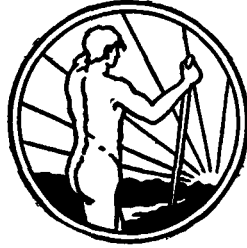


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Inspiring and Stimulating Report of Club Work Carried on by Glasgow Company

(Letter of transmittal on page 484—and see page 498.)

IN December 1933 we started compiling records. Up till September 1934 there were 12 club meetings, 2 Y.M.C.A. meetings, and 1 meeting in a hospital.

In October 1934 we had 4 meetings; in November, 17 meetings; in December, 21; in January, 40; and in February, 59; a total of 141 meetings from October to February, with an attendance of 5,353 strangers, fully 60 percent of whom were Roman Catholics. At these meetings 247 books and 1,021 booklets were taken and paid for, and, in addition, 1,078 booklets and 49 *Harps* were given free, giving a total of placements of 296 books and 2,099 booklets. This week alone, from Sunday till Thursday we have had 18 meetings, with a total attendance of 900 strangers. At one of these meetings there was an attendance of 400.

The list herewith gives some idea of the variety of clubs and meeting-places we have been able to enter.

To begin with, a district is selected and a number of brethren are asked to locate and make a

list of every club, lodging-house and meeting-place in that district. When the list is completed it is given to a sister, who is asked to call and arrange meetings.

We have found that sisters are more suitable than brothers for this work. One sister alone in the Glasgow company has fixed up over 100 of these meetings. Other sisters are now coming forward to help with this work.

When asked regarding her method of procedure, she replied: "I go to the address, knock at the door, and walk right in. I go up to the first group of men I see and ask, 'Can I see the secretary of this club?' If he is not in, I ask for a member of the committee, and the men may turn and call, 'Here, Geordie! Here's a lady to see ye.' I tell him that we have a very interesting lecture called 'World Control', by Judge Rutherford, which we have given in nearly

every working men's club in Glasgow. 'This lecture has been given over the radio and it has now been electrically recorded and we would like

Political Associations, as follows:

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National Socialist Party
Independent Labor Party

Sports Clubs:

Boxing Clubs
Amateur Rowing Clubs
Rifle Clubs
Quoiting Clubs
Debating Societies
Old Men's Clubs
Working Men's Clubs
Plot Holders' Clubs
Study Circle
Co-operative Men's Guild

Lodging-Houses:

Working Men's Hotels
Homes for Destitute Women
Salvation Army Hostel

Ex-Service Men's Clubs:

British Legion
Old Veterans' Club

Limbless and Disabled Soldiers' Hospital

Religious Associations:

Young Men's Christian Association
Abstainers' Union
Scottish Covenanters
Protestant Defense Association
Church of Scotland Social Club

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Service Director—
Alfred M. Greenlees

12, Penrith Avenue,
Giffnock, Glasgow.

9th March 1935

Mr. R. G. Burton,

London.

Dear Bro. Burton,

I now have pleasure in sending you a report of the work being done among the clubs in Glasgow, as requested in your letter of 21st Feb'y.

The report has been compiled mainly from data given at last Thursday's service workers' meeting. This meeting was originally arranged for the previous Thursday, but had to be cancelled owing to a number of important club fixtures which came in for that night and which necessitated a number of the principal workers' being absent that evening.

As you will see from the report the gaining of an entrance is mainly a question of tact and method. Sister Annie McLennan, who has done most of the arranging, has a fine bright and breezy manner and keeps herself smart and attractive, and I believe this has been a considerable factor in her success.

I am sorry I have no letters of appreciation to send you meantime. These may possibly come forth later. At present we have to push our way into most of the places because of misrepresentation and misunderstanding. From the report you will see that this is being broken down.

I cannot say that the clubs have affiliated clubs elsewhere, but it is almost certain that similar clubs exist in all parts. Wherever we go we stress the fact that we are giving the Watch Tower programme, and not a religious service.

With warm love,

Yours in Jehovah's service,

[Signed] A. M. Greenlees.

to bring it here and give it to you. It will be preceded and followed by an interesting program of music. The whole thing is a splendid entertainment lasting about an hour. Now we want to bring it here. What evening would suit you? Tuesday at 8 p.m.? Very well, I will send you a notice to put on your notice board so that all the members will know about it. You want to know what it is about? Well, I am not here to tell you that. You will hear all about it on Tuesday.' I tell them as little as possible about the lecture. I have very often to make a second call to see the secretary and get the date fixed. I send them a notice to reach them on the morning it is to be given. If sent before the time, it may mean a cancellation.

"I have many amusing experiences. At a rifle club I got an invitation to go back and learn to shoot. At a boxing club I was told this was Johnny MacMillan's club, and was invited to come back and see a boxing match. They promised to arrange a lecture at some time he was present and assured us of a crowded house."

Personal Calls Necessary

When this work commenced 36 letters were sent to various clubs. Only one reply was received, and that unfavorable. We have found by experience that the only way to get into these clubs is by a personal call.

If the machine is being carried, three brothers go with it. If taken in a car, two are sufficient. We start with two musical records; then an announcement regarding the lecture "World Control" is made. We usually state, among other things: "You may not agree with everything that is said, but we have brought this lecture to you believing that you are all strong believers in free speech and freedom of the press and therefore we feel sure that you will give the lecture a good hearing and at the end we shall be very pleased to answer any questions you may have to put along the lines of the lecture." Immediately after the lecture we put on another musical item. This serves to smooth down any ill feeling that may have arisen amongst Roman Catholics, etc. Then questions are invited and answered. We tell them about the literature, of which we always have an ample supply on hand. To close we put on some popular song, like Harry Lauder's "Keep Right On to the End of the Road".

Reaches a Class Hitherto Untouched

This work has proved to be a wonderful means of getting in touch with a class of people who have never heard our message and who are not reached in the ordinary service work. Much interest has been shown and great appreciation expressed. For example: In one instance the lecture was put on at 9:15 p.m., and at 11:30 p.m. we were still answering questions. There were 19 present at that meeting, and five sets of books, comprising *The Harp of God* and three booklets, were placed. In another instance, where 39 men were present, 73 pieces of literature were left. The club bought five units for the use of the members. At a large lodging-house 400 men were present and 157 pieces of literature were left. At another club, with an attendance of 28 strangers, 52 books and booklets were placed and 12 booklets given away free.

At another working men's club we had to wait until a billiard tournament was finished, and then the men turned their chairs round to hear our lecture. As they listened many of them were drinking beer. Six units and 32 single booklets were placed here, and we had to call back with more books and booklets to supply the demand. The gentleman in charge asked us to come back again, and told us that the two Labor M.P.'s "Jimmy" Maxton and "Davie" Kirkwood were members of this club and he would see that they were present when next we arranged a meeting there.

At the Church of Scotland Club in Renfrew the lecture started at 9 o'clock and at 10:55 we were still answering questions. The chairman, in proposing a vote of thanks, said he had learned more in that short time than he had learned all the years he had gone to church.

We had a very interesting experience at a Co-operative Guild meeting in Johnstone. They advertised it in the local paper as "I.B.S.A. and the League of Nations". We don't know where they got this! The meeting started at 8 p.m. In introducing us the chairman said that he really did not know what his visiting friends were going to give them. The lecture was given, and then the questions commenced. At 10:20 p.m. the chairman said that out of consideration for us he thought they should draw the meeting to a close. It had been one of the most interesting and enjoyable guild meetings he had ever attended. He had learned more that evening about the Bible than he had learned all his days since

leaving school. The organizer said that he would write an article for the Co-operative paper telling about the splendid Watch Tower Program and advising all other guilds to avail themselves of our services. There were 25 members present that night, but he would guarantee that on our return the hall would be packed when the report of this splendid lecture and discussion had been published. Incidentally, they offered to pay our expenses coming from Glasgow.

Examples of Questions Asked

Examples of the questions which we got at that meeting are as follows: Why was Judge Rutherford so much against the League of Nations, which had been organized to carry on the work of the Prince of Peace? What would be our attitude in the event of another war in the time of trouble we said was just ahead? What were our views with regard to spiritism? How did we get over the fact that these mediums could accurately foretell coming events? Why is it that at all military parades there is a clergyman in the very center of things swanking a row of medals and yet claiming to represent the Prince of Peace? Do you suggest that we should stand by and do nothing for the betterment of our fellow men since Armageddon is so near and the League of Nations of the Devil?

On a Sunday evening recently we gave the lecture at a meeting of the Scottish Covenanters. They evidently did not know what they were going to get. The chairman announced that they would hear "wireless, radio, music and other things". About 80 persons were present, who, we were informed, had just come from "a very nice service in the Barrowfield church". While the record was being changed the chairman announced that they would now take the collection (for themselves, not us). Questions followed after the talk, and as a result we were invited to arrange for two further meetings to discuss questions dealing with the resurrection and the trinity, and this we agreed to do on the understanding that Brother Rutherford's lecture would introduce the subject on each evening. The closing remarks of the chairman spoke of the wonders of wireless and how fine a thing it was that many lying on sick beds could enjoy this splendid program. (He evidently thought that our program had come over the air.) It was not often that they had the privilege of hearing such an outstanding speaker as Judge Rutherford, and they were very grateful to us for giv-

ing them the opportunity of hearing him. They wished us every success in this splendid Christian work we were engaged in. This meeting was closed with an evangelistic hymn and a benediction.

Appreciative Catholic Audiences

We have been twice to the Tontine Working Men's Hotel, where we had audiences of 140 and 100, most of them Catholics. This is a hotel which has not formerly allowed any religious meetings of any kind. On the second occasion the manager told us that after our first meeting he was visited by people from the Church of Scotland, the Salvation Army, the Roman Catholics and the missions demanding to be allowed the same privilege as we had obtained. The manager's reply to them was: "These people are different from you." After the second meeting one man told us that he had obtained a two-penny booklet at the first lecture and had changed it five times with other men who had different booklets, so that he had now read six booklets in all. It was in the reading of these booklets that for the first time he had gained any comfort from religion.

In a corporation lodging-house in Paisley there were 110 men present. Our brother was called into the side room and questioned by the superintendent as to the nature of the lecture. Ninety-five percent of the men, he said, were Roman Catholics and he hoped that nothing would be said to "shock their susceptibilities". The brother informed the superintendent that we had given this program in the Tontine Working Men's Hotel, where the majority of the men were also Catholics, and it was so much appreciated that we were invited back. On that occasion we were told that the second meeting had been even better than the first. The brother was then informed that the platform party was ready. He found that he was to be supported in the chair by a town councilor and several ladies and gentlemen. At the end of the lecture questions were invited, and the first question was: "Why was Judge Rutherford allowed to come here when he was the greatest opponent of religious peace in the world today?" Another question was: "Why was Judge Rutherford opposed to the doctrine of the immaculate conception?" To that question the brother tactfully replied that that was a very big and important question which was not covered by the lecture, but if the questioner cared to come forward at the end of

the meeting he would be pleased to hand him free of charge a booklet which dealt fully with the matter. On our departure the two R.C.'s who asked the above questions gave us a hearty send-off and said they would look forward to our next visit. In bringing the meeting to a close the town councilor said it had been a most enjoyable evening. He hoped to have us back again. The superintendent also said that as the second Tontine Hotel meeting had been even better than the first he hoped we would come back for a second meeting here.

Most Unusual Audiences

The proprietor of a large dance hall in the city has invited us to give the lecture there next Sunday. 1,200 bills have been printed advertising it, and he is arranging to distribute these and is announcing the meeting at all the dances held in the hall during the week.

