to some of our right-thinking patriots."

South Haven Celebrates

THE surplus earnings of the municipally owned utilities of South Haven, Mich., have enabled the city to build a complete modern sewage disposal plant and extend its utilities without issuing bonds or borrowing the money. The city has recently had a big time celebrating its independence of the hook-nosed financial saviors of the race commonly known as bankers. There are now in the United States some 2,400-odd municipal, federal, state, district and reclamation plants, and the municipal ownership movement is spreading rapidly, as it should.

Down a Half Mile in the Ocean

DR. WILLIAM BEEBE, together with the inventor of the Bathysphere, descended half a mile into the ocean at Bermuda. They saw creatures that live under tons of pressure, which, when they hurled themselves at the Bathysphere, exploded like brilliant rockets; some had lights all over their bodies; both were greatly impressed with the size and variety of living forms. The two scientists constantly telephoned their discoveries to the surface, so that if their shell collapsed under the weight of 500,000 tons resting upon it, their discoveries would remain behind them, for the benefit of others.

Astronomers Claim Earth Has Five Motions

ASTRONOMERS now claim that the earth has five motions through space. With two of these every human is familiar, the rotation on its axis, and the path around the sun. The third is with the sun among a certain 146 cool, red stars, scattered about the sun in its near neighborhood (only 2,000 light years away); the fourth is with the sun about the galaxy of the milky way in which we swing; and the fifth is with the milky way to somewhere else.

Unknown Forces Stir Angry Sea

AUGUST 21, 22 and 23 immense waves pounded the California coast; streets and buildings were flooded; there were several serious injuries; sightseers were turned back by the police. While it was conjectured that the huge waves were the result of a storm at sea, yet no such storm had been reported up to the third day of the raging waters. Similar waves were reported September 8 in the same area.

Parrot Becomes a Detective

IN THE Bronx a man had taken out a pane of glass and was about to enter a bird store, for robbery, when a parrot cried out, "Hey, you!" In a moment the place was in an uproar; all the animals took it up, and the man was detected and held.

Barnard Seeks Better Voices

BARNARD COLLEGE will undertake to improve the voices of its women students. Each will be required to make a record of her own voice and then hear it played, and to study it with a view to improvements that will be suggested by the college authorities.

A Note from California

A NOTE from California says: "In California some good folks reason that we can't fall off the floor, so it can do no harm to try something entirely new. Just now it looks to me quite probable that the new thing will be tried. Some of my neighbors paid $4.00 per ton for having their grapes picked, and received $6.00 per ton for the grapes. Ma will have to wear the old dress, and Pa the old galluses, through another year of hope; but what about the overhead in the home and the underfoot on the ranch? It looks as if there isn't even a floor to fall from."

The High-minded Power Trust

IT TAKES a great mind to understand the rate system of the power trust in Illinois. The same company has twenty-five to fifty rate schedules for the same city, juggled about so as to get in revenue all the traffic will bear. Kicks are adjusted by switching from one rating to another, under the strict admonition to tell nobody. Churches in Chicago pay the trust .0679 cents per kilowatt hour, while in Springfield they pay only .02 cents per kilowatt hour.

Whaling off New York

IN AUGUST a fourteen-foot whale was caught some fourteen miles off Fire Island, New York. It weighed only a ton, but put up a stiff fight, all in vain. As whales are disappearing rapidly from the oceans it would seem as if this one could at least have been allowed to grow up. Another breaking of the everlasting covenant; man has become a monster.

World's Biggest Lightning Rod

THE New York *American* is authority for the statement that the Empire State building, tallest in the world, has been struck by lightning as frequently as a dozen times in fifteen minutes, but always without injury. The building serves as a vast lightning rod and protects all buildings within several blocks from being struck.

Spider Captured a Snake

IN A BALTIMORE home a tiny black spider caught and completely enmeshed a garter snake a foot long. A continuous fight went on for four days, with the spider winning the fight until the officers of the humane society came and stopped the show by cutting the snake's head off.

Baptist Minister Kills His Deacon

AT MOULTON, Ala., a Baptist minister killed the 83-year-old deacon of his church on the public highway and was tried for murder. Not sure just why the "Reverend" butchered the old gentleman, but it was probably over money matters. "Reverends" who desire to kill people seem to pick on the very old and the very young; it is probably well that this is so, because if one of them got into a scrimmage with a real man he would stand no chance at all; that is, the "Reverend" would not stand any chance. Not having any occupation, and lying in bed until noon every day, softens the muscles and really turns a person into a creature that ought properly to wear both skirts and pants; and that is what many of them do.

Taxicab Business in Wellsburg

THE taxicab business in Wellsburg, W. Va., seems to be good. This is a place where young couples come to ride in taxicabs, and afterwards they are married. The taxicab drivers understand their business so well that one minister is now allowed to keep but 50 cents for the ceremony; the taxicab driver gets the rest. Of course, 50 cents is all it is worth, so the minister is adequately paid. Some of the drivers are more generous. One of them splits fifty-fifty with the minister. The minister who made the best deal with the taxi driver had 1,495 couples in 1931, 1,258 in 1932, and 1,258 in 1933. Wellsburg is a convenient Gretna Green for young couples from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Christ Left the Most

AT FIRST glance, reading in the papers that a Methodist bishop recently left a million dollars to various institutions that will perpetuate his name, one would think the bishop business much more profitable than it was in Christ's time. All that Christ left was His peace; but, come to think of it, that legacy was more important to His followers than anything else. There is no peace in life except in Christ. What does life amount to without it?

Rogers Read the Sermons

WILL ROGERS says that he read the October sermons and is well convinced that "on Sundays, politics is transferred from the platform to the rostrum", and that when a sinner goes to church for help he receives instead "an awful pretty theological talk on the NRA".

The "Reverend" Kept the $8

A CLERGYMAN in York, Pa., got to a place where nobody wanted to hear him preach, so he took to selling high-priced Bibles. That was all right, but when a certain man "on the way to Jericho" (?) paid him $8 for a Bible he forgot to send in the order to the publishers, and put the $8 away down deep in his pocket, the same as if it had been a church collection. The last we heard, he was in jail, and probably wishing that he had gone into some kind of honest work long ago.

Anxiety at Atlantic City

THERE was great anxiety at Atlantic City when the bishops of the Episcopal church met. They want to have an archbishop, so as to have some authority for their so-called "church", but they could not agree as to whether to have the national headquarters in New York, where the money is, or in Washington, where the politicians are. It was agreed to pray for those that travel by air. This seems unfortunate, but probably cannot be helped.

Rooster Put with the Chickens

NOT that we just approve of it, but in Franklinville, N. J., a 35-year-old wife put her 78-year-old hubby into the chicken coop, and made him stay there. The old gentleman was the Baptist minister of the neighborhood. He sued her for $10,000 when he found she was keeping younger company in the home that had been his; and it really does seem as if the old gentleman had had a raw deal.

Due for What?

I. H. KELLEY, former pastor of the Second Baptist church of San Antonio, Tex., wants the members of his former flock to sell the church to pay salary due him. He claims to have $2,269.61 coming to him, of which several hundred dollars are for his daughter, who played the organ. Business is business.

Church Connections of British Prisoners

IN THE year 1906, out of every 100,000 members of the Salvation Army in England 2 were in prison; out of the same number of Congregationalists, 3; Baptists, 9; Methodists, 10; Presbyterians, 46; Jews, 116; Church of England, 118; Roman Catholics, 247. No similar Government return has been issued since.

Obedience Marks with Distinction the Heirs of God

THE ones that have done the posing and strutting and peacocking in the past and that are doing it now will have no chance to do it by and by. Mankind has fallen prostrate before its emperors and empresses; its czars, czarinas, czarevitches and czarevnas; its kaisers and kaiserins; sultans and sultanas; princes and princesses; kings and queens; dukes and duchesses; counts and countesses; viscounts and viscountesses; barons and baronesses; marquises and marchionesses; peers and peeresses; nobles and noblewomen; lords and ladies.

It has hardly dared say its soul was its own in the presence of Caesars, mikados, khans, shahs, pashas and padishahs; amirs and emirs; sovereigns, monarchs, presidents, vice-presidents, governors, lieutenant governors, senators, members of parliament, representatives, assemblymen, bosses, potentates, grand seigniors, viceroys, gaekwars, beys, earls, grandees, mayors, aldermen, chiefs of police, sheriffs, marshals, deputies, judges, recorders, magistrates, surrogates, and chancellors.

It has been made to feel that all its blessings have come from the magnates, moneybags, bankers, millionaires and billionaires that have provided it with aluminum cooking utensils and other things that have made life interesting and burdensome. As swindlers all others are mere "pikers".

It has reared boys and turned them over to commanders, field marshals, generals, lieutenant generals, admirals, rear admirals, vice-admirals, commodores, brigadiers, majors, captains, colonels and lieutenant colonels and other chiefs and leaders that have led them to no reward but death.

It has paid in full a thousand times for all the good it has ever received from vicars, pontiffs, popes, cardinals, archbishops, bishops, prelates, superiors, deans, abbots, monsignors, priors, priests, canons, reverends and clergymen generally. Their business in life has been to suppress truth.

Jesus chose better company. When He was on earth He selected the company of publicans and harlots, because they really wanted to get into something better and were sick of the whole hypocritical condition of things about them.

The Heirs of God

The heirs of God are the real nobility of the earth; the ones just named are not. Very few of them, indeed, have had any desire whatever for the vindication of God's name, any desire whatever for the blessing of their fellow men either here or hereafter, and among them, in all ages, have been the chief, most active persecutors of Jesus and those who have had the spirit of Jesus and been, like Him, faithful witnesses to God.

Jesus went to the trouble of making this matter perfectly clear to the chief priests. On a certain day He overthrew the tables of the money-changers in the temple, and the seats of them that sold doves, and on the next day, as He was teaching the people the chief priests and elders came to Him and the following colloquy ensued:

"By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things. But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not; but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir; and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not; but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him."—Matthew 21: 23-32.

Harlots Go into the Kingdom

A subscriber in California, writing of the blessings which have come to her and to others from the writings of Judge Rutherford, says: "Would just say the reality of the scripture quoted (Matthew 21: 23-32) was much impressed on me at the Los Angeles convention in the spring. I learned from various sources, friends from different towns, how women who had lived openly immoral lives had embraced the truth, and, much to the consternation of their friends, took their stand. It seems the *Preservation* book

was written for a special encouragement for some such class, when it calls a spade a spade, and may at first appear rather indelicate. To see such come to the Lord we can truly say, 'It is written,' and do indeed rejoice."

Assured that every lover of righteousness will appreciate it we here quote from *Preservation,* pages 286, 287:

If man had been making out the genealogy leading up to Christ the names of Tamar, Rahab and Ruth would have been omitted. It is the practice of the self-righteous church-goer of "Christendom" to superciliously lift the eyebrows in "holy" horror at the course of these women or to blush at the mention of some of the things about them as though these things marked them as outcasts and unfit for the elite society of "organized Christianity". But to the character-developing, "holier-than-thou" chief priests and elders and Pharisees of his day Jesus said: "Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not; but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him." (Matthew 21:31, 32) Thus Jesus' words are directly in keeping with Jehovah's procedure in rejecting other women, perhaps outwardly more refined and righteous according to self-established human standards, and permitting Tamar, Rahab and Ruth, branded by some as mere harlots, to get into the ancestry of the Chief One of the kingdom of God, Jesus Christ. Probably the Lord God put these in as a rebuke to those who think they can outline a standard by which others may enter the house of the Lord. God himself has prepared the way, and it is presumptuous for anyone to question or criticize the way that he has prepared.

The Identity of Mary Magdalene

The identity of Mary Magdalene with Mary the sister of Lazarus would probably have been universally admitted long ago but for the Devil, but it is convenient for hypocrites to believe that Mary Magdalene was a very bad woman and that Mary the sister of Lazarus was a very 'good' woman, a regular character-developer, or the very opposite of what Mary Magdalene is supposed to have been. Here are some facts:

It was Mary, the sister of Lazarus and of Martha, who wiped the Lord's *feet* with her hair. (John 11:2) Let us read the accounts and see their substantial harmony. If any object to their referring to the same thing, let them object. If they *do* refer to the same thing, then here is a great lesson for us all:

"Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of *Simon* the leper, there came unto him a woman having an *alabaster box* of *very precious ointment,* and poured it on his *head,* as he sat at meat. But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my *body,* she did it for my burial."—Matthew 26:6-12.

"And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an *alabaster box* of *ointment,* and stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to *wash his feet with tears,* and did *wipe them with the hairs of her head,* and kissed his feet, and anointed *them* with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him; for she is a sinner. And Jesus, answering, said unto him, *Simon,* I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty: and when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me, therefore, *which of them will love him most? Simon* answered and said, I suppose that he to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto *Simon,* Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath *washed my feet with tears,* and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman, since the time I came in, hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my *feet* with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little."—Luke 7:37-47.

"And being in *Bethany,* in the house of *Simon* the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an *alabaster box* of *ointment* of spikenard, *very precious;* and she brake the box, and poured it on his *head.* And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying."—Mark 14:3-8.

"Then Jesus, six days before the passover, came to *Bethany,* where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper, and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then took *Mary* a pound of *ointment* of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the *feet* of Jesus, and *wiped his feet with her hair:* and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, *Simon's* son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always."—John 12:1-8.

Why Mary Loved Jesus

It is all simple enough why Mary loved Jesus; He himself explained it to Simon. She being of an impetuous, ardent, impulsive temperament, some man had started her on a wrong course and the demons had taken advantage of it and tried to work her utter ruin. When she stood there behind Jesus weeping, and pouring out upon His head and body and feet her savings, and kissing His feet and wiping them with the hairs of her head, Jesus understood what was going on in her heart, and that was what interested *Him.*

We are almost tempted to change slightly the words of a popular song and to make it read:

For 'tis love, and love alone, the Lord is seeking;
And 'tis love, and love alone, that can repay!
'Tis the answer, 'tis the end and all of living,
For 'tis love and love alone that rules for aye.

The world and its hypocrites can never get the right idea. They cannot understand, and it sometimes seems as if they did not wish to understand. In spite of everything that has been said, "man looketh on the outward appearance, but [Jehovah] looketh on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) Men deceive themselves into acting as if they believed that what God wants is outward, formalistic piety. He wants nothing of the sort. What He does want is the heart. "My son, give me thine heart." (Proverbs 23:26) When He has that, He has all; when He has it not, He has something that is worse than nothing.

Some commentators hold that Magdala and Bethany were one and the same place. It would be strange indeed if Mary whose brother was raised from the dead shunned Jesus in His dying hour, while Mary Magdalene was right there to give Him all the comfort she could. It would be more than strange if the one who loved to sit by Jesus' side and hear Him explain the way to life would know nothing about His death or burial but that His first revelation of himself after His resurrection would be to this once poor woman of the street, Mary Magdalene, who so loved Him, and was so overwhelmed with contrition and a desire for a better life that she kissed His feet and wiped them with the hairs of her head, as Mary of Bethany also did.

Further, how would anyone explain the fact if Luke, the beloved physician, the close observer, was the only one to go into such great detail as to what happened in the house of Simon the Pharisee and yet said nothing whatever about it if a very similar event happened in the house of Simon the leper, though such incident is mentioned by all the other evangelists.

Of course, we don't care what the writers of the Talmud say on any subject, but the Talmudic writers, in their calumnies of Jesus and the early church, have considerable to say about a Miriam Magaddela, and it does look as if Jesus went out of His way to drive home the lesson that the publican who "would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:10-14), was really the one whom God approved. And so a reformed harlot, Mary of Magdala or Bethany, might be, and was, an object of very special interest to Jesus and to God. She it was who threw herself at the feet of the risen Christ, clasped them in her arms and gave vent to that cry "Rabboni [my dear Master]" which echoes yet and will echo forever in the hearts of those for whom He has done the most. —John 20:16.

Publicans in the Same Category

By the orthodox Jews the publicans were, if anything, more despised than the harlots. How the money-loving Jews hated these taxgatherers is indicated by the passage which inspired this lesson in obedience, and reads:

"And as Jesus passed forth from thence [where He had healed the man sick of the palsy], he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him."—Matthew 9:9.

What more could he do? Nothing that he could do would change the fact that he had been a taxgatherer for the hated Roman government. But Jesus loved him for his obedience and did not hesitate to have him as a follower and to eat at

his house. Matthew Levi the publican went out and invited all his publican friends to a feast in his home:

"And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." —Matthew 9:10-12.

The self-righteous will go into destruction proclaiming to the last that they are the salt of the earth, when as a matter of fact they are and have been its outstanding curse. The reason why the publicans and harlots loved Jesus was that they knew their needy estate and made full acceptance of God's provision for their cleansing. The parable of the "prodigal son" tells the same story. Genuine contrition is precedent to salvation; obedience is contrition in action.

"More Power to You"

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Who Shall Rule the World?

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WHO shall rule the world has been the cause of controversy for centuries past. The greatest controversy of all time is just now beginning, and will bring upon the nations of the earth such tribulation as was never before known, and that will settle for ever the question as to who shall rule the world. The settlement of that question involves the peace, prosperity and life of the entire human race.

Nothing could be of such momentous interest, convenience and necessity to the people as a knowledge of the truth of and concerning the cause of world conditions and what is to be the outcome. I wish that you might understand that what I have to say is not an attack upon any man. My sole purpose is to bring to the attention of the people the indisputable truth, that we may all see what is the proper course for us to take. There is a desperate effort being put forth to prevent the people from hearing the truth at the present time, and if you will bear with me I will tell you the reason. Of necessity the truth is controversial, because it exposes error, and hence the advocates of error always oppose the message of truth. Today the world conditions have reached an acute crisis, and thoughtful persons must lay aside religious and political prejudice and give calm and sober consideration to what is involved.

If you are a Protestant, that is no cause or excuse for you to fight your Catholic neighbor. If you are a Catholic, that is no reason why you should persecute one holding a different view. If you have been associated with one great political party, that is no reason why you should war on those of an opposite political faith. My speech on this occasion is not a political speech, nor is it a religious discussion. I am not seeking to induce anyone to join some organization. I only ask that you give calm and sober consideration to a statement of the facts which all of you know to exist, and then to set these facts alongside the truth of God's Word bearing upon such facts, in order that we may determine what is the right course to take.

You will readily agree that in every nation the political and economic conditions are entirely unsatisfactory. Since the World War many different men have aspired to rule the people in an arbitrary manner. The people were induced to believe that the great war of 1914 would result in making the world safe for democracy. Had that fantastic prediction been realized it would have meant a government of the people, for the people, and by the people. The slogan, however, proved to be even more elusive than a dream. Italy was on the winning side of that war, and today that nation is ruled by a dictator and democracy is there unknown. Russia fell between the battle lines and the Soviets came into power, and in that government there is no democracy. Germany was on the losing side of the war, and now that nation is arbitrarily ruled by

En route to the Pacific coast, Judge Rutherford stopped at Atlanta to address a vast audience on a subject of the very first importance that can engage the attention of man. Five sound cars, in different parts of the city, rebroadcast the message to almost all Atlanta, while the radio carried it to the middle of the Pacific ocean in one direction and to the middle of Europe in the other: half way around the world. It is a great privilege to be able to present this address in this issue of The GOLDEN AGE.

Judge Rutherford is not given to predictions, but things are now moving so rapidly that he does not hesitate to say that, in his judgment, it will not now be more than two years before the papal trap will be sprung and America, once the land of the free, will be ruled with a mailed fist and liberty will be gone. But (and this is the best of it all) Jehovah God has a way out of the dilemma, and the judge tells us of that too.

a dictator and all the people are in great dread. Each one of the dictators aspires to be the world ruler. In America there is what is called a democracy, but the people have little or nothing to say about their government. They vote for supposed public servants, but the elected ones do as they are told by a few men. A bureaucracy would be a better name for the government. The World War did not make this nation safe for democracy, by any means.

Europe a Welter of Confusion

Out of all the world confusion came the League of Nations, and the claim was that it would establish peace and prosperity and rule the world harmoniously. That makeshift is already a failure and is doomed to pass away leaving no beneficial results to the human race. In every nation fear has possessed the people. What rights they once enjoyed and were supposed to possess they now fear to assert. They know no one to whom they may look to lead them out of the dismal swamp of despair. Everywhere the people are in perplexity, and they look to the future with fear and dread.

For centuries a foreign power, having its seat of operation at Rome, and parading under a religious name, has had its covetous eyes fixed upon America. Today that subtle power seemingly is exercising a supernatural influence over other organizations of men and it is stealthily and subtly moving forward to lay its slimy hand upon the wealth of the nation and take away from the people their last vestige of liberty. In order to do that they are scheming to rule the nation with a mailed fist. I venture the prediction that unless there is a decided change in their operations within two years that religious, commercial, and political combine will have so completely carried forward their selfish schemes that the American people will be completely bound hand and foot and their once boasted liberty entirely gone.

From the public press published on the first day of this month I quote the following: "Reds riot in Holland, French cavalry shoot down the Parisian mob. German Nazis fall before firing squads of other Nazis, and Russian peasants starve to fulfil Moscow's orders. Austrian Socialists die on barricades, and the Austrian chancellor lies murdered in a putsch. Polish anti-Semites kill Jews, and the Polish Minister of the Interior dies by an assassin's bullet. Rumania mourns a slain premier, France her foreign minister, and Yugoslavia her king. This is the continental Europe scene in the year 1934." Thus is described a horrible condition existing throughout the entire earth.

The Conspiracy Against America

And what about the American nation, once known as the "land of the free and the home of the brave"? What has become of the noble-hearted statesmen that once guarded the general welfare of the people? They have practically disappeared. The time was in America when the farmer felt free to till his land and lie down in peace at night and soundly rest. Today farmers are so perplexed and distressed, because they are required to plow up portions of their crops and destroy their pigs, that some of them in utter despair commit suicide. The tax burdens of the people are daily being increased while the government issues interest-bearing bonds and obtains money by selling the same, and then uses the money to loan on farms to be secured by mortgage. Within a short time that scheme will permit the politicians and their allies to make the common people ordinary serfs. Millions of American citizens are now entering a winter faced with suffering and starvation. It is not unusual today to hear one say, "It seems that a supernatural power is goading men on to desperation."

Never before have you known of so much selfishness amongst men. Never before have you observed such covetousness for power and selfish gain. Never before so much unfaithfulness of officeholders toward the people whom they are supposed to represent. In America prohibition brought a wave of crime that swept many into untimely graves and debauched the lives of many more. The repeal of prohibition is attended with even worse conditions and a constant increase of crime. Every issue of the public press tells of all manner of wickedness, crime and suicides that are being committed. This is but a mild statement of the facts as they exist, and it is useless for us to try to close our eyes to these facts. Let us face the facts calmly and make an honest endeavor to learn the cause and to ascertain if there is a possible remedy. What is the cause of these conditions of woe that now afflict the people of all nations of the earth? Can the responsibility be laid at the door of any political party? Is there a sure and safe remedy to which the people may pin their hope?

The full and complete answer to these ques-

tions is found in only the Bible, which is God's Word of truth. Long centuries ago by His holy prophets God foretold the coming about of exactly the conditions that you now see and experience. There are millions of Bibles in the land, but there are few persons who have any knowledge or understanding thereof. The people have been kept in ignorance of the truth as it is set forth in the Bible, and that condition of ignorance is due to the subtle machinations of our common enemy.

America Claims to Be Christian

For more than a hundred years this nation has claimed to be a Christian nation, which means that the people of the nation are supposed to believe and rely upon the Word of God and of Christ Jesus. I beg you as sober-minded persons to prove at least to some degree that this is a Christian people by giving heed to what the Word of God says concerning these unhappy things that now exist. At Proverbs 29:2 it is written: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." That the people all over the earth now are mourning is an indisputable fact. Can it be properly said, then, that the dictators that rule in the various nations are the wicked referred to in the scripture just quoted? Primarily, No. Those men are only the agents of the great invisible wicked one; and that means that those men have been made blind to the truth and have been goaded on by an unseen influence to desperate deeds. In that same chapter of Proverbs (verse 18) it is written: "Where there is no vision [or understanding], the people perish." The various earthly dictators are merely men, and, having no vision or understanding of God's purpose, those men are blind guides, and they are leading the blind people. All must fall into the ditch, except those who get an understanding and change their course.

Who, then, is the wicked ruler mentioned in the scripture just quoted? The true answer is that said wicked one is Satan, the Devil, the invisible overlord or ruler of the world. At 1 John 5:19 it is written that the whole world lies in that wicked one, Satan. Jesus Christ, the greatest teacher ever on earth, repeatedly stated that Satan the Devil is the invisible ruler or god of this wicked world. (John 12:31; 8:44) It is written, in 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4, that Satan is the god of this world and that he blinds men to the truth. At Revelation 12:17 is found the proof that Satan attempts to destroy all those who in obedience to Jehovah's commandments tell the truth of and concerning God's coming kingdom.

Identity of Real Malefactor

You have said time and again that it seems that there is an unseen power that holds sway over the nations and people; and in that conclusion you are correct. That unseen power is Satan and a host of wicked angels, or spirit creatures, who operate with him to wrongfully influence and control man. Not only that, Satan the Devil uses men who wrongfully claim to represent God and Christ, to keep the people in ignorance of the truth. Such men attempt to prevent you from hearing or reading anything that would make clear to you the Scriptures. Instead of encouraging the people to study the Bible, they use all means within their power to prevent the people from hearing and learning what the Bible contains. That of itself is the best evidence that such men do not represent God and Christ, but that they are blinded by our common enemy, Satan, and that they serve him and deceive the people.

You know that the visible rulers of the nations of the earth are extremely selfish and that human schemes are operated to accomplish selfish ends. Those in power are proud, boasters, unthankful and unrighteous. Never before in the history of man was there so much peril threatening the peoples of all nations. What is the Scriptural explanation thereof? Long ago God caused to be written, at 2 Timothy 3:1-4, the answer in these words: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." These are the last days, and are fraught with great peril.

Today the practice of "Christian religion", so called, has become merely a formalism and is entirely void of the spirit of God. Further speaking of those who lead in the practice of formal Christian religion the scripture states (2 Timothy 3:5): "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

The fact that "perilous times" have come and that the people suffer and mourn and are in despair is conclusive proof that we have reached the "last days" long ago foretold by the Bible. What is the meaning of the Scriptural term here used, "the last days"? It does not mean the end of time, because time never ends. It does mean the end of Satan's rule of the world is at hand; hence these are "the last days" of the operation of that wicked ruler. It means that a world crisis has been reached and the nations are in a transition period and that we stand at the portals of a righteous rule of the world wherein the people will have an opportunity to avail themselves of the blessings of a righteous government. What, then, could be of such vital interest, necessity and convenience to the people as a knowledge of the truth of and concerning this matter?

Wicked Ruler

You should know how the Devil became the invisible ruler of the world and what will bring about the complete end of his wicked rule. The brief Scriptural account thereof is this: When God created the perfect man and put him on the earth He made His spiritual son Lucifer the overlord or invisible ruler of man. Lucifer, having a covetous and ambitious desire to commercialize and use the human race for his own wicked ends, rebelled against Jehovah God. He led the perfect man into sin, thereby causing him to be sentenced to death, and, by inheritance, death passed upon all men, and since then all men have been born imperfect, and for that reason men have been dying. (Romans 5:12) God then and there changed the name of Lucifer, and since that time Lucifer has been known by the four names: *Satan,* meaning the adversary of God; *Devil,* meaning slanderer; *Dragon,* meaning the devourer; and *Serpent,* meaning the deceiver who deceives and attempts to devour all men or destroy their prospects for life.

Satan the Devil challenged Jehovah God to put on the earth any man who under a crucial test would remain true and faithful to Jehovah. Satan boasted that he could turn all men away from and cause them to curse God. To the end that this question of supremacy might be completely and for ever settled in the right way, and that a way might be provided for mankind to gain life everlasting, Jehovah God accepted the challenge of Satan and permitted him to put forth all his power in an effort to carry out his wicked boast. The settlement of that controversy must of necessity determine who is supreme or the all-powerful ruler of the universe.

God sentenced Satan to death at the time of his rebellion, but deferred the execution of that sentence until a future time. He permitted Satan to remain for a long period of time that this question of supremacy might be fully tried and that all creation might have an opportunity to see it settled once and for ever. It is therefore written that Jehovah said to Satan (Exodus 9:16, *Leeser*): "But for this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that they [my witnesses] may proclaim my name throughout all the earth."

Thereafter Satan the Devil builded his own organization, which at all times has been wicked, and in his organization he has used wicked angels and wicked men. By the prophecy of Daniel God foretold that wicked spirits and wicked human creatures would "bear rule over all the earth" for a long period of time. (Daniel 2:39) In keeping with these prophetic statements the facts are that all the nations of the earth have been ruled in wickedness and not one has been righteous.

Typical Nation

The Israelites were God's chosen people, organized by Him into a typical nation by which He foretold His purpose to establish in due time a righteous rule of the world by and through His great Son, the Messiah. The Israelites had an opportunity to prove their integrity toward God, but only a few of them did so. The nation fell away to the Devil and became wicked, and for that reason God cast that people away and permitted them to be destroyed as a nation. At the time of the overthrow of the last king of Israel Jehovah declared that He would not interfere with Satan's rule of the world until the coming of Him whose right it is to rule and that then that rightful Ruler should rule in righteousness. (Ezekiel 21: 25-27) A long period of time must follow till the coming of the rightful Ruler; and in that period of time Satan has been the god or invisible ruler of the whole world. He is that one who oppresses the people and defames Jehovah's name.