We have held a meeting in the Pearce Institute, Govan, which is controlled by the clergy. When the brother arrived with the machine there was a parson in charge of a game of carpet bowls. When the lecture started he sat down with the others. Then when it came to the League of Nations he rose and went out. Towards the end another parson came in, listened for a few minutes, and also went out. An interesting discussion followed the lecture.

Two lectures have been given in the Ralston Hospital for permanently disabled soldiers. There were 22 men present on the second occasion, lying on invalid chairs, some with no legs, some with no arms, others covered with bandages. Following the lecture there was a most interesting discussion lasting for over an hour. It was evident that their experiences had made these men think. One question asked was: "Is it possible to be a politician and a Christian at the same time?" They entirely agreed with our emphatic "No".

In another meeting in a lodging-house we met a man who told us that his brother, a bus driver, was a great believer in the Truth. He was unable, owing to his duties, to get to the meetings, but he was doing all he could to spread the message by handing out the booklets and *The Golden Age* wherever he went.

Many of the smaller clubs we visit are in disused washhouses, condemned buildings, sunk flats and army huts, lit sometimes only by candles or oil lamps. Here we meet poverty in its direst forms. In such places the booklets are

offered free to any interested. The message is always very welcome here, and greatly appreciated. In an old men's club in such a place the lecture was given and then questions were invited. One man stood up and said: "No, friend, I don't think there will be any questions here about that. We are all agreed on it, and the sooner it comes the better."

More Interesting Questions

In a Church of Scotland social club a number of very interesting questions were asked, including: "What is meant by the statement in the lecture, 'Millions now living will never die'?" (In passing, we might mention that this is a question which is asked at almost every club.) "What is meant by the world's ending in 1914?" "The League of Nations?" "Why is Judge Rutherford the only man on earth who has such a splendid knowledge of the Scriptures?" "What is meant by the everlasting covenant?" "What does Judge Rutherford mean by the statement in his lecture 'the wanton slaughter of animals, which was done chiefly from greed for gain'?" "Why did God give us a Bible so difficult to understand?" "The permission of evil?" "How might we pass through the battle of Armageddon?"

We have found at a large number of meetings that the remark is made: "We did not appreciate what Judge Rutherford's message was until this lecture was given and these questions were answered. It is the most reasonable explanation we have ever heard of present world conditions and the Scriptures."

Frequent Return Engagements

An interesting point we might mention is that we have been back at over 30 clubs, showing that the Watch Tower Program has been greatly appreciated. We might also mention that the social club movement in this part was organized mainly by the clergy to begin with.

In times past when the "Millions" message was being proclaimed world-wide we endeavored to get into the model lodging-houses in our district but were unsuccessful. It is only because of the use of the transcription machines that this door of opportunity has been opened to us. No one who has any part in this work could fail to be enthused by it. It gives an insight into humanity that nothing else could do. It has proved itself to be a means of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom to the very poor, and 'the poor have heard it gladly'.

The Fight for Freedom of Conscience

THE fight for freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience continues in New Jersey, where, it seems, the greatest and most terrible earthly enemy of that freedom is determined to establish a precedent that will abrogate it. In the following letter an observer of certain occurrences in Plainfield puts the issue squarely up to the governor of New Jersey. *Golden Age* readers will note with amazement the lengths to which the Hierarchy and its accomplices will go to suppress the truth. Unless the encroachments of the Papal emissaries are resisted with strong determination it is not at all unreasonable to anticipate the return of the days when the consciences of men and women were coerced with frightful tortures. Have "Protestants" forgotten the Inquisition?

H. G. Hoffman,
The Governor of New Jersey,
Trenton, N. J.

DEAR SIR:

Thank you for so promptly answering the telegram sent by eleven of my friends and signed by myself. This related to Mrs. Lena Albright and her incarceration in Plainfield, later in the county jail at Elizabeth, N. J., where to my understanding she still is.

Permit me to correct your evident misunderstanding of the reason for Mrs. Albright's arrest. You were certainly misinformed as to her activities in Plainfield.

I have just taken up my residence in New York, having disposed of my personal interests in five broadcasting stations in Ohio. As an owner and manager, I had ample opportunity of experiencing the embarrassment of the subtle, underhand opposition to activities (by radio and otherwise) of Jehovah's witnesses, by selfish interests, particularly the Roman Catholic group.

In Cleveland the radio station (of which I was president and general manager), because of broadcasting programs furnished by Jehovah's witnesses, was subjected to a subtle boycott by Roman Catholic leaders and those whom they could influence. One of the nation's leading newspapers, part owner of that radio station, was similarly embarrassed, and pressure was brought to bear from prominent Roman Catholic leaders to have the newspaper, as an owner, to withhold use of the station from Jehovah's witnesses. Priests advised their parishioners to refuse to purchase anything from sponsors who used the station. I have hundreds of letters testifying to that fact, and which letters I shall be very happy to submit to you personally, if you so desire.

From a careful investigation of the New Jersey situation, I am satisfied that the same un-American

influence is behind the arrest of Jehovah's witnesses in your community.

At present I am interested in gathering correct data regarding the activities of Jehovah's witnesses, and especially in New Jersey, for the purpose of supplying by electrical transcription such information to three hundred radio stations weekly throughout the United States. In this same connection I have found that about three million people have just petitioned Congress to supply them with a copy of information now before the Senate committee regarding the attempted suppression of the activities of Jehovah's witnesses, especially by radio.

In the quest for correct information, I was personally present at the trial of Mrs. Lena Albright in Plainfield. She was charged with violation of a city ordinance designed purely to regulate distribution of newspapers, periodicals, magazines, circulars, etc., and which ordinance is good for the purpose written. However, that ordinance was surely never intended to apply to such a case as that of Mrs. Albright's. It was apparent from testimony that Mrs. Albright was distributing nothing. The record shows that counsel for the defense, on examination, brought out that Mrs. Albright left nothing at any place unless requested to do so by the person visited.

The personal prejudice and bias of the police judge, William De Meza, was displayed in his statement to defense counsel, as follows: "I will allow it, and grant you an exception; FIGHT IT OUT ON APPEAL." Such an expression, made before the trial was slightly more than half over, clearly shows Mrs. Albright was CONVICTED before her trial; else why an APPEAL? Appeal from what?

Mrs. Albright was not permitted by the prosecutor, William Newcorn, to state WHY she was in Plainfield. The prosecutor, aided by the court, would permit to go into the record only that which tended to show that Mrs. Albright was in Plainfield for the purpose of distributing circulars, and nothing else, and that she was being prosecuted for not having obtained a permit from the police. I shall be glad to hear what has appeared to you in your further investigation of this case.

Very sincerely yours,
M. A. H——, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Should Be Ordered by the Gross

THE Men's League of Mercy of the United States gave the pope a bronze medal for fixing it up with Almighty God to grant repose to the soul of a murderess electrocuted at Sing Sing. As most murders in the United States are committed by members of the same church, it seems as if the wise thing to do would be to order these medals by the gross and send one to Italy every time there is a public execution.

Rutherford Group Claims It Floods Austria with Books

(Reprinted from *The [Cleveland, Ohio] Catholic Universe Bulletin* — Friday, April 12, 1935)

BIBLE STUDENTS' ATTACKS CENTERED UPON
CATHOLICS; LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED
IN MANY COUNTRIES.

By DR. FREDERIC FUNDER.

(Vienna Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

VIENNA, April 10.—The "International Society of Bible Students," which has its headquarters in Brooklyn, N. Y., has been active in Austria in the last year and its officials boast of having flooded Austria with 266,000 books and 100,000 copies of their periodical. Joseph F. Rutherford of Brooklyn is the head of the organization.

The press products of the organization are issued from Switzerland. The books adorned with fantastic illustrations in which the clergy of the Christian churches, above all Catholic priests, are presented as the helpers and friends of capitalism and militarism.

In a paper, entitled "Proclamation," said to have been printed in 1,400,000 copies in Switzerland, the following is stated: "The pagan religions are devilish and extremely horrible, and a defamation of God as well. But Christianity is far worse and casts still greater disgrace on the name of God. Therefore the demand is made ever and ever again that the power of Christianity be broken as it is a horror in the eyes of God."

The Year Book of the group, just published, deals with its activities in the various countries of the world. In it is contained this statement on Mexico:

"For centuries the Roman Catholic church wielded absolute power. In recent years, however, the people freed themselves of those fetters, yet the cunning influence of those religious fanatics is still remarkable. 1934 was a blessed year and the result went beyond our expectations."

Of Austria, the Year Book says: "The preaching of Truth in Austria continues to take place amidst great difficulties. Wherever the Devil's black representatives are at work, there is darkness, and gloom broods over the people. Yet, in spite of all, light begins to penetrate into the hearts of some of the people."

In their Almanac, it is asserted that in Czechoslovakia 150,000 more copies of booklets were circulated than in the preceding year, or 452,492 in all.

In Poland, it is asserted, 268,292 booklets were distributed last year.

As to Yugoslavia, "some progress" is reported to have been made. On Italy the authors of the Almanac discharge the full vials of their anger, saying: "In that country of darkness are the headquarters of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. That tool of the Devil has its representatives in all departments of the government."

"The Success of the Holy Year"

HERE is a Catholic Action church paper, from Cambridge, Ohio, that gives the following interesting information. It will be specially appreciated by the one-half of all the workers in the United States that are out of work: "Last year in April at Rome the 'holy year' was inaugurated with great pomp and solemnity. The 'holy year' of 1933 commemorated the nineteenth century of man's redemption. It was the fond wish and hope of the 'holy father' that the celebration of the 'holy year' would bring peace to souls and true prosperity to all peoples. This wish has been at least partially realized. People had drifted away from God and, therefore, He sent the depression to bring them back to their senses. The object of the 'holy year' was to ask God to give back prosperity to our people. God has answered our prayers in so far as we have again recognized him as the true God. And now at the end of the 'holy year' we are asked to pray for 'the success of the 'holy year'', namely, that the bounteous fruits which have come from it may grow to full and abiding maturity. Since the 'holy year' has been so successful the pope has extended it for another year so that all the people may gain the indulgences attached to it." The same paper tells of a little boy in France that "at the age of four he put stones in his shoes to mortify himself and suffer just a tiny bit for Jesus". Folks here in Brooklyn seem to think Jesus is just as well pleased if little boys put splintered glass in their shoes instead of gravel, but maybe gravel is all right in France.

Holy Name Puerperal Fever

HOLY NAME puerperal fever has broken out at Holy Name hospital, Teaneck, N. J. At least that seems to be what caused the death of nine babies and the closing of the obstetrical ward, until it could be well cleaned.

League of Prayer for the Conversion of America

THE MISSIONARY, Washington, D.C., published by the Catholic Missionary Union, devotes a column to the League of Prayer for the Conversion of America. One of the directors is the Very Reverend John B. Harney, C.S.P., who, as spokesman for the Hierarchy, is down in black and white as advocating the murder of those who antagonize the outfit with which he is connected. It should be explained that these prayers ascend to the one designated in the Scriptures as "the god of this world", referred to by Jesus as "the prince of this world". This conversion business, once it gets under way, ought to be interesting to "milk and water" Protestants who believe Harney and his friends should have all the rope they seek. In Vienna alone, since the machine-gun method of conversion went into effect, it is claimed that in one year 30,000 socialists returned to the church. As between salvation by the "purgatory" route and being shot full of holes, many socialists (ex-Catholics) prefer the "salvation".