Righteous Ruler

The Scriptures declare, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice." (Proverbs 29:2) Who, then, is the rightful Ruler of the world, who will rule in righteousness? The

scripture answers: Christ Jesus, the Son of Jehovah God, the Redeemer of the human race, the Vindicator of Jehovah's name, and who is the great Prince of Peace. From the days of the prophets till now order-loving people have waited, prayed and hoped for the coming of the true and righteous Ruler of the world who shall rule and bring peace and prosperity. When that righteous rule is established the people will be happy and prosperous, and never before that time can they be prosperous and happy. Today the nations stand in darkness, but at the very portals of the bright and happy day.

While Satan has been carrying on his wicked rule Jehovah God has been preparing His royal house for the establishment of the government of righteousness. Mark now the progressive steps in carrying forward the great divine purpose. More than 1900 years ago Jehovah sent Jesus to earth as His representative to tell the truth to those who would hear, and to redeem the human race from death, and to make ready for His kingdom. Jesus began His ministry by boldly declaring that He is God's chosen one to rule the world in the place and stead of Satan, the wicked one. It is plainly written in the Bible, at Matthew 4:8-10, that the Devil offered to turn over the rulership of the world to Jesus upon the condition that Jesus would honor and worship the Devil, which offer Jesus flatly refused. From that time forward Satan sought to kill Jesus Christ. To accomplish this purpose he resorted to all manner of wicked means. He poisoned the mind of the clergy of that day against Jesus, and they tried to kill Jesus. To those clergymen Jesus said (John 8:40, 43, 44): "Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God [my Father]. . . . Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." This proves that the mere fact that a man claims to represent God is no evidence whatsoever of the truth of such claim. It is written, in Romans 6:16, that 'man is the servant of him whom he serves'. If you find men, therefore, who claim to be servants of God and of Christ but who are persecuting others who are serving God and Christ, and trying to prevent them from telling the truth to the people as it is set forth in the Scriptures, then you may know for a certainty that such persecutors are not the servants of God but are the servants of God's enemy, the Devil.—John 15:19-21; 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4.

Satan and his agents continued to persecute Jesus to the end, and God suffered them to crucify His beloved Son. When Jesus died Satan concluded that he had destroyed the world's rightful Ruler, but Jehovah exhibited His own supreme power, to the disappointment of Satan. God raised Jesus Christ out of death and exalted Him to the highest place in the universe and made Him Lord and Ruler of the whole world. Concerning this God caused to be written in the Scriptures these words (Philippians 2:9-11): "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."—See also Acts 3:26; Isaiah 9:6, 7.

Period of Waiting

When Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, why did He not then, as the world's rightful Ruler, begin His rule? The Scriptural answer is, because it was not God's due time for Him to begin to rule the world. Therefore God said to Jesus, as recorded in Psalm 110:1: "Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." (Acts 2:34, 35; Hebrews 10:13) That meant that a long period of waiting must elapse till Christ would begin His rule of the world. Within that period of waiting God has been taking out of the world other men whom He has made His witnesses, and who must continue to deliver the testimony of Jesus Christ concerning Jehovah and His kingdom. (Acts 15:14) The apostles were the first ones taken out, and they immediately began, at Pentecost, to declare to the people that Jesus Christ is the world's rightful Ruler. Their testimony was a challenge to Satan's right to rule the world, and hence the Devil continuously persecuted the apostles. They were charged with sedition and treason and other crimes, were thrown into prison, and beaten, and were finally killed because of their faithfulness unto God and unto Christ as witnesses to the truth. For the same reason others of the early period of the Christian era suffered martyrdom.

Change

Then in the fourth century a great change came about. And why that change? Because the Roman Catholic hierarchy was organized and professed followers of Christ Jesus in that organization entered into politics and attempted to rule the nations of the earth, falsely claiming that they and their allies were ruling by divine right as Christ's representatives on earth. That course they took doubtless because they were entrapped by the Devil and caused to serve him. From then till now the Roman Catholic hierarchy has persecuted every man on earth who has boldly given testimony to the truth of God's Word and His kingdom. They persecuted the Protestants until the Protestant organizations entered into politics and ceased to protest, and then the two religious organizations became close bedfellows. Now the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the Protestant clergy, and the Jewish rabbis walk hand in hand, participate in the politics of the world, support wicked and selfish organizations that oppress the people, and persecute everyone who dares to tell the truth of and concerning God's kingdom. The big radio corporations of the world, owned and controlled by selfish interests, permit their facilities to be used only by this allied company of political religionists and refuse their facilities for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the people the plain truths of God's Word. The effort of Satan and his agents is to keep the people in ignorance of the world's rightful Ruler and of His righteous government by which He will rule the earth for the benefit of men. There are millions of good people in the Catholic and in the Protestant organizations who are in no wise responsible for the derelictions of their clergy and leaders; and those millions of people are entitled to hear the truth, that each one of them may determine for himself what course he wants to take. For that reason the truth is now being brought to the attention of all persons who desire to hear.

End of Waiting

Jehovah having fixed a time limit for Satan to attempt the execution of his wicked boast to turn all men away from God, that period of waiting must come to an end sometime. The prophecies of the Bible, including the great prophecy uttered by Jesus Christ, show that such period of waiting must end in 1914, and that then Christ Jesus, the rightful Ruler of the world, would begin His reign. At that time Jehovah God sent forth Christ Jesus, saying to Him, as written in Psalm 110:2: "Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies." The prophecies show that the time of the end of Satan's world would be marked by a world war, followed quickly by famine, pestilence and distress of nations, and the perplexity amongst men. (Matthew 24:3-13) The physical facts conclusively prove the beginning of the fulfilment of that prophecy was in 1914, thus disclosing the clear and proper understanding of the prophecy. At the same time, as the prophecy shows, there would also be a war in the invisible realm between Christ Jesus and Satan, and that the result would be the defeat of Satan and the casting of Satan and his angels down to earth. (Revelation 12:7-9) This having taken place, the Devil now confines his wicked work to the peoples and nations of this earth and is making a desperate attempt to turn all mankind away from God and to plunge them into destruction. You well know that since the beginning of the World War the distress and woe upon the peoples of earth have continued to increase; and the reason therefor is that Satan, having been cast down to earth, brings these woes upon mankind, as it is written in Revelation 12:12: "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." That is the real reason why there is now so much suffering and distress on earth. The Devil is trying to keep the people in ignorance of this fact while he prepares his forces for Armageddon. He particularly uses religionists to blind the people to the truth. This I say that those who hear may begin to think for themselves.

The Scriptures also show that approximately at the same time the Lord gathers unto himself His faithful witnesses whom He has selected to give testimony before the peoples of the earth. He commits His testimony concerning the world rulership to His witnesses, and who are named in the Scriptures as Jehovah's witnesses, and these the Lord sends forth to deliver His testimony.—Revelation 12:17; Isaiah 43:10-12.

A Challenge

Necessarily this testimony delivered by Jehovah's witnesses, announcing that Christ Jesus is earth's rightful Ruler, is a direct challenge to the Devil, and a declaration of war against him; and for that reason the Scriptures declare that the

old Dragon, the Devil, makes war against Jehovah's witnesses who keep the commandments of Jehovah God. (Revelation 12:17) Because Christ Jesus when on the earth testified to the truth and declared himself the King, whom God had selected to rule the world, Satan sought to kill Him. For the same reason now the Devil and his emissaries vigorously oppose the testimony delivered by Jehovah's witnesses and seek to kill them. For this reason Jesus has said to His faithful followers (John 15:20): "The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you."

In fulfilment of this prophetic statement the Roman Catholic hierarchy now takes the lead in a world-wide cruel campaign in opposition to Jehovah's witnesses; and this is positive proof that such opposition is carried on at the command and instance of the Devil, and all who join in this opposition to the message concerning God and His kingdom under Christ put themselves on the side of the Devil. Jehovah's witnesses are few in number, and in themselves are of little importance. To be sure, the Roman Catholic hierarchy and her allies are not at all afraid of Jehovah's witnesses, but both they and their father are afraid of the message of truth which these witnesses, by God's grace, deliver to the people, because that message tells the people that within a very short time Satan's organization shall be completely destroyed and that Christ Jesus shall rule the world in righteousness.

At the present time the Roman Catholic hierarchy maintains a publicity bureau in Washington, D.C., and from that headquarters copy is sent to every part of "Christendom", and all the Catholic newspapers use that copy and engage in the publication of all manner of vicious and slanderous falsehoods against Jehovah's witnesses. Why is that done? Because Jehovah's witnesses are announcing that the Almighty God Jehovah is supreme, and that Christ is His King, and that Satan's rule of the world must completely end within a short time. Jehovah's witnesses are not complaining, nor are they asking any quarter of men. By the Scriptures they have been fully informed that this opposition would develop, even before it began, and if it had not come they would have been disappointed. This cruel opposition is only further evidence that Jehovah's witnesses are right and have the approval of the Almighty God and of Christ His King. For that reason men and women who make up the little company of Jehovah's witnesses now go from house to house throughout the land, exhibiting to the people in book form the message concerning God and Christ and His kingdom. They call attention of the people to these truths emphasizing the fact that the change of the rulership of the world is now at hand. The more the Roman Catholic hierarchy and her allies oppose, the more Jehovah's witnesses will rejoice and sing the praises of God and His King. They know the fight is on to a finish, and that God will win. It is a glorious fight, and will continue to increase in glory, and will have a glorious end. Never has there been such a joyful company of people on earth as Jehovah's witnesses, because they are privileged to be the publicity agents of the Almighty God and His King and to announce to the people that soon oppression shall end and righteousness shall rule the world. Let all of Satan's agents take notice now that the end is near and that all such opposers or enemies of God and His kingdom will meet everlasting defeat. The Bible proof, fully supported by the physical facts, is set forth in detail in the books that are brought to your door by Jehovah's witnesses, and by the study of such you may clearly see the reason for the present world distress, what shall shortly follow, and what is the complete remedy.

Abomination

For centuries those who love God have been looking for the coming of Christ Jesus and His kingdom. Now the King is upon His throne, and it is the will of God that announcement of this stupendous truth shall be made to the peoples of earth. During the World War some clergymen in London issued a manifesto to the effect that the extraneous evidence then apparent showed that the kingdom of Christ was at hand. Shortly thereafter, however, the League of Nations was brought forth as the scheme for ruling the world, and at once the clergy of "Christendom" hailed the League of Nations as a substitute for God's kingdom on earth. Now the leaders amongst the Catholics, Protestants and Jews unite to declare that the League of Nations is the only light of the world. The League of Nations being made a substitute for God's kingdom under Christ, necessarily that League is an abomination in the sight of Almighty God. Both the prophet Daniel and Jesus Christ speak of "the abomination that maketh desolate" be-

cause it stands in the holy place, where it ought not to stand, that is to say, as a substitute for God's kingdom.

Mark now the advice which Jesus Christ gives to the people of good will concerning that abomination (Matthew 24:15, 16): "When ye, therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) then let them which be in Judæa flee into the mountains." Those of Judea here mentioned are the ones who are in heart sympathy with the kingdom of God under Christ; hence they are persons of good will. The mountains mentioned here symbolically mean Jehovah God and His organization under Christ. Therefore the advice of Christ Jesus is to all people of good will, that they now "flee to the mountains", that is to say, take their stand on the side of God and Christ and His kingdom, and that they do by entirely forsaking Satan's organization. The Lord admonishes such persons of good will to separate themselves from selfish world organizations and not to try to seek honor at the hands of men nor to uphold the institutions that are against the kingdom of God. He admonishes all such to take their stand on the side of Jehovah God before the "winter" time. The words "winter time" there used symbolically mean the time of great suffering and distress which will come at the battle of Armageddon. Why does Jesus warn the people to flee now? He answers that question in these words (Matthew 24:21): "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

Armageddon

That stupendous tribulation is the battle of the great day of God Almighty, otherwise named in the Scriptures "Armageddon". In the book called *Preparation* you will find a full description of that great battle, how it will be fought, and what will be the result. Here I can only say that now all the nations of earth are gathering together under Satan's leadership to the battle of Armageddon. That will be a war and slaughter such as never before was known in the history of man. Both the invisible and visible forces of the universe will fight, and many of them will die. But by far the greatest fighting will be amongst the unseen forces. Christ Jesus, the mighty Warrior and Chief Executive Officer of Jehovah will lead the fight on the side of righteousness. Why should there be such a great battle? The reason is that Satan the Devil will not give way to the world's rightful Ruler, and therefore Satan and his organization must be and will be completely destroyed.

The Right Hand and Executioner for Jehovah God is Christ Jesus. Satan and all of his host are the enemies of God, and concerning these it is written, in Psalm 21:8-10: "Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee. Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them. Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men." That destruction of the enemies of God will include all the visible and invisible ones who oppose God and His kingdom, as it is written, in Psalm 104:35: "Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more." All who support Satan's wicked rule of the world, and who are therefore the friends of the world, are God's enemies, and concerning that it is written, at James 4:4: "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

The visible kings and rulers of the earth, made up of the commercial, political and religious elements, are now in a conspiracy against Jehovah and His kingdom, as it is written (Psalm 2:2-9): "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the [nations] for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

The Roman Catholic hierarchy and its arrogant allies now think they can assault with impunity Jehovah's witnesses and bring reproach upon God's holy name and get away with it. They will find, however, that in the battle of Armageddon their wealth, worldly influence,

position and power amongst men will afford them no help whatsoever and that there will be no place for them to escape, as it is written, in Jeremiah's prophecy (25:33-35): "And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape."

Righteous Government

Let all the people who desire to see a righteous government now be calm and sober-minded. Cease fighting or quarreling over immaterial matters. No political party can bring you relief and happiness. No church organization can bring what you desire. No earthly organization can bring you any real blessing; because all those things must soon pass away. The world crisis is here, and the all-important question is concerning God's kingdom of righteousness and man's relation thereto. Christ Jesus the King is the righteous and elect servant of Jehovah God to whom Jehovah has committed the rulership of the world, and concerning Him Jehovah says through His prophet (Matthew 12:18, 21): 'Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon Him,and He shall show judgment to the nations. And in His name shall the nations hope.' (Isaiah 42:1, 3) You find no hope of relief by looking to the rulers of this wicked world, and here is the positive statement of Almighty God that in the name of Christ Jesus, the world's rightful Ruler, shall the nations hope. And why shall the people hope in His name? The prophet of God answers, at Isaiah 9:6, 7: "For . . . the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of [Jehovah] of hosts will perform this."

The Scriptures name Satan as the prince of darkness who keeps the people in the dark concerning God and His kingdom of righteousness under Christ. Those who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, and wholly devoted themselves to Him and Jehovah, have been taken out of darkness into the light of truth; and these are commanded to make known the truth to others, that they also might hear and obey the Lord. (Colossians 1:13; 1 Peter 2:9, 10) That is the reason why Jehovah's witnesses in these days are calling at your homes to tell you the truth.

This is the time of great darkness upon the earth as it is written in Isaiah 60:2: "For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." This is the time when Jehovah says to His faithful witnesses on earth: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." These witnesses must point the people to the fact that Jehovah is supreme and that Christ Jesus is the Leader of the people and the world's rightful Ruler. The nations of earth are sick unto death, and the people are at the point of desperation. In this hour of great peril Jehovah says to the people, as it is written (Isaiah 55:3, 4): "Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of [the Beloved]. Behold, I have given him [Christ Jesus] for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people." Christ Jesus and His kingdom is the hope of the world, and there is none other. He is the rightful and invisible Ruler of the world, whom God has appointed to destroy Satan's organization and to establish righteousness amongst men.

Visible Rulers

Since Christ Jesus will always be invisible to human eyes, there must be men on earth who will rule as His visible representatives. Such men as Hitler, Mussolini, the Catholic hierarchy, and the selfish politicians of America, will have nothing whatsoever to do with the rule of the nations of the earth under Christ. No man of that kind will have anything to do with God's kingdom; and that is stated at Daniel 2:44. The men who will represent Christ Jesus on earth as the visible rulers amongst the people will be such men as Abraham and Moses, a list of the names of which men appears in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Those faithful men of old

saw by faith the day coming when God would have a righteous government on the earth. They desired that government and they devoted themselves to Jehovah. Amidst great persecution heaped upon them by Satan and his agents those men maintained their integrity toward God and died faithful to Him. They must remain dead until God's due time to awaken them out of death; and that due time is at hand. The Scriptures give full assurance that those faithful men shall be resurrected soon as perfect men and made the representatives on earth of the world ruler Christ Jesus. (Hebrews 11:39, 40) In former days those faithful men were called "fathers" in Israel because under the direction of the Lord they tried to lead the Israelites in the right way. (Psalm 45:16) "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth."

The apostle Peter under inspiration wrote concerning the new world rule, which is composed of the "new heaven", or invisible part, and the "new earth", the visible part, and then said (2 Peter 3:13): "We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." The battle of the great day of God Almighty will mark the passing away for ever of the old, wicked world, and then shall come into full sway and full view the new and righteous rule. Today we stand at the very portals of that righteous world rule, and to us Jehovah says (Isaiah 32:1, 17, 18): "Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever."

Under that righteous rule there will never be another war, nor even the fear of war, because Armageddon will mark the end of all war. The kingdom of God will be over all the nations. (Isaiah 2:4) "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Under the righteous rule of Christ there will be no officials who will collect money by taxation, and then loan that money to the farmer with a view to making the farmer a serf. There will no more be the harsh and oppressive government agents to browbeat and put in fear the people and harshly judge and misuse them. Armageddon will end all oppression, as it is written (Psalm 72:4): "He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor." No more shall men be put in fear of losing their homes, which they have builded at great effort and sacrifice, nor shall they be compelled to destroy portions of their crops, and their animals, in order to make higher prices. Concerning this it is written (Isaiah 65:21): "And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them"; (Micah 4:4) "and none shall make them afraid."

The people will grow into health and strength and will come to a knowledge of the truth, and those who learn the truth and obey God and His King, Christ Jesus, shall be granted everlasting life on the earth. For this reason God provided redemption of man from death through Christ Jesus; and therefore a knowledge of the truth is now of the greatest importance to the people, because, said Jesus Christ (John 17:3): "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Contrast

More than 6,000 years of world history has been written, and every page thereof is smeared with human blood unrighteously shed. God has declared that due recompense must be made for that wicked slaughter of humankind. In every age wars of conquest have been waged resulting in robbing the common people of their just rights, while the marauders have lived wantonly upon their ill-got gains. During all the ages political gangsters, claiming to represent the interests of the people, have played into the hands of the greedy and heartless commercial highwaymen, who have carried on their business in an apparently legal manner, but to the detriment of the people. In all of these centuries religionists hypocritically have claimed to serve God, but by their course of action they have continuously brought reproach upon His name and upon the name of Christ Jesus, and they have turned the masses of the people into darkness and despair. Such are the fruits of the world ruled by Satan the Devil.

The time was in America when the nation stood for liberty, freedom of speech, and freedom of press. Today human liberty has practically disappeared and the fundamental law of the land, represented in the Constitution of the United States, is treated as a mere scrap of

paper. No longer can men freely speak the truth without being subjected to all manner of vilification at the hands of those who are against the truth. The time was when the public press published news that was of public interest and convenience. Today the public press is the tool of the heartless, commercial and political rulers and it publishes the very opposite of the truth. The metropolitan press is in fact the propaganda instrument used by and for the selfish interests and is against God and His kingdom message and refuses to publish that which is of public interest, convenience and necessity. Each issue of the great newspapers carries glaring headlines telling of rape, kidnaping, theft, robbery, murder, and suicide. These things are the fruits of the satanic rule of the world. Is it your desire to see such wicked rule continue for ever, or have you had enough of it?

Futile Hopes of Reform

The present unrighteous rule of the world holds forth not one vestige of hope for humankind. That part of the world called "Christendom" is in a particularly unhappy state. Men who once called upon the name of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus laid the foundation of the American nation that it might be an asylum for those persecuted in and driven from other lands, and that it might be the home of those who would promote the general welfare. Today such true and stalwart men have practically disappeared. America, like other countries of "Christendom", is ruled by ultraselfish men, and its institutions hold out no inducement for the youth to grow into God-fearing men and women. The visible religious-political leaders march the people through the streets in the name of Christ, and yet every act and word of such leaders dishonors the name of Jehovah God and His King. "Christendom" has become a mockery and a reproach to Jehovah's name; and this has been accomplished by Satan's overreaching and using the leaders of religion falsely called "Christianity". Why should the people of good will longer stand in the darkness and mourn in despair?

Look now with hope to the kingdom of righteousness. In this hour of great distress and sorrow the trumpet message sounds calling your attention to the mighty truth that Jehovah is the supreme and almighty God, that Christ is the King and the righteous and rightful Ruler who has taken His power, and that His rule will bring the desire of all honest hearts and will bestow boundless blessings upon all who are obedient to His commandments.

The rule of the world under Christ Jesus not only will bring lasting peace and prosperity, but also will give to the people liberty, health and strength, lead them fully into the paths of righteousness, and bestow upon them everlasting life here upon the earth. Your beloved dead shall return from the graves and all who love God and His King shall then walk together amidst the flowers beside the peaceful waters, singing together the praises of the Most High. Tears of bitterness will cease to flow, and the fear of death will for ever disappear. In beautiful symbolic phrase the revelator says concerning that glorious world (Revelation 21:1-4) that 'Jehovah God will wipe away all tears from the eyes of men and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, and no more pain; for the former wicked things of the world are passed away'.

Armageddon a Necessity

The battle of Armageddon, which is just ahead, will open the gates of that glorious and righteous rule of the world, and which righteous rule will be seen and felt upon the earth. Because of the great change for good that is just at hand God commands His witnesses on the earth to now (Psalm 96:10) 'say to the nations that the Lord Jesus Christ reigns, the world shall be established that it shall not be moved; He shall judge the people in righteousness'. Do you desire that world rulership and the blessings it will bring?

Regardless of what men might want, Christ Jesus is now the rightful Ruler of the world and is going to rule the world in righteousness. All the wicked He will destroy. All the people will have an opportunity to choose to serve the Devil and be destroyed or to serve Jehovah God and His King and live. The time for you to choose is now here!

Let every person, both in this visible and in the invisible audience, who sincerely desires to see the world ruled in righteousness, and who desires to enjoy these blessings which God has provided through Christ Jesus, take his stand now on the side of the Lord. Then inform yourselves of the great truths of God's Word now due to be understood, seek righteousness, and do right, prove your integrity to God and His King, and your blessings shall be complete.

I now call upon all in this and in the invisible audience who desire to be on the side of Jehovah God and His righteous King to arise and say, Aye!

TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSES

Honolulu, Hawaii. "Jehovah's message heard. Aye." Haslett.

Berne, Switzerland. "Heard you distinctly. Joined chorus with 'Aye'." Harbeck.

Winnipeg, Man. "Lecture received splendidly. Winnipeg witnesses heartily endorse message." Winnipeg company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Fresno, Calif. "Greetings. Fresno company, forty, strong in the Lord, listened with joy to short-wave broadcast, using G. E. radio. Reception reasonably clear. Your conviction, boldness and fearlessness as voiced so clearly is an inspiration to us to be counted in the battle. Praise to Jehovah. Love to you." Secretary Fresno company of Jehovah's witnesses.

San Francisco, Calif. "Loving greetings from San Francisco. Happy to hear message this afternoon." A. R. Crawford, secretary.

Washington, D. C. "Lecture via WIP came in splendid. Praise Jehovah." Wakefield, Joys.

Thomasville, Ga. "Judge Rutherford's lecture, WHO SHALL RULE THE WORLD? was heard here over WTOC. Reception was good through its entirety." Thomasville company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Kansas City, Kans. "Lecture came in short-wave strong." T. T. Hartman.

Rochester, Minn. "Received lecture clear and distinct from W2XAF. More power to Jehovah's witnesses at Atlanta, Ga." Rochester company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Brooklyn, N. Y. "Discourse, WHO SHALL RULE THE WORLD? was received perfectly. Thrilling message. All rejoice to know Jehovah's King Christ Jesus will be the new Ruler, in whose name the nations can hope. Praise Jehovah." Italian company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Long Island City, N. Y. "Lecture very clear and encouraging. Enjoyed immensely Lord's blessing upon you and your efforts for vindication of Jehovah's name." Mr. and Mrs. F. Papalexis, H. Petros and A. Giupis.

Greenville, Ohio. "Heard the lecture, WHO SHALL RULE THE WORLD? Reception fine." Alfa Roesser.

Oklahoma City, Okla. "Thirty-five heard speech clearly over short-wave. Voted 'Aye'." Oklahoma City company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Portland, Oreg. "Sixty heard inspiring lecture. Reception good. Unanimously said 'Aye'. Majority decided to spend rest of day in field service." Portland company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Philadelphia, Pa. "Despite attempted interference, the greatest message yet came over clear and distinct." R. D. Work.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. "Jehovah's witnesses thrilled hearing the message of importance. Reception fine. May Jehovah continue. Witnesses further continue faithfulness and zeal towards the Most High." John M. Wargo.

Beaumont, Tex. "Party of twenty-five listening to lecture WHO SHALL RULE THE WORLD? received through short-wave station W2XAF. Reception good." Beaumont company.

El Paso, Tex. "Judge Rutherford's lecture by short-wave over Schenectady heard. Reception good. Resolution unanimously adopted." Friends at El Paso, Tex.

Houston, Tex. "Eighteen heard the splendid message. Reception fair over W2XAF." Houston company of Jehovah's witnesses.

San Antonio, Tex. "Reception of lecture, WHO SHALL RULE THE WORLD? was perfect. Lecture thrilled our hearts." Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kimport.

Sweetwater, Tex. "Your fearless and thrilling lecture greatly enjoyed by assembled company at Sweetwater, Tex., who responded as one person as taking uncompromising stand for Jehovah's kingdom. Received by Westinghouse short-wave station W8XK, Pittsburgh." Sweetwater company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Wenatchee, Wash. "Heard Judge Rutherford clearly from Pittsburgh. Rejoicing with you. Greetings." Wenatchee company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Unable to Answer

A SUBSCRIBER in Cleveland says: "I see that seven percent of any proceeds made of the famous quintuplets goes to the priest. Can you answer this one?" In reply we have to say that we do not know what interest the priest has in the quintuplets other than a financial one. Now, if it had been in Mexico in the good old days, it would have been an easier question. The Mexican men haven't forgotten, and they don't forget, and won't forget.

An "Evangelist" in South Carolina

W. NORMAN GREENWAY, who calls himself an evangelist, didn't mean to advertise Judge Rutherford's Atlanta lecture of November 25. But that is what W. Norman Greenway did, and so, indirectly at least, he did, for once in his life, become an instrument calling attention to a real message of good news. For Judge Rutherford told in his lecture how Christ would be the new ruler of the world, and would bring everlasting peace. . . . But that is getting ahead of our story.

The "evangelist" had been singing hell-fire and brimstone and kindred errors in Greenville for several weeks, and thought he had the Devil well on the run, when a notice in the paper made him shudder and shake and then rise up with quixotic courage in his determination to give the Devil (as he thought) one last devastating blow. For the notice which Greenway saw said that Judge Rutherford was going to speak from Atlanta and would be heard in Greenville over WFBC. Greenway gnashed his teeth (Acts 7:54); the very thought of Judge Rutherford and his message coming right into the territory he had been so vigorously trying to barnstorm aroused him to irrational vehemence. He announced that he had challenged the judge and that when the judge came to Atlanta he would challenge him again. He said he would reply to Judge Rutherford's broadcast over the same radio station, and immediately following the judge's broadcast. But the station manager could not give him the time, and said he would have to take time preceding the Watch Tower program. Greenway had previously arranged to install a receiving set at the tabernacle to bring in the talk which he intended to "answer". He arranged to have his own talk broadcast from the tabernacle by remote control.

Sunday afternoon, November 25, at three o'clock, Mr. Greenway, in true "evangelical" manner, ascended the platform and called a Western Union boy to receive the challenge, which was first read, in a loud voice, to the audience of about 2,000. He handed the boy a dollar and told him to keep the change. He then asked all of Jehovah's witnesses present to go home. Nobody left the tabernacle. Greenway then brought out some books by Judge Rutherford and read selections from these, throwing one after another to the floor of the platform, and saying, "I am through with that one, and it is baloney." He said the judge taught there was no Jesus until He was born into the world; that the judge did not recognize the holy spirit because he did not write "holy spirit" with capital letters; that the judge did not believe in the remission of sin; that the judge said there was no hell; that he taught the people to do as they liked and they would have another chance to get right with God after death; and that (summing it all up) the judge was a liar, coward and false prophet. He told the people to be sure to get Judge Rutherford's book *Government* and read it and then burn it and all other books by Judge Rutherford they had and ask God to forgive them for reading such trash.

Throughout his tirade Greenway bellowed so loudly that those listening in over the radio had difficulty in hearing what he said, and a telegram was received advising him of the fact. He stepped back from the microphone, but no improvement resulted. Greenway finished his lying assault in a final effort to be funny, saying, "Those who wish can remain and hear the judge," but that he had hung the judge's hide on the fence and wanted to see if he could get it down. Then the evangelist walked off the platform, followed by his singer; and about twenty of the audience left.