A Flower from the Garden of the Jesuits

A JESUIT'S CONCEPTION OF CHRIST

THE following comparison between Christ and the pope was made in an article which appeared in the Yugoslavian publication, "*The Messenger of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*," on page 41 of No. 2 for 1935. The magazine is published by Jesuits who assure its readers "that 'The Messenger' has the magic power to open heaven itself to those who read it".

Christ had only 12 apostles, but the pope has 70 cardinals. Christ had but to look after a handful of faithful ones, such as Lazarus, Nicodemus, and a few pious women, while the pope has to look after 400,000,000 of Catholics. By order of the eternal Father, Christ was only allowed to preach to the Jews in Palestine, while the pope spreads his missions to the whole earth. After three years of public activity Christ had won such a small number of Jews that finally he died all alone, for even the apostles had left him. On the other hand, after 10 years of rulership, Pope Pius XI had won over 6,000,000 heathen for the church of Christ. Christ was but able to make saints of John the Baptist and one of the thieves, but the popes, thanks be to God, filled our calendar with thousands and thousands of glorious divine saints. By the will of the eternal Father, Christ was only permitted to stay for three years on the earth, while Pope Pius XI, thanks be to God, reigns already 4 times 3 years. By order of the eternal Father, Christ was

not permitted to receive homage from the delegations of heathen countries, but the pope receives homage from all the states, which even send their representatives and ambassadors to him. Christ appointed to bishops the 11 apostles only (Judas was not appointed a bishop), but each pope, even if he ruled only for a few months, had opportunity to send out a far greater number of servants of God into the world. Thanks be to God that the pope has got a palace! Where would he otherwise accommodate so many collaborators who assist him in extending the kingdom of Christ? Thanks be to God that the pope does not go barefooted! What a shame it would be for us 400 million Catholics if we would not be able to buy our pope the best shoes! Thanks be to God that the pope has a car! If in America every worker can afford one, why should not our pope have one too? If it is possible, we shall also buy him an aeroplane. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God that the pope is different from Christ in many unessential things. This shows that the church of Christ is no more a bare, little tree, but a big and mighty one. This is the sign that the pope is indeed the disciple of Christ. Therefore it is necessary to obey him. And we will obey him and love him! For he is the second Christ on earth.

What the Apostolic Delegate Had On

MR. CICOGNANI has been to Cincinnati. The Cincinnati *Post* tells what he had on. It says:

"The apostolic delegate will be clothed in a white lace alb bound by a purple girdle, his pectoral cross studded with jewels, a stole covering his shoulders and over these a long tunic with white leggings ornamented with gold, white slippers, the embroidered chasuble, white gloves and over these latter his episcopal ring. After the master of ceremonies places on the legate's head the mitre, or high headpiece worn by bishops, the apostolic delegate will proceed to the foot of the altar to begin mass."

As a result of plowing under so much cotton the price of overalls has about doubled, and many a poor farmer who has no other kind of clothes than overalls is wondering how in creation he is going to get through another season without looking far worse than Mr. Cicognani did.

Joy Among the Sausage Makers

GREAT was the joy among the sausage makers when it was found that by means of an "indult" Catholics could eat meat on Washington's Birthday (Friday). An "indult" is a tremendous joke, but the poor crawfish that has been "indulted" does not know it. He pays, and his posterity, for his lack of information.

What You Get for \$447

UNLESS it is needed for oil stocks or something else bought on margin, if you send only \$447 to The Catholic Church Extension Society of the U.S.A., 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., you pay for a vestment of any color, a chalice or ciborium, a monstrance, a cope, a statue, a set of stations, a missionary mass kit, a crucifix and candlesticks, or sanctuary lamp, a benediction veil or missal, a censer and boat and a linen amice, purificator, pall, corporal and finger towel. Peter never saw any of these. Appropriately, the offer is printed with a big black border around it. The black border comforts the poor sucker that gave up his \$447.

Women Sealed in Living Tomb

THE Portland (Maine) *Press-Herald*, under a scarehead two columns wide and six lines deep, says: "Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood Enter New Monastery Here: Bishop McCarthy With Solemn Ceremony Formally Seals Cloister From Which Members of Order Will Not Emerge Until Death." In the story itself, after explaining how the bishop sealed the inside door of a vestibule so that egress is impossible, it goes on to say, "No lay person ever will be allowed to enter the realm of the cloister again." The paper explains, "It was the first time such a ceremony was ever held in this vicinity."

"The Little Group of Picketers"

IN AN item 6½ inches long the New York *Daily News* first told of 2,000 Catholic laymen and students demonstrating in front of the Mexican consulate in New York, and, before the 6½ inches were up, let fall the remark about "the little group of picketers headed by Miss Rose Mary O'Keefe", which shows that the 2,000 was probably about 20 all told. It is astonishing what a lot of satisfaction some people get from flourishing a lot of ciphers around.

Catholics Oppose Child Labor Law

THE New York State Catholic Welfare Committee, officially representing the Roman Catholic hierarchy in all its glory, is out with six reasons why New York state should not ratify the proposed Child Labor Amendment to the United States Constitution. Wonder what the Big Business crowd paid for that.

Big Church Falls in Milwaukee

IT TOOK the Milwaukee *Journal* almost three columns to tell that fire gutted the Roman Catholic cathedral there. It seems that all the stained-glass windows were ruined; they cost upward of \$2,000 each. One painting alleged to be worth \$25,000 was destroyed. The account says, thrillingly, that the steeple did not fall, and explains why. It seems it had a cross on top, that the firemen had crosses on their caps, that a nun in a convent near by told her beads and another nun carried "holy water". Just where she carried the "holy water", or what was done with it, was not explained.

Japs Sore at Catholics Too

MUCH dissatisfied with the international espionage system practiced by the Roman hierarchy, several Catholic churches were destroyed by the inhabitants on the Japanese island of Amamioshima. Now that the United States has butted into Mexico's private affairs, how about taking up the same cudgels against the Japanese? In short, why should not Uncle Sam now start in and try to run the private affairs of every country in the world in the interests of the Roman Catholic church. Page Senator Borah.

"Catholic Lawyers Attend Red Mass"

THE New York *Times* has a column about Catholic lawyers attending red mass, and when one reads the names, O'Brien, Conboy, Hickey, Martin, Hagarty, Bondy, Goddard, Hulbert, Collins, Conway, Koch, Lewis, Leary, O'Brien No. 2, Schmuck, Kernochan, Collins, Allen, Bohan, Rosalsky, McDonald, Madigan, Ryan, Caffrey, Dineen, O'Brien No. 3, McElligott, Tierney, Carlin, Hilly, McManus, and McGurrian, and realizes that Ireland is so far away from Russia he involuntarily wonders why the mass is called a "red" mass.

The \$8,000,000 Debt to Jersey

THE Port of New York Authority owes New Jersey \$8,000,000, but when the New Jersey House of Assembly wanted an investigation it was opposed by John J. Rafferty, Roman Catholic floor leader of the Democratic minority, and one wonders if his reason for opposing the investigation was the same reason as for proposing huge fines for anybody who criticizes in any manner the biggest humbug on earth, the papal one.

Cadman's Opinion of the Bible

IN UTTER contempt of the Bible Reverend S. Parkes Cadman is on record as telling a grieving father or mother, desirous of truth, "Under no circumstances, least of all such as yours, should the book of Ecclesiastes be consulted for light upon the hereafter." As to why the book was written he said: "Fortunately, you can leave that to experts." As to who wrote the books which Jesus said were written by Moses, he said that they "are a compilation of pre-existing documents ranging in date from the eighth to the fourth centuries B.C." As to the other book besides Ecclesiastes that was written by Solomon, and as to the Psalms which plainly declare their own authorship, he said: "The Psalms and Proverbs are also compilations of literary material belonging to various epochs between the fifth and second centuries B.C."; and "Daniel and Ecclesiastes belong to the second century B.C." In other words, he thinks the Bible is what those who love God think Cadman himself is.

Substitute for Heaven

REVEREND DR. S. PARKES CADMAN, addressing the Clergy Association of New York and Neighborhood, said he hoped to find some rich man who would put up a \$5,000,000 house for the clergy in New York city, endowed with a library of 500,000 volumes, where these men with nothing to do during the week could have a place to come and toast their shins. Cadman said, "I would like to have a place where the great lessons taught by the Roman Catholic church could be learned." Isn't it wonderful how Peter and those other non-Catholics got along without big libraries? It says that the people 'took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus and learned of Him'. Cadman may have taken offense at Jesus' statement, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

Think Christ Should Run the Munition Factories

THE church peace union decries private manufacture of munitions. Its thought is that all munitions should be made by governments. Believing that all governments are parts of Christ's kingdom it would therefore propose that Christ should run the munition factories at least indirectly; and that, at least, has the attraction of novelty.

Blaming the Wrong Clergyman

A CORRESPONDENT in Asheville, N. C., sends in a clipping telling of an Arkansas clergyman who stole a marriage license from the county clerk's office, forged the deputy county clerk's name to it, and then used it, after which he fled to Tennessee. He then says: "It seems as though the 'Reverends' out in the West are having a hard time of it, when they can't slip enough out of the regular snitch to buy a license; or is it that he just can't be honest?" In this are some things hard to be understood, but it doth appear that maybe this preacher stole this only to keep some good girl from going wrong; for the story goes on to say that the girl who was married with the preacher's stolen license was married to the preacher himself.

Minister Denies Wife and Child

IN DEFENDING himself in a divorce case a San Antonio minister denied the paternity of his thirteen-month-old son, and denied he had ever married his wife. Then the state got busy and arrested him for perjury, faced him in court with the judge who had married him, the county clerk who had issued the marriage license, and the doctor who had examined the lady who became his wife, and notified the "Reverend" that she was about to become a mother and that marriage was in order. The "Reverend" was given seven years in prison, for lying on the witness stand. Ministers get so used to lying about God one day in the week that they cannot understand why it is wrong to lie about others whenever the spirit moves them.

When the Sun Stood Still

TWO "Holiness" preachers in Memphis fell to discussing what happened when the sun stood still, and were getting along quite well with their argument, when one drew a knife and slit the scalp of the other for about two inches. It is not clear how it enhances an argument to slice one's opponent with a knife.

Money Called: He Was Chosen

REVEREND HOMER LEWIS SHEFFER, of Oklahoma City, had an offer of more money if he would come to Seattle, and so he said to his congregation: "Money is speaking in tones of thunder, and I am answering its call." Verily he has his reward.

THE inequality by which Quebec and Ontario have maintained a throttle hold on the other provinces of Canada is causing more and more discontent as economic conditions grow worse. Under the caption "A Growing Danger" the Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix* editorially refers to the matter as follows:

The dangers of interprovincial strife arising under the Natural Products Marketing Act are beginning to be realized throughout the Dominion. It has been brought forcibly to attention by the proposal coming from British Columbia to so regulate products as to exclude those from other provinces. In the Pacific coast province the demand is a direct, frank quest for protection against competition from other parts of Canada.

The danger was pointed out in these columns at the time the measure came before the House of Commons. It has now come closer to a reality, and if each province proceeds to afford its own industry protection against competition from other parts of Canada it will place a terrific strain upon confederation. In that event, Stephen Leacock's remarks about Canada's being Balkanized would not be so far fetched.

"A Century of Progress" in Free Speech

In an article appearing in the press upon the suppression of freedom of speech in Canada a hundred years ago, Fred Williams states:

On December 10, 1820, the Kingston *Chronicle* contained a report on the trial of a Niagara editor for 'libel on the government'. Barnabas Ferguson was editor of the Niagara *Spectator* and he had dared to comment upon the actions of the council at Toronto in some trifling matter. A warrant was issued for his arrest and he was lodged in the old jail at Niagara. He was tried at the assizes and he was convicted, whereupon the chief justice, William Dummer Powell, condemned him to be imprisoned for 18 months, to stand in the pillory on a stated date, "to be there an object of public obloquy," to pay a fine of 50 pounds or remain in prison until it was paid, and, if released, to give a bond to "conserve the peace" for seven years, himself in 500 pounds and two sureties of 1,250 each.

The unfortunate journalist suffered the pains of prison, went through the indignity of public exhibition in the pillory for a whole day, and might have stayed in jail until he rotted had not compassion seized the governor and Sir Peregrine Maitland remitted the bond on the condition that Ferguson left the country. Such was "liberty" in early Upper Canada.

The implication is that that was a terrible condition to prevail in any civilized country, and all will agree, but are conditions in the land any better today? Three months ago two of Jeho-

vah's witnesses, because of proclaiming by printed page the message of God's kingdom and declaring His judgments as written against this unrighteous order, were declared guilty of having part in a seditious conspiracy and sentenced to two months in prison and a fine of \$300. Twelve more of the same group were charged with disturbing the peace and sentenced to fifteen days in jail for handing out pamphlets telling of God's kingdom.

17,000 Turn Out to Hear "Radical"

Prison bars cannot stop the onward march of truth any more than they can stop the rising storm of discontent against the present injustices in the earth. The Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix*, speaking upon radical developments in this land, editorially says:

When Tim Buck was turned out of Kingston penitentiary and returned to Toronto, 4,000 persons met him at the station, a larger number than, with few if any exceptions, meets a prime minister of Canada.

A few days later when he made a public speech 17,000 persons attended, a larger number than ever before attended a political meeting in this country.

How to Prevent Diphtheria

Under the heading "Child Dies After Inoculation of Diphtheria Serum" the Provost (Alberta) *News* states:

Inoculated with diphtheria antitoxin on Saturday, along with his father and two other members of the household, Bobby Colton, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Colton, of Strand district, collapsed and died within half an hour, despite all efforts to save him. The family having been exposed to diphtheria through contact with a stricken patient, Mr. Colton considered it advisable to take any necessary precautions and called upon Dr. York, then visiting at the home of Martin Mareck, to come over and treat the Colton family.

Bobby appeared in the best of health, and ran out to meet the car as Dr. York and Mr. Colton drove up to the house, then went inside with the men. Keenly interested in the proceedings, the little chap looked on as his daddy was inoculated, and then sat playing with the medicine boxes as his own treatment was administered next. With customary precaution, in view of his extreme youth, only half the usual dose was administered. Bobby appeared quite cheerful and interested as others of the household were treated, but twenty or twenty-five minutes later began to cough violently. Seeing the child in distress, Dr. York rushed him outside into the fresh air and artificial respiration was applied in an effort to aid his breathing. After ten minutes or so the child was returned to the

house and restorative measures continued, but without effect. The case was immediately reported by phone to Dr. Braithwaite, provincial coroner, in Edmonton.

Having been instructed by authorities of Hillcrest municipality to proceed to the infected district in order to arrange quarantines and administer inoculations, Dr. York received a fresh supply of diphtheria antitoxin from the provincial department of health on Saturday morning.

An inquest is considered unnecessary.

How Liars Figure

There is an old and true saying, "Figures don't lie, but liars do figure." The capitalistic advocates are busy trying to impress the people with the great improvement of conditions, but it behooves us to "measure it properly", as the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* suggests we do in the following article under that heading:

Care must be exercised in considering trade figures these days. They are not always what they seem, for the reason that the ordinary yardstick by which trade is measured is varying in its length.

Thus, statistics are made public every month showing Canada's trade as compared with 1933 and 1932 or 1931. The figures are those of value in Canadian dollars.

A few years ago the Canadian dollar was still a gold dollar. It was at par or very nearly so with other gold currencies. Today the Canadian dollar is depreciated to approximately 60 percent of gold value.

If Canada's trade is to be measured by its money value, then the measurement should be by a common standard or the values of the dollar in each year adjusted to a common basis.

Actually, if the trade statistics are to give a fair representation of trade the measurement should be by volume rather than by currency.

It is the volume produced that gives employment, and the benefit of trade to the country as a whole lies in the amount of employment it gives more than in the profit it yields to a limited number of individuals.

If Mr. Bennett proposes to fight the election on his trade policies, the statistics used must be such as to honestly present the picture.

Not Promising Anything

When seeking election some four years ago the present prime minister of Canada made many, many glowing promises, among which was that he would end unemployment within six months' time or the government would perish in the attempt. Needless to say his promises were merely the promises of a politician and not fulfilled. Today on the eve of another election and in a frenzy to stay in office he has come forth with a platform of such sweeping changes that

he has stolen all the "thunder" of the official opposition, also of the socialists and even of most of the radical element, and left them rubbing their eyes and pinching themselves to make sure they are awake and hearing aright. Outstanding among the statements in Mr. Bennett's recent speech are the following:

"As a lawyer I had to do, for more than thirty years, with big business and finance. I have some knowledge of finance."

"When in the past I praised it (the capitalist system), I did so with knowledge. When now I analyze it and point to its defects, I do so also with knowledge. Bear that in mind.

"All I can tell you is that we will go just as far as is necessary to reform the system and make it effectively work again. I cannot bring myself to agree that there is anything radically wrong with the system which adjustment and reform will not remedy."

"Clearly, it would be unwise to circumscribe our activities by any attempted forecast of all that should be done. We can but move forward carefully."

"I think there is, from all worthwhile points of view, an inequality in the distribution of income."

"I believe there should be a uniform minimum wage and a uniform maximum working week. There must be an end to child labor. There must be an end to sweatshop conditions."

"However few or many unemployed we normally may have, no man must be left to the uncertainties of private charity or to the humiliation of government gratuity."

"We are going to do away, as quickly as possible, with emergency relief measures and put in a permanent system of sound and scientific insurance against unemployment."

In the Dominion's Hinterlands

Recently there was held in Winnipeg a conference of the fur traders under the auspices of the Hudson's Bay Company which was reported in the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* as follows:

"Men of the North" who reach into Labrador's wilds, forge through Arctic ice to lonely outposts, and visit isolated settlements in the Dominion's hinterlands, have just concluded a gathering here.

They sat about a long table, dressed in "civvies", fingered letters and papers before them and appeared to be just another group of business executives discussing "minutes" and "amendments" at a directors' meeting.

But though the press was barred a reporter could visualize in the blue haze of cigar smoke above the score of heads (seen through an open door) the very out-of-the-ordinary things of which these men spoke. They were the fur traders of the Hudson's Bay Com-

pany, gathered at Hudson's Bay House for the annual fur trade conference.

They discussed such things as icebergs, privation, dog teams, Indians, isolation, frozen feet, Eskimos; they moved with ease from Labrador's stormy coast to British Columbia's wilds and north to Aklavik; they referred to berg-bruised ships and fur-laden canoes. Dangers and thrills of 12,000-mile trips through forest wilds and icebound waters were commonplace to these men.

Combating the Drought

In an effort to combat the drought in the prairie provinces a Canadian conservation institute has been formed in Winnipeg concerning which *The Mail and Empire* editorially says:

A Canadian Conservation Institute has been formed in Winnipeg to enlist the best brains of the community in a campaign to combat the drought menace in the prairie provinces. It will organize and create a sound public opinion on this question, and will study and develop lines of attack. There is always the danger that if one or two years bring a good crop the importance of the measures to combat drought will be minimized in the public mind and the work left undone. The institute will keep alive the interest through wet years and dry until the task is accomplished.

One of the organizers is Mr. W. L. MacTavish, editor, the *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*. In an address at Edmonton he pointed out that this year 87,000 farms are out of commission more or less—67,000 in Saskatchewan, 7,000 in Manitoba, and 13,000 in Alberta. Most of them have been out of commission for at least three years, some of them for four years, some even for five years. Roughly, the area of the drought covers 18,000,000 acres. It has an ordinary production in new wealth annually of from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000. Its production has been as high in value as \$400,000,000 or more. Think for a moment what that means in terms of the prosperity of the country at large! Mr. MacTavish declared that if the people drifted along there would be ultimately 20,000,000 acres of the finest hard wheat land in the world abandoned to the sow thistle and the gophers.

The problem has been discussed by many experts in various lines. Mr. MacTavish admits that he is not an expert, but from all the evidence and opinions he was able to get from others he is convinced that dams and trees are going to play a very large part in the rehabilitation of the West. But he is as firmly convinced, on the other hand, that changes in agricultural methods are necessary, that some of the land in the southern parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan must go back to range land, that new drought resistant grasses must and can be developed, and that in general the agricultural experts of all kinds have a very great part to perform in the rehabilitation of the West.

"What," asks Mr. MacTavish, "is the answer to be made to the forester, who comes along and points out that the Prince Albert area, for example, with its millions of trees to break the force of the wind and reduce evaporation, produced a heavy crop of wheat in 1934 on only an inch or two more rainfall than southern districts which produced no wheat at all?"

Why Farmers Love the Mortgage Companies

The reason why farmers love the mortgage companies can be gleaned from the following item quoted from *The Furrow*:

How a farmer paid \$8,355.96 in 17 years on a \$6,000 mortgage and still owes \$6,238.92 on it is recorded in a letter sent by a southern Saskatchewan farmer to a mortgage holder in Waterloo, Ont. The letter reads:

"Received your notice calling for payment of \$6,238.92. Some figures. This amount has grown from \$4,000 in 1928, our last crop, to \$6,238.92 this year. This is certainly some racket. I wish I could make money as fast. Your offer of giving \$2.00 for every dollar paid on interest arrears is a step in the right direction, but of no avail, as we have no crop this year to pay anything; so you can put a few more figures on for next year; they look nice, anyway.

"You will soon have it up to \$10,000 on paper, and on paper it will remain unless you make a real adjustment of balance and give me a definite amount to pay, not one that grows by leaps and bounds, like a baby elephant.

"I will now list a few figures. As you know, the original loan, when assumed by me, was \$6,000." The letter then shows that on the original loan of \$6,000 the farmer had paid a total of \$8,355.96.

"They say figures don't lie. Well, there they are on an original debt of \$6,000. I have paid \$8,355.96, and, according to notice, I still owe you more than I originally did. I may be dumb, but what I would like to know is, who the hell owns the place.

"... if this is a game, I'll take the mortgage and you can have the land and you can pay me for a while. If you quote me a definite amount within reason which I will have to pay with no further interest, I will endeavor to get rid of it as soon as possible, but I am through shooting at a mark that continually moves and never can be reached. If this is not satisfactory, the headache is all yours. Try and make me pay."

The mortgage was placed in 1917.

Taking the Profits Out of War

With war clouds becoming darker in every land, many are the expressions in regard thereto. The following news item from Ottawa appeared in the *Canadian Press*:

War was condemned today as a "monstrous evil" by Hon. J. J. Hughes (Lib., Prince Edward Island),

who asked the Senate to approve a sweeping resolution affecting citizens and industries of the country in the event of Canada's again going to war.

His proposal advocated:

(a) Mobilization and conscription of all the "human power" and all material wealth of the nation.

(b) Establishment of a war council representing the provinces and the Dominion to have supreme control of war activities.

(c) Authority of the war council to assign men and women in Canada to whatever positions it thought they were best qualified to fill, but making as few changes as possible in their daily occupations.

(d) Wages, salary or income "from the governor-general down", including army officers, not to be greater than the pay of the common soldier in the field, plus a reasonable amount for dependents.