Evidently the remainder took the situation seriously, for they stayed and wanted to hear Judge Rutherford, whose voice came in clearly and smoothly. One of the ushers began to create confusion by asking people to change seats, but he was soon called down and the people heard the judge through.

Greenway left Greenville the following Sunday. He had dealt the Devil an unintentional but effective blow by gathering 2,000 people to listen to Judge Rutherford's logical presentation of Scriptural truth, which reasonable presentation was all the more appreciated in contrast with the evangelist's ravings.

Foursquare "Evangelist" Kidnaps Himself

IN NORTH CAROLINA a foursquare evangelist, whatever that is, kidnaped himself and wrote letters around the country demanding $25,000 cash or the result would be he would lose his life. All he lost was his liberty, for he landed in jail. Now he wishes he had been honest and not been a foursquare evangelist. After being an evangelist it is hard to be straight.

A Jonadab in New South Wales

A JONADAB in New South Wales, Mrs. R. H. Stephens, sent the following clipping, and with it a letter in which she requests that it be published and we have no hesitancy in so doing. Mrs. Stephens says: "I must mention that my own family and a few others in this isolated spot (families are from two to ten miles from each other) are keenly interested in the splendid work you and your associates are doing in God's name, and we greatly appreciate the opportunity that has been afforded us to understand the Word of Jehovah. I think *Life* is most wonderful, and proves without a shadow of doubt the consistency with which the Bible is written. I trust you will be spared to enlighten us still more. The cutting is from the *Catholic Freeman's Journal,* June 21, 1934."

As a little preparation for reading the backhanded compliment which follows, we might say that in the eyes of the clergy Jesus Christ never had any authority for what He said or did, and has none now. All power and authority, in their minds, reside in them and in the Devil, their lord and master. What there is of truth in the following is, of course, exceedingly harmful to the Devil's organization, but it is for the good of the people, and this statement is true in general. The best thing that could possibly happen to the people is to get away from the Devil's organization, and quit following the Roman Catholic hierarchy, which is the chief instrument of the Devil's organization on the earth. All that is said about signatures' having been falsely obtained is a lie out of whole cloth.

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S RELIGION

Charles Hawkes, Smithton, Tasmania, asks:

Considering the number of books, etc., by Judge Rutherford, of the Bible Students' Association of America, can you tell me the trend, gist, and authority of this organization, and if harmful or otherwise?

Judge Rutherford is really the successor of Pastor Charles T. Russell, who founded the Russellites. This organization preferred to call its members Witnesses of Jehovah, and they form what is called the Bible Students' Association. The Associates do not really study the Bible. They swallow what Judge Rutherford tells them. Now let us turn to your questions.

Firstly, what is the trend of this organization? Its trend is to turn people into simple fools, impelling them to wander around calling themselves Witnesses of Jehovah, and distributing absurd booklets.

Secondly, what is the gist of the movement? The gist of the business is this: Civil governments and all churches, in fact, all religious, political, and commercial powers in this world organized before the new organization of Judge Rutherford, are the work of Satan, and under the control of Satan.

Christ's second coming took place in 1914. The war ceased in 1918 especially to allow Judge Rutherford's Witnesses of Jehovah to wander abroad distributing booklets and broadcasting records of his speeches. All the nations which make up Christendom, and chiefly America and the British Commonwealth of Nations, are to be destroyed any day now, and the sooner the better. Catholics and Protestants alike are going to get what Rutherford calls a "terrible drubbing." Protestants are going to get a much worse time than Catholics, because Catholics are the more benighted and ignorant. However, God is going to smite everybody except those who accept Judge Rutherford as their infallible guide and teacher. Such is the gist of the message preached by the Witnesses of Jehovah.

What authority have these people? None whatever. God never invited them to be His witnesses, nor did He give them such a ridiculous message. Judge Rutherford's authority as an exponent of Scripture is nil. He betrays no sound scholarship whatever; knows nothing of real principles of interpretation; and violates all logic and reason in the outpourings of his warped imagination.

Is the movement harmful or otherwise? It is harmful from almost every point of view. It is not in the least constructive. It is destructive, not only of Christianity, but of all lawful civil authority. There has been a lot of trouble in America over the broadcast utterances of Judge Rutherford. The radio stations refused to handle his matter, and the Witnesses of Jehovah protested to the Radio Commission that, even though they were ready to pay for time, the stations would not sell it to them. The case went to Congress in March last, and the McFadden bill was introduced in their favor. The Witnesses of Jehovah handed in petitions signed by 2,500,000 persons. But it was shown that the signatures were obtained under false pretenses, that many were frank forgeries, and others the names of mere children. The McFadden bill, in favor of Rutherford, was defeated in Congress, and American stations were justified in their refusal to waste people's time with the anti-political, anti-Christian, and insulting propaganda of Judge Rutherford. Thus you have the trend, gist, authority and harmful character of Judge Rutherford's organization.

Church Connections of Prostitutes

IN HIS work *The History of Prostitution* a New York physician, Dr. W. H. Sanger, reports having put to 2,000 fallen women the query as to what religion they had been trained in. Of these prostitutes 972 answered that they had been trained Protestants, 63 were non-professors, 977 were Roman Catholics.

THE FIFTEENTH

in the series of short Bible talks by Judge Rutherford appears below. These talks have aroused a great amount of discussion, as they deal with important Bible truths. The subject of the lecture which follows is one that has been greatly misunderstood. The word "Trinity" has become to many people a sort of magic formula of unexplorable depth of meaning. As a matter of fact, neither the word nor the idea sought to be conveyed by it is found in the Word of God. Judge Rutherford handles the subject without gloves, and those who prefer their prejudices to truth would better omit reading this page if they do not wish to have their "sensibilities wounded".

Trinity

THE so-called "holy trinity" is one of the false doctrines taught by men. Priests of the Catholic hierarchy have become very angry when the people are told the truth about the "trinity" doctrine. Some of them testified before the Congressional Committee at Washington that a criticism of the "trinity" is so offensive to them that no man should be permitted to use the radio to tell the people about it. Error always objects to being exposed.

The doctrine of the "trinity" had its origin with the Devil and was made prominent in the satanic religions of ancient Babylon and Egypt. It was first introduced into the so-called "Christian church" by a Greek priest in the fourth century. It is a false doctrine because it is contradictory to God's Word. The "trinity" doctrine is that there are "three gods in one, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in power, substance and eternity". The clergymen call it "a mystery" because they neither understand it nor can explain it, and they therefore discourage the people in trying to find out the real truth about the doctrine. The clergy say, 'God is one, Jesus is one, and the Holy Ghost is one, and these three added together make one.' That is a kind of mathematics no one can understand or explain.

The truth is reasonable, as shown by the Bible, to wit, that Jehovah God is the Almighty One; that Jesus is the Son of God; and that the holy spirit is not a person, but is the invisible power of God operating the things of the universe. In Isaiah 45:5 God says: 'I am Jehovah; there is no God besides me.' Jesus, the beginning of God's creation, says, at Proverbs 8:22: "Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way." Jehovah used Jesus as His active agent in the creation of all things. When on the earth Jesus said (John 12:49): "I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment." At Psalm 40 Jesus said: "I delight to do thy will, O my God." At John 14:28 He said: "My Father is greater than I."

The word "ghost" appearing in the Bible is properly translated *spirit,* and the original word shows that it means the power which is invisible to human eyes, exercised by Jehovah. For example: You see the power of electricity operating machinery, but you cannot see electricity. God moves the universe by His power, which is invisible to human eyes, that is, by His holy spirit.

The reason for this false doctrine of the "trinity" is this: Satan at all times has defamed God's name and tried to turn all the people away from the true God. To that end he has deceived and defrauded the people; and the doctrine of the "trinity" is one of his means of deception. Satan disputes the supremacy of Jehovah and if he can induce the people to believe that there are two others that are equal to Jehovah in power, substance and eternity, as the clergy teach, then he induces the people to believe that God is not supreme.

The fact that the oldest church organization amongst men teaches the doctrine of the "trinity" does not make it true. We have now reached the end of the world, and the time is here when the truth is due to be understood and will be understood by all who with unprejudiced mind study the Bible and seek to know the truth. Jehovah God is the Eternal One, from everlasting to everlasting; Christ Jesus is His first creature; and the holy spirit is His power. Soon He will exercise His power to destroy Satan's organization, and only those who believe and serve the truth will survive. If the clergy really believed God and the Bible their sensibilities

would not be shocked when someone tells the people what the Bible says about the so-called "trinity". The fact that they are offended proves that their doctrine is false. It is to your interest to know the truth. Only Jehovah God can give everlasting life, and this He gives through Jesus Christ, His Chief Executive Officer. The harm resulting to men by teaching and believing the false doctrine of the "trinity" is to turn men away from the only source of life. It is written (John 17:3): 'This is life eternal, to know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.' The book *Reconciliation* gives a full explanation of these truths.

[The foregoing talk is one of a series of eighteen which have been phonographically recorded. The records, nine in all, are distributed by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y., and have met with wide acceptance as a means of refreshing the mind on important messages of truth. The records are such as may be run on any ordinary phonograph, at the usual speed. The talks are published in The GOLDEN AGE by special arrangement with the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society. Therefore all inquiries concerning the records should be addressed to them, and not to us.]

Midsummer Convention in Georgia

AT A MIDSUMMER convention of Jehovah's witnesses in a country district near Rome, Ga., two neighboring churches prayed that it might rain that day, so that the meeting could not be held. The day was cloudy, but not rainy, until noon, when the skies cleared beautifully. Three weeks later, in the same locality, an immersion was planned. Twenty-five brethren, Primitive Baptists, Missionary Baptists, and Methodists, called upon the chairman of Jehovah's witnesses to give him notice, so they said, "that bringing in peoples from various places in this section of the state and immersing them in the creek near us in a faith in so much opposition to all the denominational churches must cease; that it had been reported that one of these immersion services would be administered the next day, Sunday, and that at that time there would be some Niggers baptized at the same time as would the whites, and it would be done by the same one immersing the whites; that it could not be done, and that if it was it would not be good for the one doing it." The committee was informed that the immersion would take place the next day, as planned. All were present, the sheep on one side of the creek, the goats on the other.

At the appointed hour the transcription lecture "Flee Now" (Judge Rutherford's lecture) was given. Everybody on both sides of the creek, and for half a mile around, could hear every word. The goats heard it as well as the sheep. Meantime it rained hard and the goats got their pants all wet; the water they had wanted three weeks previously they got later. After they were nicely soaked the immersions took place as planned; Jehovah's witnesses meantime remaining dry and comfortable in their automobiles. After the immersions there was no trouble. The Devil is the biggest bluffer that ever lived. He can do nothing except as that may be permitted from on high, and in this instance it pleased Jehovah God to protect His people from all interference and from all harm, and to send His enemies home with wet pants to think it all over, and to try to figure it out as to why they had let the Devil make such big fools of them.

Truth Is Better than Gold

SAYS George Alexis Peck, of Boston: "The truth that I get in your magazine is better to me than gold. My father and his ancestors were all Roman Catholics. My grandfather almost completely built and gave a church to that organization. His only son, my father, had eight children; my father did not get any of his father's money; we all nearly starved until we got old enough to earn our own living. I went to that church with my father every Sunday until I got old enough to think for myself, and then I left and joined a Protestant church, becoming, for many years, a deacon in the Episcopal church of St. Peter's, Jamaica Plains. I remained in that church, and other Protestant churches, until I was fifty years of age, learning next to nothing and quite unaware of the power of Satan the Devil to lie and deceive.

"One day a man of Jamaica Plains asked me if I was a member of a church. I said 'Yes'. He shook his head and said, 'It is too bad that they

can deceive a man like you.' I felt cross and said, 'What do you mean? What church do you belong to?' He said, 'I do not belong to any of these so-called "churches", but I am a strong believer in Jesus Christ and His teachings and His church; will you please read this little book?' I said 'Yes', and did, over and over and over, three times; it seemed like a flashlight on the truth.

"I went back to my neighbor and asked him where I could get some more of those books; he gave me the address and I sent and procured a complete set. I studied law at the Boston YMCA and in 1916 graduated from Harvard University, having taken up factory management as a specialty, but for a number of years have been but partially employed. With greatly reduced income I have been most happy reading these books and the Bible, and would not take millions of dollars for what I have gained from reading them, and the Bible, *The Golden Age* and *The Watchtower*.

"I have never been into a church since, and never will again."

Extracts from Letters Received at Paris

MIRACULOUS guidance:

Your special issue of the *Age d'Or*[1] manifests the great faith of those who as modern martyrs had to bear the German insanity. They strive bravely for their ideal, the thing that everybody should have in his heart to do. What I admire in them is the courage and bravery that their faith gives them.

As a Catholic, I have been for a long time tired of the silliness and glittering trash of this religion, of which their servants make a real commercial enterprise. Even for those who give but little proof of reflection, the purchase of an entry into heaven is not feasible.

As a true believer and not willing to yield to the commercial pantomime of the priests who are such by profession and not at heart, I had my own ideas and had created within myself a religious purpose resembling absolutely that taught by your work. What great joy was mine when I learned of your branch office in Paris by reading one of your books which had been lent me by a friend! In a very generous way you then delighted me with a supply of some writings of Judge Rutherford.

As an adherent of the only true religion who only wishes to see an ever increasing number of new learners gather around the proper belief under your miraculous guidance, I assure you of my respectful greetings.

H. St., *Maroc.*

[1] *The Golden Age*, French edition.

The message in Esperanto:

I have received the two booklets in Esperanto which you were so kind as to send me. They are extremely interesting. I should like to tell you that the Bible also is translated into Esperanto. May I congratulate you heartily for the noble task which you are pursuing unceasingly and with an energy and unselfishness worthy to be praised!

For the R. I.—Esperanto,
———, President, *Paris.*

Glory and thanks to Jehovah!

If the trouble through which we have been going since a certain date had come before we began reading your books and booklets, I might have lost my reason; but now I find it quite natural. Glory and thanks to Jehovah for His consolation!

J. M., *Var.*

Convinced:

Thanks very much to you, sons of the Most High, for your fidelity, your courage, and for this wonderful work! One cannot describe properly how you give comfort by drawing water out of a pure source, which is the Bible, the Word of our God. Bravo! My best wishes and compliments to the honorable Judge Rutherford, who so well accomplishes his difficult task for the benefit of all.

M. J., *Meurthe et Moselle.*

How life changes!

How impatiently I wait every month for your beloved journal! Your books and booklets are from now on my sole reading matter. I try to make them known as far as possible around me. You alone have the truth, and you alone know how to give hope in God, our Creator and in Jesus, our Savior! What great change takes place when one gets to know the divine Word!