(e) No money to be borrowed for war purposes, but all war expenses to be met by taxation and capital levies so as not to increase the country's debt.

Adjournment of the debate was moved by Senator J. J. Murdoch (Lib., Ottawa). While the Senate adjourned until next Tuesday night, Senator Murdoch is not expected to speak before the latter part of next week.

Unemployment a Permanent Thing

Speaking upon the same matter in the British Columbia legislature recently, Robert Connell, House leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation Opposition, declared that unemployment is a permanent thing under our present system and ridiculed the proposal that the province get money from Ottawa without interest to provide work. "The people are now demanding," he said, "not a new deal in the sense that it has been launched in the United States, but in the sense that people must come into their own right by owning the means of production and distribution.

"I do not agree with Major Douglas and his social credit scheme, but I think he has hit one right point. The day is coming when we must have a national dividend."

"Every citizen was entitled to his share of the national wealth. Mothers' pensions, old age pensions, relief, should not be regarded as charity, but as a person's right."

Breaking Up the Dominion

Under the caption "Secession Movement Increasing" the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* quotes

the following Canadian Press report from Vancouver:

"In the opinion of Alex. Manson (Lib., Omineca), a former attorney-general, the movement for secession of British Columbia from Confederation has been growing in 'an amazing way', he stated in the debate on the address in reply to the 'speech from the throne' in the legislature today.

" 'A member of this House,' he said, 'when presenting British Columbia's problems to a group of agriculturists was asked, "Why not secede?" He put the question to the assembly of farmers, and 90 percent of them were in favor of breaking away.

" 'It is all very well for eastern Canada to sit back in complacency. The roots of the old parties are sunk deep in Ontario and Quebec, but political rebellion will ensue unless the bargain as between British Columbia and the East is revamped,' said Mr. Manson.

" 'I trust I am a loyal Canadian, but I do not lay the stress upon national status that I did in my younger days. I think that too much nationalism has resulted in prohibitive tariff walls.

" 'Ordinarily I am not a secessionist. I know the difficulties in the way of secession. But if we are driven to it we must face the question and we can not and will not wait indefinitely for eastern Canada to come to its senses.

" 'We are paying a tremendous toll to eastern Canada for our membership in Confederation. We are paying to manufacturers millions of profits, not only upon the cost of the material that goes into the commodities which we buy, and we are getting a pittance in return. We cannot continue to go into debt at an appalling rate for the benefit of eastern Canada.'

"While British Columbia sells \$4,500,000 worth of goods east of the Great Lakes, said Mr. Manson, it buys from eastern Canada \$100,000,000 worth yearly. Its foreign exports, however, amounted to \$47,500,000 in 1933, while its imports from foreign countries came to only \$21,500,000."

Kettle Serves as Radio Receiving Set

From Oakville, Ontario, we are informed by the press that steam comes out of the spout of Miss Ruth Lightbourn's kettle, but the utensil is also capable of producing other things. During a heavy fog, fine orchestra music came from the water container as it sat on the stove. The program, which was audible eight feet away, lasted 20 minutes, then faded. During a lighter fog the performance was repeated, but the music was fainter.

There is no radio in the house, and the stove is in no way connected with a ground or aerial.

Way to Life

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

MOST PERSONS die young, having had only a brief taste of life. Almost all their days are spent in sorrow. Would you desire to live forever in a state of happiness, peace and health? Jehovah God has provided the way for men to have an opportunity for life, but men must learn that way before they can receive life in happiness. All persons have inherited death because of the wrongdoing of the first man. (Romans 5:12) Christ Jesus, by His death, redeemed the right of all persons to have life, but such persons must comply with the conditions before receiving life. Only through Christ Jesus can any person get life everlasting.—Acts 4:12.

Since the crucifixion of Jesus until now God has been selecting a few persons whom He has made His witnesses, has given them an opportunity to prove their integrity toward Him by following in the footsteps of Jesus, and such as continue faithful until death receive everlasting life in heaven. The number thereof will be very small. Millions have died in total ignorance of God's provision for men to have life, and these in due time will be awakened out of death that they may learn the way to life.

At the second coming of Christ Jesus and His kingdom those living on earth are the first ones given an opportunity to learn the truth and to take their stand on the side of Christ Jesus and God. Thereafter all the dead will be awakened out of death and brought back to life on the earth and given an opportunity to learn and to obey the truth. All such as do obey will receive life on earth for ever. It is written in the Scriptures that the earth was created for man, and man for the earth, and in due time perfect men shall live on the earth for ever.

Now Christ Jesus has come, and He is causing the truth to be brought to the attention of those today living on the earth and is thus giving them an opportunity to take their stand on the side of God and His kingdom before the Lord destroys the wicked of this world. Only those who do take their stand on the side of God and His kingdom, and who learn the truth and obey, will find life everlasting. It is written in

the Scriptures: 'Life is the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.' But no person can accept a gift until he has knowledge that the gift is available.

At the present time Jehovah's witnesses, under commandment from the Lord, are going throughout the land calling attention of the people to God's provision to bless them with life and happiness. By the Lord's grace these all-important truths have been printed in books setting forth the texts of the Bible so that any person who desires may take his Bible with these books and learn the way to life. You cannot learn the way to life by listening to clergymen, because they teach the doctrines of men, which are contrary to the truths of God's Word. You must learn the truth for yourself.

When you have decided that you want to be on the side of God and His kingdom of righteousness, then provide yourself with the Bible and these books which Jehovah's witnesses bring to you explaining the Bible and study them yourself. If you sincerely desire to know the truth, and will ask the Lord to favor you with the truth, and then diligently apply yourself in study, the Lord will lead you fully into the truth and clearly show you the way to life. The time has now come when every person who will live must take his stand on the side of the Lord and His kingdom. The Devil and his agents will try to prevent you from learning the truth. Knowledge of the truth is your greatest asset. Let nothing hinder you from gaining a knowledge of the way to life.

The first man created had the right to live, which right he lost because of disobedience. By inheritance all men have come under the disability resulting from the death sentence passed upon the first man. The way to life is this: Christ Jesus, by the grace of God, died in the place and stead of the sinner, and thereby bought the right of all men to live; God brings the attention of the people to the truth that they may learn and obey the way to life. Jesus declared: 'I am the way, the truth and the life; and this is life eternal, to know God and Christ Jesus.' It is impossible, therefore, to learn the

way to life unless one gains a knowledge of the truth as set forth in God's Word. The truth,

therefore, is of the greatest interest and convenience to all men.

[The foregoing is one of 36 "five-minute talks" by Judge Rutherford. These have met with general appreciation. The talks are obtainable in the form of phonograph records to be used in the home circle. They have proved helpful in passing on to neighbors,

friends and acquaintances the Bible's message for today. The records are made by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y. Inquiries should be addressed to them, and not to *The Golden Age*.]

Germany and the Demons *By a European Subscriber*

THE recent article in *The Golden Age* entitled "Germany Completely Under the Domination of Satan" prompts me to write to you in connection with an incident which I am now sorry I did not mention at the time of its occurrence.

Shortly after the advent to power of the Nazi party, the leader of that party in East Prussia, Koch by name, unless my memory serves me false, stated at a gathering at Tilsit, as reported by the "Tilsiter Allgemeine Zeitung": "Wir haben unser Ziel erreicht durch daemonischen Zwang" (We have arrived at our objective, or reached our aim, through the compulsion or force of the demons). Although it is nearly two years since I read the report, I am practically certain that I have quoted word for word accurately.

Thinking people in Germany realize that an inhuman power now controls the affairs of that country, but the only ones who realize just what that power is are those instructed in the Word of Jehovah. The law of the rubber truncheon and ox-hide whip emanates from the god of the Egyptian taskmasters, the master of the Babylonian "satraps", the father of the murderers of the Lord Jesus and the originator of the present world order (or disorder) of oppression and fear.

C. E. M. Joad, well-known English writer, recently received a letter from a friend hiding somewhere in Germany from the cruelties of the rulers of that land. This friend is an internationalist and pacifist and is described by Mr. Joad as a kind and charming personality. In his letter he mentioned that he longed to see his friends in England once again, but the Nazis had taken away his pass and he could not leave the country. He also mentioned that he could not meet his friends again, as he now had only half his face.

In view of the barbarous cruelties practiced

by the followers of Hitler, it is not to be wondered at that a certain high-placed government official in Berlin recently admitted to a foreign diplomat that German prestige in other countries had reached zero.

The Day After the Memorial of the Lord's Death

JEHOVAH'S people, familiar with *Preservation, Preparation, Jehovah* and other Watch Tower literature, will be thrilled and comforted and blessed by the following dispatch which appeared in the *New York Times* of April 20, 1935:

DEATH FOR PACIFISTS

Nazis to Apply Penalty in Time of War, Board Announces

BERLIN, April 19 (AP).—The death penalty, it was announced today, will be invoked in Nazi Germany to exterminate pacifism in time of war or national emergency.

The German Board of Jurisdiction said capital punishment would be made a feature of the law for "protection of the 'spirit' of the German defense force," which is being formulated to supplement the existing military law.

"One of three articles," the board announced, "is directed against the destructive work of pacifists and anti-military organizations. Persons arranging meetings as well as people attending will be punished. During the time of war or danger of war, life imprisonment will be changed to death penalties for hard cases."

Martyrdom Possible in Two Years

POSSIBLY stirred by what is going on in Germany, where the greatest personages in the realm have referred to Hitler as "the real holy ghost", "a new, a greater, and a more powerful Jesus Christ," and have stated that "today God reveals himself to the German people again in the form of Hitler", President Knobel of the United Lutheran Church of America asks, "How do you know that in two years from now you might not be asked to die for your faith?"

Items of Interest Near and Far

"Pope Praises Gunners"

UNDER the heading "Pope Praises Gunners" a dispatch from Vatican City says: "The pope paid a glowing tribute to artillerymen today when he received in audience 4,000 members of the National Ex-Artillerymen's Association, who had returned from their national conference at Naples. 'Artillery,' said the pope, 'remains one of the learned arts, which demands not only special physical qualities, but also qualities of spirituality and intelligence.'" Never thought of it before, but, now that he speaks of it, it does seem that most of these men that handle these machine guns around banks, scooping up payrolls and such, give plenty of evidence of this training.

Plays in Argentina

A WRITER in the Buenos Aires *Herald* says that plays there are getting dirtier and dirtier, and foul language over the footlights seems more and more in demand. He says of the 'purity drive': "My opinion is this purity drive came from the states in order to hush up much more undesirable matters. For instance, it seems strange to me that with a dozen million people out of work the churches and big-wigs should spend their time warning the people against the movies, when it might be expected they would spend their time and eloquence finding work for the really oppressed."

Washington Monument Not Stolen

IT IS not true that the Washington monument was stolen. All that was stolen was 107 gold-plated platinum-tipped lightning rod points. They were valued at \$8 each, a total of \$856. As usual, watchmen swarmed around the place while the thefts were going on. In the capital watchmen are expected to be polite to thieves; and the bigger the thief, the more politeness must be shown. The monument has been under repair; this gave the thieves their chance.

Swiss Rolling Mills

SWITZERLAND is pleasantly situated as a half-way house for "Christian" nations that wish to butcher one another. During the World War one of the outstanding enterprises of the little mountain republic was rolling mills, the chief business of which was to remove German trade marks from steel in transit from Germany to France.

Coal in Antarctica

THE discovery of coal in Antarctica, 182 nautical miles from the south pole, proves once more the fact many times proved, that prior to the flood in Noah's day there was an envelope of warm moisture-laden air all over the earth, a greenhouse condition of which Eden was the center. There is ice enough in Antarctica to last for some time: one of the glaciers was traced for 120 miles.

Abyssinia and Italy

ABYSSINIA has been a member of the League of Nations twelve years; Italy, fifteen. Great pockets of oil have been found in Abyssinia, and the Italians want the oil. That is the reason why shipload after shipload of highly trained Italian soldiers is going down from Italy to Abyssinia to confiscate Abyssinian lands and kill Abyssinian men.

A Winter of Deep Snows

LAST winter was a winter of deep snows. Silverton, Colo., was snowed in for several days, as usual. Nelson, B.C., was also snowed in, and yeast was dropped from an airplane so that the bakers of the city could make bread. In Duluth, Minn., a home was covered with snow twenty feet deep, but the man of the house managed to shovel his way out.

The Year 1934

REFERRING to the happenings of 1934, "an unprecedented drought followed by catastrophic rainfall, high tides, floods, unseasonable frosts and heat, storms at sea", etc., the Los Angeles *Times* says that 1934 "provided more unusual weather than any similar period since records have been kept".

Japan Preparing for the Conflict

THAT Japan is preparing for Armageddon, like all the other nations, seems evident from the fact that in 1931 she took 48,036 tons of scrap iron and steel, but in 1934 took 508,585 tons. Purchases of cotton linters in four years went up from three bales to 10,644 bales.

Seven Mexican States Have Had Enough

SEVEN Mexican states, Tabasco, Zacatecas, Sonora, Chiapas, Vera Cruz, Campeche, and Queretaro, have had enough hypocrisy to last them the rest of the way, and have forbidden priests to practice their profession in the state.

Social and Educational

The Vice District of New Orleans

IN AN address before the United States Senate Senator Huey Long, of Louisiana, made the charge that the vice district of New Orleans is eighteen blocks long and sixteen blocks wide, and is owned and operated by a real estate company controlled by some of the recognized national administration leaders in Louisiana. He also said the country is headed straight to hell.

Even the Babies at It Now

IN Hamilton, Ohio, while their parents were at church, a baby of five pointed a rifle at his brother a year younger and told him, "Hold up your hands." As the four-year-old obeyed, the rifle was discharged and the baby was slain. The parents might better have been at home, and still better not have had in their home the weapons of the Devil, and upon which weapons the Devil depends for the maintenance of his kingdom.

College Incomes Drying Up

THE president of Yale University calls attention to the fact that the institution of which he is the head has had to reduce its budget by nearly \$1,000,000, due to fewer and smaller bequests, and shrinkage of capital values, and foresees a complete reorganization of education in the United States, with a shift in its objectives and a complete change of its center of gravity.

The Ras Shamra Tablets

A NUMBER of cuneiform tablets have been found at Ras Shamra, near Antioch, Syria, said to have been inscribed about the fifteenth century B.C. The tablets employ thirty signs alphabetically, whereas the usual manner of writing was by means of word-signs or syllables. It is further said that these tablets furnish a new key to disputed Biblical passages.

Unskilled Labor and a Short Life

THE Public Health Service has completed a survey showing that unskilled laborers die off twice as fast as business and professional men, due not to the work, but the low wages received for the work. Diet, housing and lack of medical care contribute to this high death rate among unskilled workers.

Lots of Fun in Being Honest

A POOR old Lithuanian sandwich-man in New York found a wallet containing \$45,000 and immediately restored it to its rightful owners. Then things began to happen to him. One concern gave him \$75 cash and a job at \$20 a week. Another concern fitted him out with new clothes from top to toe. A banker sent him \$25. Reporters gave him \$5, and the last heard he was crying because he was so happy. What a lot of fun it is to be honest!

More Serious than Anticipated

FEARING physical harm to themselves or their prisoners, deputy sheriffs at St. Paul, Minn., rushed out into the street and nabbed suspicious-looking strangers who carried a violin case. The deputies thought there might be a machine gun in the case; they were quite surprised when they discovered that the 'culprits' were clergymen and that the violin case held a real violin.

Motion Pictures Could Be Improved

DR. JAY B. NASH, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, says, "Most motion pictures are pitched to the mentality of an average eleven-year-old, yet there are 29,000,000 paid admissions each week to motion-picture shows." Dr. Nash urged his hearers: "Do something useful. Learn weaving, pottery or wood-carving. Study nature or social sciences. Play games instead of just looking on."

The Classics in Colombia

A BIG argument is on in Colombia as to whether or not students in colleges should be compelled to study Latin and Greek. One of the big newspapers, *El Tiempo*, has championed the view fast gaining ground that much of the boasted benefits of higher education are imaginary, and that the ones who claim the best education are often the greatest fakers of all.

Municipal Funerals at Cost

IN THE European cities of Vienna, Munich and Dresden funerals are provided by the municipality, at cost. A movement is on foot to introduce this custom in New York. It is claimed that a dignified standard funeral can be provided by the city for between \$60 and \$70, as against \$430 as the average for the privately conducted ones.

Public Utilities

The Long-Suffering Citizens of York

THE city of York, Pa., is unusually well situated to get cheap power. It is only a few miles from the great Susquehanna river dam, and only a short haul from both the anthracite and the bituminous coal fields, and down hill all the way from them both. Under the circumstances the citizens of York, paying, as they do, \$1.66 for fifteen kilowatt hours of electricity, as against 60c for the very same service in the towns of equal population, such as Cleveland Heights and Lakewood, Ohio, and Holyoke, Massachusetts, are models of long-suffering hard to match. The reason why the purveyors of electricity to the citizens of York charge the citizens of that community three times what they should is that they believe the people have the money, and if there is any way they can get it, their motto is "Why not?"

Potomac Power Company Learns Something

WHEN the management of a public utility company learns something it must be admitted that the Millennium is nigh, even at the doors. In the city of Washington, D. C., the Potomac Power Company was forced to divide with its customers all profits over 7½ percent on the valuation of the company. As a result the rates dropped from 10c a kilowatt hour to 3c, and the people used so much more electric current that the profits piled up mountain high. Despite the fact that the porker loves to get his feet in the trough, it yet remains that pigs are among the most intelligent of four-footed creatures, and it is just possible that a great light is about to dawn on public service companies all over the country.

Citizens' Water Company

THE Citizens' Water Company, a subsidiary of the Delaware Valley Utilities Company, serves Everson, Pa., with water. Four large concerns that once supplied Everson men with work have been shut down for years and the town is broke, 90 percent of the citizens being on relief. When the town could pay its bills it did so; when it could no longer pay, and the Water Company officials felt sure it could not pay, on January 22, in the very middle of one of the most severe winters in history, it sent men around with sledge hammers who smashed all the fire hydrants in the city. The officials who did this are what the Scriptures refer to as "the principal of the flock".

Municipal Electric Plant for New York

NOW that the United States government has loaned \$100,000,000 to New York city for the erection of its own municipal electric plant, persons familiar with the costs of electric production, and the outrageous rates charged in New York and vicinity, are wondering how it took so long to come to such a sensible course. The Federal Government itself uses sufficient current in New York and vicinity to make the move a success from the start.

Wages Raised and Taxes Reduced

CITY employees of Marshall, Mich., are getting a 10-percent increase in pay, but the citizens will not have to pay more taxes. On the contrary, taxes will be reduced to the lowest level in seventeen years. The answer? A municipal electric light plant is earning money for the city while saving money for the users of electricity. It is astounding how well cities get along without the "ministry" of big business.

One Billion of Blue Sky

THE Federal Trade Commission, in its examination of ninety-one operating companies in the public utility field, found that these ninety-one companies had "improperly capitalized items amounting to not less than \$842,995,000". In other words, they stole from the public a billion dollars upon which these high-minded financiers expect to receive dividends to all eternity. Are you not glad they will be fooled?

Profits in Laclede Gas

PPROMOTERS made an initial investment of \$560,000 in the Laclede Gas Light Company and took a profit of \$14,380,000 on the transaction. Why these bankers should have contented themselves with profits of only between twenty-five and twenty-six times what they put in is something that their comrades in the holdup business do not comprehend.

Public Utilities at Independence

AT Independence, Iowa, the publicly owned water and light plant makes current at 8.8 mills per kilowatt hour. The bonds issued to build the plant have been paid from the profits. Besides its paying for itself, over \$300,000 has been diverted to other funds, thereby saving taxpayers that amount.

De Luxe Racketeers

New York State Electric and Gas Company

THE New York State Electric and Gas Company had water rights that, if improved, could earn \$800,000 a year. So, capitalizing \$800,000 a year at 8 percent, they set up \$10,000,000 as the imaginary value of the rights, deducted the cost of making the improvements which have not been made, and finally reached an imaginary value of \$6,500,000, on which they expect to receive dividends 'till time is no more', and then some. Think of the fabulous fortune that by this method awaits the first great holding company that assesses the value of the green cheese of which they calculate the moon is made.

Ponca City, Oklahoma

PONCA CITY, Oklahoma, 17,000 population, has everything that any other city has, excellent parks, neatly kept streets, fine city buildings, a municipal airport, and yet in three years it has not needed to raise any money by taxes to pay the city expenses. The reason? It has its own municipal water and light plants. And the rates are no higher than in near-by towns where the public utilities, with their great profits, are in the hands of private companies.

Utility Rats Run to Cover

WHEN the first threats of Federal control of public utilities were made, newspaper men were much amused to see how the men directly connected with the Morgan and Mellon gangs resigned their high offices in the utility companies so that when the scandals come the smaller fry can be saddled with the blame. The big fellows feel that it is enough for them to get the cash, without having to get the blame for getting it, too.

Cedar Falls City Government

THE cost of running the Cedar Falls (Iowa) city government is estimated at \$304,800. Of this sum, \$286,800 will be taken out from the profits accumulated from the operation of the municipal utility plants, leaving only \$18,000 to be raised otherwise.

Deserts Robbed of Their Terrors

THE deserts have been largely robbed of their terrors. Radios now pilot airplanes with reasonable safety to every corner of the earth. Even camels are equipped with radio receiving sets, and they are common at the oases.

Co-operation Among International Murderers

THERE is a fine spirit of co-operation on the part of the concerns that go to make International Murderers, Limited. When Greece and Turkey were at war the British armed the Greeks for a 50-percent commission, while France armed Turkey. All armament business east of the Adriatic sea is on a graft basis, and the murderer that knows the graft game best gets the business.

The Du Pont Gang

THE Du Pont gang made a profit of \$228,000,000 out of the World War. In 1933 it contracted with Germany to fix her up with arms for a new world war, and was kept from doing so only by the objections of Uncle Sam. It is this gang that is in the fight against paying the veterans their bonus. One of the gang made \$29,586,000 in five years, and on this paid not one penny of income tax.

The Patriotic Du Ponts

THE patriotic Du Ponts that made so many hundreds of millions of dollars making munitions for the Allies during the World War testified that but for their efforts the United States would now be a German colony, and then, the next day, it was brought out that the same Du Ponts had just entered into a contract that would make their products sure to Germany in event of another world war.

Cursed Are the War-Makers

"CURSED are the war-makers, for they are the children of the Devil." Is there not something like that in the Bible? Oh, yes! Well, some of the American members of International Murderers, Limited, sell munitions to rebels who are fighting the Cuban government, and sell munitions to the Cuban government, which is fighting rebels. What should be their reward?

The Banks Grabbed the Five Billions

TO RELIEVE distress persistent and nationwide the Government borrowed five billion dollars and put it in circulation. It circulated all right until it reached the hands of somebody who owed a bank something, and as soon as it got into his hands the bank grabbed it and has it yet.