Mme L., *Vosges.*

New hope:

Would you be so kind as to send me the books *Prophecy* and *Light*, as well as three booklets? These publications are interesting me and my family very much and we have but one sorrow: not to be able to learn more on this subject, as we are too poor. But it is just through the Scriptures that we got new hope for better times to come and we are not discouraged. Thanks for having us informed of these things; and please accept, dear friends, our most devoted feelings.

V. B., *Eure.*

Friendship:

DEAR FRIENDS: May I commence my letter in this manner as you yourselves in your last letter had the kindness to address your message to me. This means for me, in the time in which we are now living, a great benefit which comes to me from Jehovah. I shall try to be worthy of this title, doing my best in the cause of justice.

Please accept the enclosed amount of ... francs, which is my offering to Jehovah and which amount I got from an account due me which I thought would not be paid. Would you be kind enough to publish and distribute some of your little books at 75 centimes for this sum?

A., *Seine.*

In the chariot with Jehu:

We have received the 80 copies of the special *Age d'Or* issue. The police of Ch. has been served therewith and a great number of the customers of our little restaurant got them too. Be assured that we shall go on making known as far as possible your wonderful work. We have received the September issue of the *Age d'Or* and devoured it very eagerly as usual. Each time this journal is bringing us a little more light and hope. We ask the Lord to bless and enlighten you in the miraculous work in which you are engaged.

P. B., *Vienne.*

Truth searches out:

In November 1933 I bought from Mr. G. R. 5 books. The people here were stirred up on account of this literature, which they thought to be Protestant. I am Catholic, but I do not think I am doing any wrong to my religion. As far as I can discern, although I am not educated, I think this is in accordance with the prophecy of our Lord. I therefore wish to subscribe for a journal to be sent me each month and which costs about 5 francs, as far as I know. I am counting on you!

Mme A. B., *Hautes Pyrénées.*

A light shining in the darkness:

The reading of your publications is delighting me. With their help I can now clearly discern the future, and I would like to be a missionary in my neighborhood—impossible! I am living here amidst fanatics who, even if not really convinced of their belief, do not deviate a bit from their ancient traditions.

M. V., *Aveyron.*

Hearing the call:

Having heard, some days ago, in a very confused manner, an appeal by radio, and having been interested by this call, I should be obliged if you could provide me with an explanation of your movement and a catalogue of your books and publications which you announce. . . .

A. H., *Isere.*

Escaped!

During these times of distress, we received, a friend of mine and I, a real comfort in reading your books. Having belonged to the Catholic religion, we have abandoned the church in order to take our stand definitely on the side of God and His divine Son. The present crisis brought to us moral and material sufferings, but we await with confidence the intervention of the Almighty God who very soon will chase out from the world wickedness and hypocrisy.

Mme E. F., *Nord.*

Impatience:

In the Basses Pyrénées as well as in the Landes, we have never met any of Jehovah's witnesses. If the announcing of the good news goes on in such a slow way, how many years will it take to bring the events which we anticipate so impatiently?

T. L., *Landes.*

From Nice:

I waited in vain for the July issue of the *Age d'Or.* Please to kindly send it on to me, for your work is so encouraging that I must follow it. I am also studying your little books, which are of great comfort, and I shall send you some subscriptions. . . .

B., *Alpes Maritimes.*

Reverend Knoch's Golden Horseshoe

AT HAND is a card of "Reverend" Knoch's New and Greater Golden Horseshoe, Wheeling, advertising lunches, dinners, suppers, beer, music and dancing. On the back it says an artist was employed to retouch a large painting on an old church in Belgium and rendered a bill for $100. The church trustees, however, required an itemized bill, and the following was duly presented and paid:

"Adjusting the stars, $2.06; brightening flames of hell, 60c; cleaning Balaam's ass, $5.06; cleaning moon, 10c; correcting ten commandments, $7.10; decorating Noak's Ark, $6.50; embellishing Pilate, $3.02; enlarging Goliath's head, $2.03; extending Saul's leg, $2.05; mending shirt for prodigal son, 35c; painting silver dollar on poor box, 80c; putting earrings in Sarah's ears, $30; putting a new tail on the Devil, $1.50; new tail on St. Peter's rooster, $4.18; reordering the robes of Herod, $1.43; removing soot from Vesuvius, $3.12; restoring lost souls, $25; renewing heaven, $1; taking spots off Tobias, $1; washing feet of priest, $3.10."

Just why the "Reverend" Knoch on retiring from the church business went into the restaurant business instead of the farming business was not explained, but he seems adapted to his new line, quite well.

The Great American Gamble

EVERY automobilist ought to read "The Great American Gamble", an attractive, free booklet, the size of *The Golden Age,* put out by the Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn. We quote a few extracts:

If killing and injuring persons by automobiles happened to be as fearsome a menace as the infantile paralysis scare, then perhaps something might be done to stop the highway slaughter. But because too many still seem to consider it a part of each and every person's inalienable right to drive as he chooses, to walk wherever fancy leads, or to gamble with his own life and the lives of others as the stakes, this country goes on killing around 30,000 yearly and injuring nearly a million more.... My own system is to expect the world's prize idiot around every next corner. When I turn a curve or go over the top of a hill, I hug my side of the road like glue and slow down a bit, because I always picture a congenital imbecile at the wheel of a car coming at me from the other direction. At an intersection, I always imagine the other intersecting artery filled with morons. Of course, I know this is a pretty cynical slant on my fellow motorists, but I don't think a group which killed about 30,000 victims and injured some 850,000 others, last year, is worthy of very many medals for bright and shining mentality. The fact is, we have killed more than 325,000 of our friends with motorcars in the last fifteen years in this country, whereas our enemies have killed only 300,000 of us in all our wars to date. Eight hundred persons were killed last year crossing streets against the signal, while only around 200 were killed crossing with the signal. More than 35,000 pedestrians were hit last year by stepping out from behind parked cars. Of the acts of drivers producing deaths last year 33 percent were driving too fast, 19 percent were off the roadway, 14 percent unwisely insisted on right of way, 13 percent were on the wrong side of the road, and 3 percent involved improper passing. Of the acts of pedestrians producing deaths, 31 percent crossed in the middle of the block, 17 percent walked along the road with the traffic instead of facing it, 13 percent were children playing in the street, and 11 percent came from behind parked cars. A car going 40 miles per hour is four times as capable of inflicting damage as at 20 miles. When going 60 miles per hour, it is nine times as capable.

Harvard Snubs Hitler Aide

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, through its president, has refused to accept a gift of $1,000 from Dr. Hanfstaengl, foreign press chief of the Hitler party, and a former Harvard graduate, on the ground that the Hitler party has damaged universities throughout the world.

Broadcasting in Germany

THE *Wireless World,* rated the most reliable radio publication in Britain, in its issue of July 13, said, in effect, that Herr Hitler has proclaimed the slogan, "Every German a listener," and installed radio officers all over the country and public address equipment wherever the masses will gather. In its issue two weeks later the same magazine said: "There is still an ominous decline in the German license figures, the total on July 1 being 5,359,480, that is, 41,940 fewer than a month earlier. There is always a seasonal decrease during July, but this year's drop exceeds those of previous years by a considerable margin." The radio officers, on investigating 12,237 cancellations, adduced forty-eight reasons for abandonment of their wireless receivers.

The Blue Clay Slides of the Old Swimming Hole

A WRITER in *The Rural New Yorker* stirs memories of the long ago when he mentions visiting the old swimming hole of his boyhood days and the blue clay slides that were associated with it. Somehow, he forgot to mention that the boys used to soap themselves with that blue clay from head to foot until they looked like statues, and then take one good dive off the springboard and come up every trace of the clay gone, and the skin feeling as smooth as silk.

Color in Cheeks and Lips

SOMEBODY too modest to give his or her name says: Take 6 beets, wash the skins well, cover with water, add the juice of one lemon; allow to simmer for 35 minutes; add two grated carrots. Make a meal of this only three times a week and you will have natural color in your cheeks and lips." Contributors should always give their names, but names are not published if request to that effect is made when article is contributed.

How Some Appreciate "The Golden Age"

LOOLAH MELTON, of Illinois, writes an interesting letter as follows:

Thanks for sending me the free copies of *The Golden Age.* I sure do miss it when it does not come. I am sending my subscription now. I should have sent it sooner, but just could not. My son got to work one day and made one dollar; he said, "Send it for *The Golden Age.*"

A Mutual Credit Union in Actual Operation *By Wm. Shakespeare, Jr. (Michigan)*

BY LAW the State of Michigan authorizes loan companies to advance or loan to one individual or family a sum not exceeding $300.00, for which said loan company may charge as interest 3½ percent a month, or 42 percent per annum. Another Michigan law recently passed, however, permits groups of so-called "working people" to organize their own credit unions or loan companies; and so today any factory, store, church, school, lodge or, in fact, any similar organization, may establish its own credit union or loan company; and, as a concrete example, I want to briefly tell you how it has worked out with the Shakespeare Company, where it has been in operation for several years.

On January 5, 1926, seven employees of the Shakespeare Company petitioned and were granted a charter by the state banking department to organize an Employees Credit Union. The purpose of this organization is to receive the savings of its members and loan the accumulated sums to individual members of the group at a low interest rate; which, of course, constitutes them not only borrowers, but lenders. Jim, when he becomes a borrower, pays Jack interest on his savings, but at the same time he is receiving interest on his savings when Jack and Henry and Tom become borrowers.

The first year the membership (really the stockholders) grew from the original seven to 235. Eighty-five loans were made, amounting to $9,440.50, and the interest paid on these loans was $219.19. The rate of interest charged was 5 percent discount. On regular savings deposits and Christmas Clubs 4 percent interest was paid on monthly balances, and the stockholders earned on their shares 7.47 percent. The total savings of the stockholder members was $6,185.

The next year the total loans, made to 227 members, was $16,664.00, with the interest rate the same as the previous year. On account of the increased turnovers the stockholders earned 8.04 percent on their shares, instead of 7.47 percent earned the year before.

The next year substantial gains were again made, so that at the beginning of the year 1929 the rate of interest to the borrowers was reduced from 5 percent discount to 4½ percent discount. Notwithstanding this substantial reduction in the interest rate, the stockholders had an earning on their capital which amounted to 9.5 percent for the year.

Then, remarkable as it may seem, at the beginning of 1930 the stockholders decided to reduce the borrowers' rate of interest again, and actually lowered it to 4 percent discount, which rate is quite sufficient to pay dividends to the stockholders of 7 percent and leave a substantial sum in reserves. The total assets or savings of the members now amount to $16,200.00. Even with the lower rate of interest, the financial statement for the first quarter of this year shows a fine gain in capital and profit.

What a commentary! and what possibilities of honest-to-goodness mutual cooperation there are through this wonderful Credit Union plan, which not only makes borrowing and paying of loans easy and inexpensive, but makes a liberal return on the savings and investment of the members!

One remarkable fact is that the members of the Credit Union believe from their own experience that they save three times as much as they would have saved if they had not had this convenient weekly depository for their money, which they know and realize will be of such real benefit to their fellow workers who need to borrow for their emergencies.

So enthusiastic are the Shakespeare Company employees over the wonderful good that the Credit Union can do, they are willing to help any group establish a Credit Union and will be glad to instruct and advise and help to carry through the simple procedure necessary to organize and get under way.

An Indictment of Capitalism

SAYS Reverend Melvin Abson, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Buffalo:

"The capitalistic standard of value is, 'Does it pay?' It does not recognize any spiritual values. Its primary motive is material gain. Therefore the capitalistic ideal of society is materialistic and diverts man from the practice in his daily life of the spiritual principles that finally determine his eternal destiny. Capitalism has no place for a handicapped man or woman beyond a certain age, and even young men are rejected in some establishments if they fail to pass a medical test equal to that required in the army or navy."

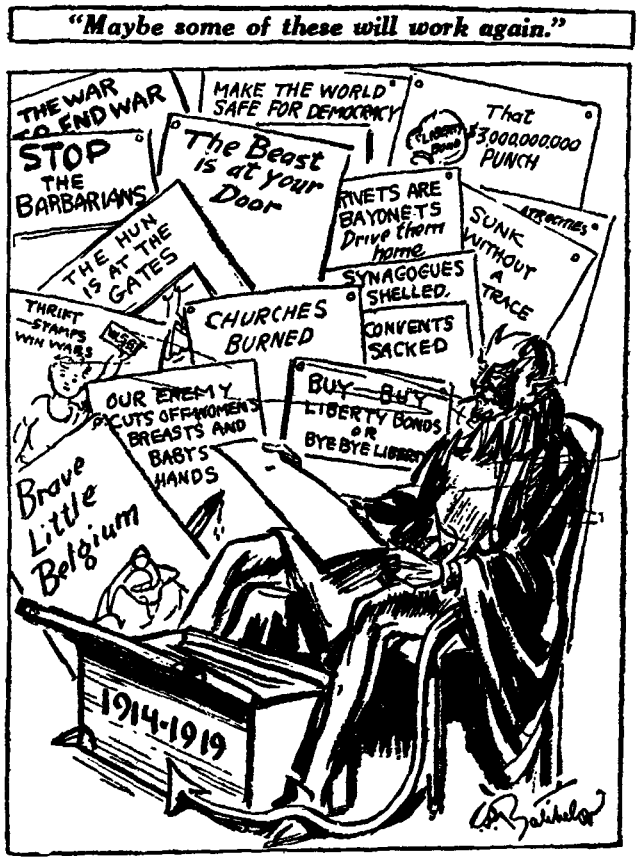
Enameled Planes Go Faster

A PAINT manufacturer makes the interesting statement that planes which are finished with a glossy surface have an air speed of ten miles an hour in excess of that of others.

IN AN article too lengthy to publish in full in *The Golden Age,* Paul F. Saddlemire, of New York, propounds a long list of questions, each beginning with the words "How many of the American people know that . . . ". We give some extracts from what he has written, as, in the main, we agree with his suggested conclusions.

The reason for all the centralizations, consolidations and mergers of our day is that Satan is preparing his forces for the last great struggle of earth's history.

Wall Street and the Power Trust are behind the move to centralize and consolidate the public schools of America, and that combine is dictating what shall be taught in the schools, buying up newspapers, teachers, lawyers, judges, courts, and lawmakers, in the effort to control the minds and liberties of the downtrodden masses. They own and control the newspapers, news agencies, and telegraph companies, and dominate the United States government, which is the biggest reason why the government will do next to nothing in behalf of the suffering masses. They seek to tighten the shackles still more. The government is run by men who are behind the scenes.



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The clergymen of the denominational church systems work hand in hand with Wall Street and the Power Trust in fastening the fetters of tyranny, oppression and injustice upon the arms of the common people. The preachers are the secret allies of the militarists, financiers, politicians, and the Devil. They love wealth and office more than they love the Lord and the common people.

The previous occupant of the White House made the statement concerning the people who elected him to office that they are not qualified to govern themselves and need to be told by those who are "competent" how they should be governed.