The Political Racket

Jim Farley in the Limelight

JIM FARLEY continues to occupy the limelight. The president is hoping for uncontrolled expenditure of about \$5,000,000,000; the ones that are to get the jobs must have been found by Jim to be deserving democrats. Jim turns over ungummed and uncut stamps worth half a million dollars to President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary Ickes, Louis Howe and the presidential secretariat, and there arises a roar from Dan to Beersheba. He writes to the president that the United States post office department made a profit of more than \$12,000,000 last year, and the same time the treasury department published a statement that the postal deficiency in 1934 was a little over \$12,000,000 and that in 1935 it was over \$15,000,000. And then comes an unconfirmed report that when Big Bill O'Connell, of Boston, visited Roosevelt at Washington lately there was then arranged the program that Farley is to take the place of Will Hays as grand mogul of the moving picture industry, so as to keep the movie men from showing up the Roman Catholic outfit for what it really is.

Uncle Sam as a Salesman

UNCLE SAM is a good salesman of war secrets. He had a new type of gun from which great things were expected. One of his cruisers, the Raleigh, visited Turkey with a representative of the munition firm aboard, and that representative, with the Raleigh along as a sample, got a fine order from Turkey for the same kind of gun as that with which the Raleigh had been equipped. The net result is that in a war with Turkey the boys on the United States ships would have the satisfaction of being shot to pieces with guns made according to the best American advice obtainable. Boys that are being butchered appreciate being butchered with munitions that have brought the biggest profits to the American concerns engaged in their manufacture.

Page's Reason for Wanting War

ONE of the interesting items brought to light at the Senate hearings in Washington of International Murderers, Limited, was Ambassador Page's cablegram to Wilson:

"The pressure of this approaching crisis, I am certain, has gone beyond the ability of the Morgan financial agency for the British and French governments. It is not improbable that the only way of maintaining our present pre-eminent trade position and averting a panic is by declaring war on Germany."

Uncle Sam's Fifty-nine Cents

AT Newark, N. J., Uncle Sam built a war base that cost \$11,000,000. Then brilliant army officials entered into a contract with the Mercur Corporation to operate the base, paying the government 90 percent of the profits after deducting maintenance and operating costs. The Mercur Corporation had such a wonderful bookkeeping system that on an expenditure of \$4,692,546.76 they painfully handed over to Uncle Sam as his share of the profits a grand total of 59c. All will notice that this is 29c more than usual, and will wonder at the Mercur Corporation's generosity. "Of thee I sing."

Bishops Oppose Payment of Bonus

SIXTY bishops signed a petition against giving the soldier boys the bonus. Why not? It is now many years since the bishops, to a man, wanted the boys to die in the trenches for \$1.25 a day, in order to make the world safe for hypocrisy. That desideratum having been long since accomplished, and almost nobody today having any regard whatever for truth or justice or honesty, the bishops naturally wish to go along with their crowd and with the general manager of that crowd, the Devil.

The Anti-Sedition Bill in Alabama

REFERRING to the anti-sedition bill before the Alabama legislature, the editorial writer, John Temple Graves II, said in the Birmingham *Age-Herald*: "In more than one instance this state and this nation have been subjected already to pressures and forces distinctly Fascist in nature. We need to guard ourselves constantly against the Fascist impulse to force our ideas and ways upon others, to bow down emotionally before some dictator or his dream, to let ourselves be regimented and stampeded."

Uncle Sam Lends a Hand

UNCLE SAM likes to be helpful. Peru was afraid of Colombia and wanted advice and assistance. Uncle Sam knew about submarines and other modern munitions, and helped Peru to get them. Then Colombia was afraid of Peru, and wanted advice and assistance. Uncle Sam knew about submarines and other modern munitions and helped Colombia to get them. Incidentally, it was the munition makers that got the money in both instances.

Uses of Aluminum Paint

DR. W. W. COBLETZ, of the bureau of standards, has found that the aluminum or bronze paint generally applied to radiators reduces their effectiveness, making it necessary to have a larger surface for the same heating effect. He discovered that the heat radiated from an aluminum-painted radiator is less than a third of that emitted by a radiator of the same size painted with a nonmetallic paint, enameled, or simply allowed to rust. Aluminum paint is an effective means of reducing the amount of heat transmitted through a thin material. Applied to the under side of a tent or awning, it reduces the heat which gets through the cloth, by three-fourths. Used on the cover of an automobile, it cuts in half the heat transmitted and makes the interior of the vehicle much more comfortable. This item was sent in by Sanford Jackson, Arizona.

Frostfish at Coney Island

ONCE a year, quite regularly, when the waters of the Atlantic ocean first begin to feel the chill of oncoming winter, the "frostfish", so called, come ashore in huge quantities off Coney island. What they are seeking is warmer water, but thousands of fishermen greet them every year and literally lift them out of the water with their hands.

Squirrels Overrun a House

AKIND-HEARTED woman in Far Rockaway, N. Y., allowed squirrels to enter her home and at last accounts the lady was expecting that the home would have to be abandoned, as the squirrels have practically taken possession and seem to like the place as a permanent residence.

Kicked by a Dead Cow

AT MARINETTE, Wis., Edmund Compe was seriously injured as the result of a kick given him by a dead cow which he was butchering. As he cut into a hind leg muscle it threw the hoof and the knife into his face.

Rural Rehabilitation on a Huge Scale

RURAL rehabilitation on a huge scale is projected by the government. The relief administration has accepted 1,084,000 families for projects planned for 50 communities in the South and West.

Floating Oil Destroying the Ducks

THE ducks of the world are being destroyed by oil floating on the waters. When the oil-laden steamship Luckenbach was wrecked, it is estimated, at least a million ducks were thereby slain. Some who have looked into the matter claim that at present about eighty percent of the broadbill ducks have their feathers matted with oil and their death is bound to follow shortly, their protection against pneumonia having been destroyed.

The Destructive Way to Prosperity

IN AN address at Chicago Professor Irving Fisher, economist, of Yale University, expressed doubt that by slaughtering hogs and burning wheat the national income would be increased. He thought a more reasonable way to raise prices would be to put more money in circulation, replacing the \$9,000,000,000 lost in bank failures.

Mississippi Valley Losing Fertility

THE Mississippi valley is losing its ability to produce food, according to a report made by a special committee. The loss is estimated at \$400,000,000 a year. Large portions of the 1,235,000 square miles have lost much of the top soil. Of the tilled lands 25 percent have been entirely stripped off to the subsoil.

Alligator Grows in a Sewer

IN Harlem, New York city, during the past winter a good-sized alligator was killed in one of the city sewers. It is supposed to have fallen there or been thrown there when small and to have grown to maturity in a temperature and under conditions which it could survive.

Rayon Yarn from Slash Pine

IN THE year 1933 the United States imported nearly \$40,000,000 worth of sulphite wood pulp for the manufacture of rayon yarns. It is now found that these yarns may be produced from the cheapest southern slash pine, reducing the cost of rayon raw material by half.

Wisconsin's Voiceless Dogs

ON THE sixth floor of the medical building of the University of Wisconsin are 150 dogs that have had their vocal cords cut. You know why.

"Regular as Clockwork"

WRITES J. B. Sponcolder, Grand Rapids, Michigan: "We can say that your paper has brought us back to health. Department stores are filled up to the roof with this wonderful poison metal. May God Jehovah bless what the *G. A.* did for us and others. By close investigation we found what rotten stuff aluminum is. About every four or five weeks, regular as clockwork, we find in Dr. William Brady's health (?) column recommendations of aluminum. Making a visit at one department store we found tickets pasted on the inside of each piece: a small label which read, 'Recommended by your doctor.' But the prices go down by the month. So the merchants seem to know more." Says Dr. Brady in his health column: "Neither alum in baking powder nor aluminum kitchenware causes any disturbance of health worth thinking about." *Golden Age* readers know how to take this information.

Experimenting on the Orphans

THE Springfield *Daily News* tells of a new serum for 'immunizing children from infantile paralysis', made from monkeys. The *News* goes on to explain that the new serum is expected to accomplish much, but this will not be known for certain until after it has been injected into 25 orphans. If the orphans survive it will be a great discovery, but if they die, well, it is just too bad that they happened to be orphans.

A New Excuse in Philadelphia

AT A municipal shelter in Philadelphia 200 men were made ill, without a doubt from the same old cause, aluminum poisoning, but, as nobody wanted the truth on this subject to come out, the way the story got into the papers was that somebody with an exaggerated sense of humor had put something in the food or water. Either the Mellon Institute or *The Golden Age* could tell the public what was put in the food.

A Fortune in Tomato Juice

IN THREE years' time two Illinois boys, starting with nothing, made such a success of the business of making tomato juice from carefully selected tomatoes that they are now incorporated, have a truck, five regular employees, and 168 sales representatives in various advantageous positions.

Technical Name of Aluminum Microbe

THE amused readers of *The Golden Age* have waited for some years to get the technical name of the aluminum cooking utensil microbe, but at last they have it. At the University of Michigan almost the whole force of nurses and internes (doctors) in the huge university hospital became ill, but, not being willing to admit that these utensils which so many doctors have screamed are perfectly wholesome are perfectly otherwise, it now comes out that it was not the chicken cooked and stored in aluminum utensils which caused the ructions (though, of course, that was the truth), but was "Hemolytic Staphylococcus Aureus". Hello! Hem! How are things in Pittsburgh, and how are the Mellon family coming along in their tax fraud suits?

100 Poisoned at Chelsea, Mass.

AT A banquet at Chelsea 100 men and women were poisoned. The way this particular case of aluminum poisoning was written up was as follows: "Turkey served at the banquet was blamed for what physicians diagnosed as ptomaine poisoning." Anybody with the germ of a brain out of which one sane idea could eventually sprout would know that 100 persons could not be poisoned merely by turkey, and every such foolish write-up only makes the people have less and less confidence in the diagnosticians. To save their own bacon the doctors should reverse themselves on this aluminum cooking utensil proposition, and some of them are doing so.

Anaphylaxis Vaccinitis

AT Evansville, Ind., a beautiful four-year-old child, Peggy Joyce Bauer, died while vaccine for asthmatic hay fever was being pumped into her blood. Seems as if the child might just as well be playing around enjoying life as to be cold in death; but vaccinators must have something to do. "Anaphylaxis" was given as the cause of death.

Making the Most of Clothes-Drying Space

WHEN many clothes must be hung in a small space on wash day, run two lines parallel and hang each piece stretched from line to line instead of along one line. They can then be placed very close together, only allowing space for air to circulate.

Cancer Department

Exit Aluminum

SAYS Mrs. Floyd E. Ford, of Kansas: "Ever since our attention was called to aluminum poisoning, through your magazine eight years ago, we have been very grateful to you for your efforts to enlighten others of humanity on this subject. We know you must receive many letters on this subject, and so will make this letter as brief as possible. At that time we were living on the west coast and my husband was a worker in the oil fields. He suffered extreme agony in his stomach and could not eat beans, radishes, onions or cucumbers. Cucumbers caused him to vomit a green, poisonous substance. I suffered blinding sick headaches and fainting spells, and our little girl was weakly. After reading the first letter by Dr. Betts we began to experiment by setting aside our aluminum for a couple of weeks, at which time so much improvement was shown that we loaded all our aluminum into the junk barrel in the alley. Now we are in the best of health and can eat anything, including cucumbers right out of the garden. We are Jehovah's witnesses and never lose an opportunity while out in the work to mention this poisonous stuff to poor pale, sickly people who complain of illness. Several chiropractors here in Kansas we know personally are advising their patients against it. Several hundred pounds of alum and chlorine have been added to the city water here at Eldorado, and we find we cannot drink it without suffering ill effects, especially dysentery."