When Wilson was running for reelection, in 1916, Wall Street had already planned to put the United States in the World War regardless of how the presidential election turned out, and had set the very day when war was to be declared. All this was done without the knowledge or consent of the people.

Do the American people control the United States government? Do they?

The following statements circulated during the war were gross lies: That Germany and the kaiser started the war. That the war was fought to make the world safe for democracy. That Germany violated Belgium's neutrality. That the German soldiers were violating all the women of Belgium and northern France. That the Germans were boiling down the bodies of their dead to recover the fat. That they were keeping their prisoners in whitewashed rooms so as to make them blind. That the Germans were the first to make air raids on the cities of their enemies, etc., etc.

Whereas the United States government issued the statement that the battleship Maine was sunk in 1898 by a Spanish mine, yet in fact neither Spain nor Cuba were using mines in their warfare.

Abraham Lincoln refused to have anything to do with the church systems and preachers of his day because they taught the devilish doctrine of eternal torment.

The preachers throughout the country, both

in the North and in the South, opposed Abraham Lincoln when he ran for president, and called him all the names they could think of, including such names as "The Illinois Baboon", "The Long-faced Scoundrel," etc.

During the Interchurch World Movement of several years ago the preachers issued large posters picturing Abraham Lincoln dressed in clerical garments and bearing the words, "Abraham Lincoln said, 'God Bless the Churches.'" What he did say was that if he could find one church that did not subscribe to the doctrine of eternal torment he would join that church.

The practice of vaccination violates the Constitution of the United States, which declares that every person in this land shall be secure in his or her rights and person; and therefore all provaccination laws are unconstitutional and nonenforceable.

The tuberculin-bovine testing of cattle, and the seizure and confiscation of cattle by this means, are a violation of the Constitution.

The Length of the Cubit

THE image on the plain of Dura was 60 cubits high. The Babylonian cubit is said to have been either 20.65 inches or 21.26 inches long. Let's play that it was just 21 inches. If so, the image was 105 feet high. The one who caused the image to be built on the plain of Dura has a good memory for figures. When, as alleged, 300 priests and 107,000 children had mass in Palermo Park, Buenos Aires, it was held around a 105-foot cross. One can but wonder what Gog of Magog has up his sleeve, and what there is about the dimension of 105 feet that so interests him.

No Censorship in America

JAMES ALOYSIUS FARLEY, most powerful political figure in the United States, says that in America we shall have no press or radio censorship. That sounds good, and we are glad to have it for the record. Now if he will just set in motion the proper forces to relieve us of the censorship that we do actually have on the radio, the censorship of the clergy, exercised through the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System, everybody who wishes well for America will be happy.

Municipal Employees in Jersey City Disobey Law

IT IS news to some people that municipal employees have to obey the law, but that is the fact. Here is a squib in the New York *American* that "employees of the Jersey City Health Department distributed circulars throughout the city suggesting precautions that should be taken" about food poisonings (probably caused by the use of aluminum cooking utensils). One of Jehovah's witnesses suggests that there is "something wrong with an ordinance that permits you to warn the people about a bellyache and arrests you for warning them about the world's greatest disaster". (The reference is to Judge Rutherford's statement, 'Present-day fulfilments of Bible prophecy make it certain that world disaster greater than the Deluge is near and unavoidable. The rapid march of events urges upon all to FLEE NOW.' Distribution of the announcement of which this is a part caused some arrests in Jersey City.) Either the municipal employees who disobeyed the law should be locked up or Jehovah's witnesses be let to do their lawful work undisturbed.

Dr. Barnes on the Silver Shirts

DR. HARRY ELMER BARNES, in an article in the Cincinnati *Post*, on "The Silver Shirts", Asheville, N.C., and their organ *Liberation*, says of William Budley Pelley, founder of the Silver Shirts: "Pelley tells us in *Liberation* that he has received a revelation from On High to the following effect: 'When a certain young housepainter comes to the head of the German people, do you take that as your time symbol for bringing the work of the Christian militia into the open!' Accordingly, Pelley launched the Silver Shirts on the day after Hitler's rise to power was announced in the public press." If these statements of Dr. Barnes are correct, the Silver Shirt movement has its origin in demonism.

Confidence in Jersey Police

CONFIDENCE in the Jersey police, that they have the right man in the Lindbergh baby murder, would be enhanced if they had not already done one admittedly innocent woman to death in the effort to force admissions of guilt, and if their record in respect to Jehovah's witnesses had not been so diabolical. The Wickersham Report has made the public skeptical of police fairness in matters of this kind. Let us have justice, not injustice.

Kidding His Teacher Brother

HOMER ROGERS, Florida, has a loyal brother in Ohio who teaches for a living and raises a few pigs on the side, to help out with the expenses. Homer wrote him the following letter, and while, of course, we could not believe that one brother would josh another, yet it almost seems as if Homer had done it in this instance.

MY DEAR BROTHER:

We were very much interested in your recent letter which related some of your recent experiences with your hogs under the new governmental arrangement.

You mention having sold some pigs weighing over 100 pounds for $2.75 apiece. Also, that several years ago, during the war, you sold 100-pound pigs for over $22.00 apiece. You will pardon me if I make a few comments on the absurdity of such a situation. Has pork lost six-sevenths of its food value since the war? Or will a pound of pork go only one-seventh as far in 1934 as it did in 1917? Possibly your ability to produce pork has so increased that you can now produce seven times as much pork with the same feed and effort as in 1917.

If you got a long price for such pigs during the war, and a short price for them now, it shows that you have just got around to the other side of the circle. Things move in circles, so they say; that is, going nowhere; and from all indications we are about there. Even this has its bright side, though. When hogs can be bought for less than three cents per pound, and butterfat for ten cents per pound, it shows that the consumer's dollar goes a long way in the purchase of the necessities of life; and as we are all consumers, we are all prosperous; so prosperity has arrived. Doesn't that sound like 1934 intelligence?

This is on a par with many other absurdities. They tell me that in trying to plow up growing cotton here in the south to keep it off the market, their greatest trouble was to get the mule to walk so the plow would be on the row. He had been trained all his life to keep off the row. Apparently the mule is sane and the white man is off his nut.

Now, about the old sow which you purchased some time ago as an investment for eight dollars and now find the price has dropped so that you cannot get five dollars for her today, you should be proud of the fact that you are able to stand the loss. You may have paid too much for her, but that makes good times for the other fellow. However, you are a good, loyal citizen of the good old U.S.A., and will wish to abide by all patriotic requirements. You will understand that hog birth control is now in order and that the sow must not have pigs. Will Rogers says Uncle Sam is trying to teach the farmers corn control, and the hogs birth control, and one seems about as dumb as the other.

I have been thinking over the various angles of this sow problem quite a bit. No doubt, if you can carry her over a year or two, until the price goes up, you might get back what you paid for her. Sell on a rising market, you see. Or, you might let her have pigs and then kill the pigs as an evidence of your loyalty and devotion to your country. If you voted for Roosevelt, then you will be backing up your judgment. If you voted for Hoover, just remember that, had he been elected, hogs would be more plentiful and the price lower, hence less profit.

It may be that you will decide to butcher the sow as the best way out. In this way, you will no longer have to pay tax on her for the privilege of owning her. All you will have to do is to get a butcher's license, pay the process tax, which will amount to not more than one-third of her value (low value helps you here), and take out a permit to market the meat, provided you can find a market. If not, then don't take out the permit, and have this saving in your pocket.

Of course, you will pay NRA wages for the help required in butchering, and I figure three good strong men could handle her. If it requires you to dismiss your school for a day, the pupils will enjoy the vacation and you can make it right with the members of the school board by passing out some liver to them. On second thought, though, I believe you cannot give meat away without paying a special tax. However, that would be only one more.

Remember that neighbor of yours who once paid you two cents for a pig's ears so he could feed them to his dog? You might find this a good market for the ears. He might pay a premium for sow's ears.

Another suggestion comes to my mind. If you will keep her over until next season, you can use this as the basis for requesting the privilege of increasing your corn acreage. With that, even after you have plowed up the portion assigned you to keep down overproduction, you will still have more left than you would have had otherwise. This increase is based on consumer-consumption. Then, in case the corn is produced at a loss instead of a profit, the old sow can consume the loss. If hogs have dropped to a new low level by that time, the loss on the corn will offset the drop in price and thus maintain the agricultural equilibrium.

If I have had some levity at your expense, it is simply because I have been trying to apply modern logic to your problem. You have stated your problem, and here is the answer. Send on some more; I mean problems, not hogs. I'm glad you can always take a joke.

As ever, your brother,

HOMER.

Ants Nearly Kill Oklahoma Woman

IN OKLAHOMA CITY thousands of ants climbed the leg of a chair and attacked en masse a bedridden invalid; they nearly killed the woman before being discovered.

Barnum a Beginner *By C. J. W., Jr.*

P. T. Barnum, "World's Greatest Showman," was a miserable piker and a mere beginner in the art of flimflamming the public, as appears from the following article, which we quote entire:

BIRTH OF CHRIST CELEBRATED IN MANY NATIONS
SHOW BOARDS FROM CRADLE IN ROME
BROADCAST BELLS OF BETHLEHEM

By Thomas B. Morgan, United Press Staff Correspondent

Rome, Dec. 24.—The annual solemn display of the five wooden boards which tradition says formed part of the original cradle of Christ took place today in the Rome Basilica of St. Mary Major. Thousands of children, accompanied by their relatives, passed through the church in a ceremony which is one of the most characteristic at Christmastime here.

The relic was shown in one of the chapels of the basilica, and all the afternoon and early evening crowds of wide-eyed Roman children filed past the wooden boards.

Another curious and characteristic sight was witnessed in the old church of Ara Coeli, near the Capitol. This was children's sermons. After the celebration of the last mass, little boys and girls, dressed in party clothes, stood up on chairs or other improvised pulpits in the church and delivered short sermons lasting five minutes or less.

Another side of the children's Christmas Eve here was the large number of cribs or "presepi", as they are called, artistic representations of the birth of Christ in the stable of Bethlehem, prepared in many churches in side altars, or in specifically constructed alcoves. Some of the cribs showed life-size figures of the holy family.

Thousands heard midnight mass in the various churches, and then followed the so-called "cenone", or big supper, when a hearty meal, washed down with Roman wine, was partaken of in countless homes.

From the location of this spectacle, as well as by the mention of certain "saints", etc., all necessary to his business, we infer that this show was produced by Ambrose Ratti, the Italian gent in the white lace nightie, who runs the Virgin Mary Stock Company, playing burlesque exclusively. Though the stage properties of Mr. Ratti's company are of a simple nature, being mostly bones and sticks, yet they seem to carry about them an air of genuineness which causes the audience to bite the same hook repeatedly. Of course, we know that the proprietor, Satan, really runs the show from behind the scenes. This same Satan, being blinded by his own conceit, and Mr. Ratti, no doubt being annoyed by continually stumbling in the long lace nightie, have seemingly overlooked some slight anachronisms and inconsistencies in the presentation of this above-noted show. We beg to bring them to attention herewith:

The Lord Jesus Christ never slept in a cradle, never even saw one, for cradles were unknown until about the year 1140, when first authentic mention of them is made by a Dutch historian. To credit Christ with a cradle is a more glaring anachronism than putting balloon tires on the fiery chariot which came for Elijah.

The newspaper commentator, with unconscious irony, describes the "children's sermons", which follow, as "another curious and characteristic sight". Characteristic, yes: that little children should dress in party clothes, stand on a chair and lisp disjointed jargon, is a fine picture of a clergy who dress themselves in women's apparel and mumble Latin to their largely illiterate audience. Curious, to think that in this day and age there could still be, and is, a great mass of people who find something to revere or worship in all this revolting chicanery.

The third scene of this little drama is no doubt the one anxiously awaited by the people from the commencement of the show: after taking, we presume, a hasty glance at the "presepi", or holy sideshows, they hear the midnight abomination, and then with appetites stimulated by the sight of a fat priest eating crackers and drinking wine, they rush home and gorge themselves! The next day: coated tongues, terrific hangovers, irritable dispositions, much "holy peace and spiritual uplift".

Truly, Mr. Ratti and the Holy Virgin Stock Company, Burlesque Exclusively, with their bones of saints, boards of "cradles", choruses of men dressed like women, and women dressed like the musty relics of a forgotten age, put on a show that for sham, vulgarity, length, and profit, places old P. T. Barnum 'way down the list as a pitiful amateur!

Found Out Who Is the Savior

Bishop Griffin, of Springfield, Illinois, is reported as having found out who is the "savior". In a radio address at Vatican City he is quoted as saying: "In every great crisis in history, God has raised up a leader, a deliverer, a savior to restore peace, establish order and save the nation. Pope Pius XI is such a savior."

A Symposium on Herbs

HERBAL remedies are undoubtedly one of Jehovah's provisions for restoring or maintaining the health of His human creatures. Inorganic medicines are poor substitutes for herbs in the cure of disease, inasmuch as inorganic substances, while they may set up a reaction in the system, act as irritants rather than as stimulants and cleansers, and must be eliminated, because the human organism cannot assimilate them.

Articles on the subject of herbal remedies, particularly those contributed by Dr. E. F. Powell, of England, and Mr. Jos. E. Meyer, of the Indiana Botanical Gardens, Hammond, Ind., have been much appreciated by our readers, and it has been urged that we reprint these articles. As they have much in common, and we cannot spare the space to carry both of them, we have decided to combine the articles and give herewith the outstanding points.

By way of introduction to his article, Dr. Powell emphasizes the importance of right living, clean thinking and proper eating. He stresses the necessity of eating natural foods, and favors the elimination from the diet of most if not all flesh foods. Beans, potatoes, tubers, such as turnips, parsnips, etc., make substantial substitutes for meats. Massage and spinal adjustment (chiropractic) are also considered of value in certain cases.

Health is in large measure dependent upon proper eating; and since it is easy to err in the matter of diet, occasional or chronic illness is the rule rather than the exception. Herbal remedies are not a substitute for proper eating and right living, but they will aid the individual to pass through certain sieges of illness and disease. Under present imperfect conditions, and until the beneficent provisions of Jehovah's kingdom of righteousness are made available to all men, it is safe to say that few escape an occasional spell of sickness. The best that most people can expect is a reasonable degree of health and strength. Some are born with less vitality and innate health than others, and such find it necessary to exercise particular care to take something to give them a lift now and then.

This is where herbal remedies come in, helping us out when through ignorance, carelessness or misfortune we have become ill.

Important Points

Mr. Meyer stresses the point that herbal remedies lose their strength with age and should therefore be used as fresh as possible. No doubt last year's stock is better than none at all, but this year's gathering is better. Drugstores often carry old stock or sell tinctures, which have only part of the strength of the fresh herb. It is advisable to keep the herbs in airtight containers. Some lose their strength more quickly than others. Reliable herbalists are found in many of the larger cities, and you can be reasonably sure of getting this year's stock from them. Of course, if you are familiar with herbs, and live where you can do so, you can gather and dry them yourself.

As some herbs are very bitter, licorice root, honey or molasses may be used for sweetening. Dr. Powell specifies old-fashioned black molasses (treacle). All of these sweeteners are harmless.

Anemia. This trouble is due to lack of iron in the blood. Ordinary iron tonics are made of inorganic iron and upset the stomach, cause constipation and discolor the teeth. Yellow dock root is a good herbal medicine. It may be combined with bogbean and comfrey leaves. An ounce each of the three ingredients simmered in a quart of water, cooled, strained and bottled, will make enough for several days. Take a wineglassful every four hours, or twenty minutes before breakfast, dinner and supper, and shortly before retiring.

Appendicitis. Take one ounce each of elder blossom, peppermint and yarrow and simmer in three pints of water for twenty minutes. Sweeten with old-fashioned black treacle (molasses), and take a wineglassful every fifteen minutes until relieved. It must be taken hot every time, and must be continued, sometimes for twenty-four hours. Do not be afraid of the perspiration caused, or if you vomit. You will be better off with an empty stomach. Use the leaves left over from each infusion to make a hot compress to cover the abdomen. Nothing should be eaten until a cure is brought about, which is usually certain, even in severe cases.

Appetite. For loss of appetite the root of the blue or American gentian is of value, to which the same amount of licorice root is added for sweetening. Place a teaspoonful of the herb in a cup of boiling water and drink when cool, a large mouthful at a time. Two ounces of the gentian placed in a gallon of any sweet wine make an excellent tonic. Gentian bitters are

made by adding two to four ounces to a gallon of wine.

Asthma. For this Dr. Powell prescribes vervain, horehound and elecampane, an ounce each, prepared and taken in the following manner: Simmer the herbs in three pints of boiling water for twenty minutes. Take a wineglassful every four hours. Reduce sugars and starchy foods in the diet. The same remedy is good for bronchitis.

Mr. Meyer recommends wild plum bark, a heaping teaspoonful in a cup of boiling water. Drink cool, during the day, a large mouthful at a time. The inner bark is used, cut into small pieces. It is gathered just before the flowers open. The yellow dock root, made into a tea, is also beneficial.

Bladder Trouble. Horsetail grass, or scouring rush, rich in organic minerals, especially lime, is useful for kidney and bladder troubles, especially in cases of gravel. Steep a teaspoonful of the plant in a cup of boiling water and drink one or two cupfuls in the course of the day, cold, a large mouthful at a time.

Cancer. Vegetarians do not have cancer. It is rare among the Jews, whose flesh foods are carefully inspected. A natural diet has been known to cure cancer. A remedy that has cured many severe cases is made of violet leaves, yellow dock and red clover tops. Simmer one ounce of each in three pints of water for twenty minutes. Strain and take a wineglassful every four hours. For external sores make a poultice of the used herbs and apply fresh night and morning.

Catarrh. Cut down the use of sugar and starch foods, and include an abundance of green, leafy vegetables in the diet. Dissolve a teaspoonful of salt in a tumblerful of warm water. Add ten to twenty drops of compound tincture of myrrh, and sniff up the nose until the solution returns through the mouth. Do this morning and evening or oftener. Pleurisy root is another remedy.

Colds and chills. A tea made of elder blossom, peppermint, yarrow and ginger is an effective remedy. Drink as much as you comfortably can, upon going to bed, and put a hot water bottle to the feet and sweat the cause of the trouble away. Repeat within a few hours, if necessary. Don't feed a cold; if you do you will soon have to starve a fever. Pleurisy root, taken as a tea, also promotes perspiration.

Constipation. Watch the diet. Eat more fruit and avoid white bread, condiments and sloppy puddings. Eat natural food that requires thorough chewing. A tea made of equal parts of senna leaves and mountain flax may be used as a remedy. Vary the quantity to suit the need, and reduce gradually. Butternut bark is a fine laxative for older folks. The inner bark of the root is used, which becomes brown upon exposure to air. It does not gripe. Equal parts of Rocky Mountain grape root, licorice and senna may be added. The directions for making this or any tea are the same: One or two heaping teaspoonfuls in a cup of boiling water.

Consumption. Fresh air and fresh fruits and vegetables in abundance are important. Do not take more than three eggs per week. Use no vinegar or condiments. Eat as much watercress as possible. A marvelous herbal medicine is composed of one-half ounce each of marshmallow root, golden seal and pleurisy root, and an ounce each of linseed, Iceland moss and licorice root, simmer thirty minutes in five pints of water, stirring continually. Strain and add a pound of best black treacle (molasses). Let cool and take a wineglassful every two hours in severe cases, less frequently in milder cases. This remedy is also good for coughs and for debility.

Diarrhea. Raspberry leaves and bayberry bark, half an ounce each, simmered in one and a half pints of water for twenty minutes, and taken cold, is helpful. Add cinnamon if desired. Take a wineglassful every two or three hours. An infusion of slippery elm, a heaping teaspoonful in a cup of boiling water, is also a wonderful help in cases of diarrhea, as well as in dysentery and bronchitis.

Diphtheria. Simmer one ounce of red sage in one and a half pints of water for twenty minutes. Take a wineglassful as frequently as the case demands. The patient should drink plenty of diluted lemon juice, and touch no food until well on the road to recovery. Gargle with the sage tea occasionally.

Dropsy. A tea made from the bark of the wahoo bush root is useful for the treatment of dropsy.

Dysentery. See under *Diarrhea.*

Dyspepsia. Keep to natural food, and chew well. Find out what agrees with you, and stick to that. Avoid eating more than two kinds of food at a meal. A short fast has been known to cure certain cases, or an exclusive diet of wholemeal biscuit for a week or two. Wahoo bark tea

is highly recommended for dyspepsia. It is an excellent tonic, laxative and alterative. The bark of the root is used, steeped in hot water.

Epilepsy. Eat no meat, but plenty of vegetables and fruits, and especially onions. Instead of eating supper, take a cup of bran tea. The following remedy is beneficial: One ounce each of valerian root, vervain, wood betony and skullcap, simmered in four pints of water, twenty minutes. Take a wineglassful every four hours. This remedy, particularly the blue vervain, is also good for fits and falling sickness.

Female Complaints. A tea made of equal parts of horehound and raspberry leaves will remove obstructions and tend to produce the normal. This remedy is harmless, and may be taken freely. It is especially beneficial in cases of pregnancy, and promotes easy birth in most cases, if taken freely (about a pint a day) in wineglassful doses for three or four months preceding the event.

Goiter. Irish moss has been used extensively for goiter, as this is due to a deficiency of iodine. Irish moss contains organic iodine in a form that is easily assimilated. It is harmless. Its taste is its only objection. About the best way to use it is to place a teaspoonful in a plate of soup, broth or milk. Boil the drinking water and watch the diet.

Headaches. Treat as for epilepsy, if the cause is in the nerves. If the trouble is due to stomach derangements, take the remedy suggested for liver trouble and watch your diet. (See *Dyspepsia.*) Worry is responsible for headaches in many cases.

Heart Trouble. The stomach is often responsible for what appears to be heart trouble. Motherwort, gentian root and skullcap, one ounce each, simmered twenty minutes in three pints of water and strained, may be taken, a wineglassful every four hours. If you eat meat it should be boiled; flesh with the blood in it is bad for the heart, as well as being objectionable in other ways. Jehovah instructed the Israelites to eat no meat with the blood in it. The blood left in the veins of a dead animal is full of uric acid and other toxins.

Plenty of fresh air is important. Chiropractic or osteopathy is of benefit in many cases. Walking and light exercises are valuable, but not to the point of fatigue. Leave off at the first signs of fatigue or palpitation. Do not smoke, and use no alcoholic drinks. Do not drink with your meals or too soon thereafter. Wait about half an hour and then drink moderately. Be careful in sex matters, as excesses are often the cause of heart trouble. Many cases can be cured or greatly improved by following these simple instructions.

Incontinence of Urine (Bedwetting). Yarrow is used for this trouble. Parents should never punish children for inability to hold their urine, at night or during the day. The tea is prepared by steeping a teaspoonful of the herb, cut small or granulated, in a cup of boiling water. Drink the cupful, cold, during the day, a large mouthful at a time.

Inflammations. For inflammation in any part of the body the remedy is elder blossom, peppermint, yarrow and ginger tea. (See *Appendicitis.*) This wonderful remedy will save life at the eleventh hour, says Dr. Powell. And it is absolutely harmless.

Influenza. The same as for colds and chills. A cure is said to be certain, even in the most serious circumstances.

Kidney Trouble. Pay attention to diet; take plenty of exercise; drink plenty of diluted lemon juice. An ounce each of buchu leaves, parsley and juniper berries, simmered in three pints of water for twenty minutes, should be pressed and strained and taken in wineglassful doses every four hours, or more frequently if necessary. Osteopathic treatments are sometimes advisable. Cold water packs applied nightly over the small of the back are helpful; also steam baths.

Sluggish Liver. Diet as for dyspepsia, and take a wineglassful of the following remedy every four hours, or, in severe cases, every hour. Half an ounce each of horehound, agrimony, crushed ginger, gentian, simmered in two and a half pints of water for twenty minutes. Cold or tepid friction baths each morning are good. Steam baths are beneficial in severe cases.

Another remedy is mandrake root, black root, colic root and sacred bark. Mix an ounce of each, and boil a teaspoonful of the mixture in a cup of water for one minute. Strain, cool, and take from cup or wineglass as in other cases. One or two days' treatment is usually sufficient. The remedy is bitter, and may be sweetened as suggested in the introduction to this article.

Lumbago. Queen of the meadow root is the thing for lumbago. Prepare in the usual way, and take in wineglassful doses or large mouth-

fuls, using about a cupful in the course of the day.

Lungs. Coltsfoot tea is most beneficial, and is widely used in cases of bronchitis, asthma, coughs, colds, etc.

Nerves. Pay attention to your diet. (See under *Dyspepsia.*) Use medicine mentioned under *Epilepsy.* A cheerful mind is important. (See Proverbs 17:22.) Sexual excesses must be avoided. A cold friction bath every morning is strongly recommended. Pure olive oil is also very good; take a tablespoonful each morning, or dress your salads with it. Onions are also of value, and should be used freely.

Kola nuts are a fine nervine and tonic. They may be taken in the powdered form, a teaspoonful or two before breakfast, salted to taste.

Black cohosh is also good for the nervous person. A tea made of equal parts of black cohosh, sacred bark and Canada snakeroot is used for nervous headaches or nervous prostration and many other nervous afflictions of the female organism. A teaspoonful of the root to a cup of boiling water, taken during the course of the day, is the average dose. If the tea is made too strong it may bring on a headache, but it is harmless.

Neuralgia. For this affliction black cohosh is recommended. (See under *Nerves.*)

Obesity. Sea wrack has been used for ages by fat people who wanted to reduce. It is also called gulf wrack and bladder wrack. The average dose is one teaspoonful three times a day, taken in coffee or as it is. While sea wrack is the most harmless and best remedy for obesity, it will not affect everyone in the same way.

Piles. Treat as for constipation. A good herbal ointment will be helpful, but the cure must come through a correction of the cause. Improve the bowel action and the blood by proper dieting, and the trouble will disappear. Tea made of white oak bark and fennel seed in equal parts is another remedy.

Pimples and *Eruptions.* The leaves and twigs of sweet fern brewed into a strong tea, used both as a drink and as an external wash, will clear up an unsightly and pimply skin. Drink a cupful a day in large mouthfuls.

Pneumonia. The same as for colds and chills.

Rheumatism. Adopt a vegetarian diet and eat plenty of greens. Avoid tea, coffee, cocoa and condiments. Use bran tea and unsweetened lemonade instead. Simmer the following in two quarts of water: One ounce each of bogbean, centaury, yarrow and yellow dock, and a dozen cayenne pods. Rub compound tincture of myrrh into the painful parts morning and evening.

Virginia snakeroot is another remedy for this affliction. Place a teaspoonful of the granulated or powdered root in a glass container, pour in boiling water, allow to stand until cool, strain, and drink a cupful a day, a mouthful at a time.

Black cohosh, prickly ash, burdock and pokeroot, is also used for rheumatism, prepared in the following way: Mix equal parts of these herbs, and place a teaspoonful in a cup of boiling water.

Rickets. Plenty of orange juice and grapes should be given to children having this trouble. As they grow older include plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables in the diet. Onions are excellent, as well as whole-wheat bread and fresh dairy butter. Very young children may be given vegetable juices or liquids drained from cooked vegetables, particularly if orange juice cannot be obtained.

A good medicine is made by simmering half an ounce each of wild tansy and agrimony in a pint of water for fifteen minutes. Strain and sweeten with molasses or honey, or with licorice root. Give young children a tablespoonful four times a day; older children more.

Sleeplessness. Blue skullcap, catnip and peppermint mixed together and used, one or two heaping teaspoonfuls to a cup of boiling water, make a good nervine and sedative. Drink a cupful warm just before you go to bed and you will not be bothered with wakefulness.

Another remedy is made of valerian root, vervain, wood betony and skullcap, one ounce each simmered in four pints of water.

Stomach Trouble. Juniper-berry oil is an excellent stomach tonic. A handful of the berries themselves placed in a gallon of any kind of wine makes a fine stomach tonic. (See also under *Dyspepsia.*) Eliminate the cause of the trouble by eating properly. In cases of *sour stomach* and *gas,* sweet flag is very beneficial. Two ounces of sweet flag root, one ounce black cohosh, one ounce sassafras bark; mix together and place a heaping teaspoonful of the mixture in a cup of water, bring to boiling point, and drink cool, a large mouthful at a time.

Tonic. Mix equal parts of Rocky Mountain grape root, butternut bark and marshmallow

root and place a heaping teaspoonful of the mixture in a cup of boiling water. Strain, cool, and drink a cupful, a little at a time, during the day. This drink is slightly laxative and quite harmless. It may be given to children, but is of special value to older people who have poor circulation and take cold easily.

Worms. Camomile tea is used to expel worms. It is made like ordinary household tea: Simply steeping a large teaspoonful of the flowers in a cup of boiling water for a half hour. Strain and drink a half cupful, hot or cold, before going to bed.

Wounds. A dressing of lemon juice, water, and a few drops of compound tincture of myrrh is ideal for all wounds and sores. In nearly all cases this is all that is necessary. There are many good herbal ointments which can be supplied by any reliable herbalist.

Another wash for wounds and ulcers is a tea made from horsetail grass. Just steep a teaspoonful of the dried plant in a cup of boiling water, and use when cool.

In conclusion we quote the following from the pen of Dr. Otto Raubenhauer, Ph.G., Phar.D., Ph.M.:

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