Aluminum Dust Poisons Workers

FRANCIS P. GARVAN stuck his foot in it when he mentioned before a senate committee that The Aluminum Company of America had found it necessary to protect some of their workers against physical damage from aluminum dust in their plants. As soon as the news got into the papers he received a hurry-up telephone call from Pittsburgh that he should not have spread the news that aluminum dust in factories is injurious to the workers.

An Epitaph

ONE of our subscribers suggests the following appropriate epitaph for the man who is killed as a result of aluminum poisoning: "Here lies the man who ate out of this dish." The dish should be mounted on a marble slab or pillar above the epitaph.

Julia Lee Wright, Expert

JULIA LEE WRIGHT, called a home economics authority and "expert", writes for some newspaper. The clipping we have does not give the name. But Julia delivers herself of this piece of wisdom: "If the housewife neatly and conscientiously scours her discolored aluminum she is really depriving her family of healthful salts of iron which have been deposited from foods such as cereals and certain vegetables previously cooked in the utensil. Tomatoes, apple-sauce and other such acid foods will remove the discoloration and thus give the family the benefit of these minerals." Julia recommends aluminum, of course, and says there is nothing in all this "propaganda" about aluminum's being harmful. But those who have discovered the poisonous effect of aluminum by personal experience will know that Julia is just talking through her hat, even though she is an "expert". Anyway, who wants to eat the dirty deposit of stale food remnants that line an aluminum cooking utensil, and incidentally get a good dose of metal along with it when cooking acid foods in the utensil? The natural aluminum contained in foods is not metallic.

Aluminum Milk Bottle Caps

A NEW milk bottle cap has been invented which covers the entire top of the bottle and eliminates the old-fashioned dirt-catching cap with which we are familiar. That part is fine, but there is a serious objection to the new cap. It is to be made of aluminum, which, although it is absolutely germ resistant and has not the least affinity with bacterial growth, will contaminate the milk by producing an aluminum compound which is poison to the human organism and either results in immediate illness or brings about chronic disease.

How to Aluminate Baby Chicks

"MY HUSBAND gave the baby chicks an aluminum dish to drink out of. In a short time the chickens began to die. There did not seem to be any reason for the trouble. They were not sick long, did not have bowel trouble as they so often do. I thought the aluminum dish was not good for them. From the start I did not approve of it. So I took it away, and soon the chicks stopped dying. They had been dying three, four and five at a time. I have no use for that stuff for anything." So says Mrs. S. H. Goff, New Jersey.

Miracles of God—Nowadays?

“**W**HERE be all his miracles which our fathers told us of?” (Judges 6:13) That question, by the valorous Gideon thousands of years ago, is a good one today. If Jehovah, the God of Gideon, performed miracles in ancient times, long before our modern age, then why does He not do miracles today that we moderns may see? But doesn't He? Of himself Jehovah says: “I am the LORD, I change not” (Malachi 3:6); and of His wonderful Son it is said: “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”—Hebrews 13:8.

In the older part of the Bible, written in Hebrew, the word “miracle” is at different places translated from three Hebrew words respectively; one has the thought of “conspicuousness”, this resulting in the “miracle's” being outstanding or a marker, a sign; the other word has the sense of “appearing”, as though the miracle shows up and serves as evidence of a certain great truth or fact; the third word means “to separate, to distinguish”, showing that the miracle is extraordinary, distinguished from the usual or likely, and hence great, difficult of being performed by ordinary means, and wonderful. Hence these same Hebrew words are also translated as “sign; wonder”.

In the second section of the Bible, written in Greek, the word “miracle” is translated from two Greek words, the one meaning simply “power” or “force”, indicating that the miraculous thing is by power and force beyond human; and the other meaning simply “sign”, proving that the miracle is evidence in support of a certain point in controversy. In English the word “miracle” is derived merely from the Latin word *miraculum*, meaning “wonderful thing”.

The unbelieving and godless crowd insist that they do not today see with their eyes what they understand as a miracle (like those recorded in the Bible) and which they cannot explain by their scientific theories. However, that is no proof (as they claim it is) that there is no God. Rather it is a proof that the methods of Jehovah God are different today, and that these scoffers are blinded by the Devil so that they cannot see or discern and believe what miracles Jehovah has actually been performing now for some time before their natural eyes. Very soon, though, at the battle of Armageddon, Jehovah God will perform numerous of the old-time miracles so that they will see them (and also feel them keenly), and then they will not like it

and will wish they hadn't, that is, hadn't required such miraculous performance by Jehovah in order to be convinced that He is Almighty God. For such very purpose Jehovah will at His own chosen hour do miracles at Armageddon, and the result will be what He has purposed: “The heathen shall know that I am the LORD [Jehovah], the Holy One in Israel.”—Ezekiel 39:6, 7.

Listen to this about Jehovah's “strange act” at Armageddon: it is at the time of the final assault by Satan's visible and invisible forces upon God's organization, symbolized by Jerusalem the holy city and also now represented on earth by God's truly devoted ones, Jehovah's witnesses (Zechariah 14:3, 12-15): “Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought [of old] in the day of battle. And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; 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. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. . . . And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.”

Another prophetic war correspondent's description of the same fight by Jehovah and against all of Satan's forces going into action under the Devil's subordinate officer, Gog (Ezekiel 38:18-23): “And it shall come to pass at the same time, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel [spiritual Israel today], . . . Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; so that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall [of defense] shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and

with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him [Gog], an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone." All this will be more wonderful than poison gas, machine-gun fire, aircraft bombs, liquid fire, death rays, deadly-germ dispersers, incendiary bombs, and all the shot and shell sent forth by devilish human war machines; hence it will be miraculous. It is beyond human power and device, and it will be for a sign!

Two Miracle Workers

Miracles from Jehovah God are performed by His power and in order to carry forward His work. They are a sign-proof that Jehovah is God and is almighty and supreme, and are a vindication of His word and name. When performed by and through His faithful servants, such miracles are proof that they are the true representatives of God and that His message through them is the only truth.

The Devil and his servants are also able to work miracles, and by such works many are misled and become the dupes of the Devil. Merely that a work is unusual, superhuman, or miraculous is no proof of itself that it is a work of the true God, nor that the workers thereof are God's servants and His teachers and leaders for the people to guide them in the right way that leads to life and truth and all blessings. The deceived Samaritans thought that Simon Magus of their day was "the great power of God"; but Simon used sorcery, and his bewitching works were not by God's holy spirit or power. (Acts 8:9-24) And he could not duplicate the works of Christ's true disciples and apostles. Concerning our own day Jesus predicted: "There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders [miracles]; in-somuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before." (Matthew 24:24,25) Some of these very miracle-workers would themselves be deceived into thinking that they represent the Lord and that they should deserve recognition of Him and receive His reward; Jesus said: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then

will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity [hence the work of the Devil]." (Matthew 7:21-23) Of that base, traitorous, hypocritical, Judas-like class today, which the Scriptures call "that man of sin", "the son of perdition [destruction]," it is foretold that his 'coming is after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all manner of unrighteousness'. —2 Thessalonians 2:3, 9, 10.

Miracles do not in themselves prove the worker and his message to be from the true God. What further test, then, must be applied in addition to that of working miracles? This: Does the force of his miracles and teaching tend to turn one to Jehovah God and His holy Word and service? If not, then the miracle-worker is a fraud, a false prophet, and his miracles are by Satan's power: "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; [what to do?] thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord [Jehovah] your God with all your heart and with all your soul." —Deuteronomy 13:1-3.

A true proclaimer or publisher of God's Word does not require miracles to prove his mission as from God and his message as the truth. John the baptizer was a true prophet. "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John," and his birth was by a miracle. (John 1:6; Luke 1:5-24) Jesus declared there had been no prophet greater than John, and yet the record is that "John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man [Jesus] were true". —John 10:41.

If the message of any servant of God is in harmony with and in fulfillment of the inspired and written Word of God, then his message is the truth, even if miracles be lacking in connection therewith. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them"; "Thy word is truth." (Isaiah 8:20; John 17:17) But if the message-bearer also perform miracles, then such is a proof that confirms that God sent him. Moses was given miraculous signs to perform before his brethren in Egypt to prove that Jehovah had sent him and was back of him.

(Exodus 4:1-9) When sending Moses in before the stubborn, unbelieving Pharaoh, Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron his brother: "When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent." (Exodus 7:9) Then Moses and Aaron went in and did so, and in due course there followed upon Pharaoh and all Egypt the ten terrific plagues, culminating in that miraculous deliverance of the pursued Israelites from the Red sea and the overwhelming and drowning of the pursuing army and chariots of Pharaoh. These miracles of God the Scriptures repeatedly refer to as "signs and wonders" executed in the land of Egypt, the land of Ham, and these are what Gideon meant when he said to Jehovah's angel (Judges 6:13): "Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?"—Numbers 14:22; Deuteronomy 11:3; Jeremiah 32:20, 21; Psalm 106:7, 22; Acts 7:36.

Jesus' human birth was a miracle, a sign vindicating God's word. (Isaiah 7:11, 14; Matthew 1:22, 23) Jesus' teaching was the truth, regardless of or even without miracles to accompany, because His doctrine was not His own but that of His Father which sent Him. But it was recognized, even by Pharisees, that Jesus was a "teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him". (John 3:2) His marvelous works proved Him to be the Christ of God. Of Him the apostle Peter said to the Jews: "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him, in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know." (Acts 2:22) The power to perform miracles was passed on by Jesus to His apostles and was evidence of their apostleship. Writes Paul: "Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds." (2 Corinthians 12:12) "For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the spirit of God." (Romans 15:18, 19) "Great salvation . . . at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with

divers miracles, and gifts of the holy [spirit]." —Hebrews 2:3, 4.

The miracles performed by His disciples and in the name of Jesus bore undeniable evidence that *Jesus* was the name of the Christ, Jehovah's only-begotten Son and the Vindicator of Jehovah's name, and the only One through whom Jehovah gives life to man and deliverance from bondage to Satan's organization. (Acts 4:10, 30; 3:6, 16) Those who need miracles and are attracted only by miracles do not have the love of the truth. To illustrate: After the miracle of feeding five thousand, "then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." But when these men hunted Jesus up again, "Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled." Then, in proof that Jesus' unminced words to them were correct, "they said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat." (John 6:14, 26-31) Correctly did the apostle write: "For the Jews require a sign" (1 Corinthians 1:22); not that they might thereby be led to believe, but that, if possible, they might put God's servant in a hard position, that they could have more excuse not to believe.

Such miracles are not necessary today. Why not? Because the Bible record of God's word and works is now complete and is sufficient for all who are feeling after God and who would come to Him. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17) Moreover, "Christendom" claims to be a believer in God and His Word. Miracles are "signs"; like the gift of tongues, they are "for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not". (1 Corinthians 14:22) Hence if "Christendom" still requires a sign, it shows that she is "evil and adulterous"; because, Jesus said, "an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign."

"To one is given, by the spirit, the word of wisdom; . . . to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; . . . Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?" (1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 29, 30) To those questions the Word of God answers, No. And among those to whom the "working of miracles" was

not and is not given are those who are God's true representatives and messengers today, Jehovah's witnesses. "Working of miracles" ceased with the death of the faithful apostles and their fellow disciples to whom such power was given, because the true church was now established, "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." (Ephesians 2:20) In His prophecy on conditions at the end of the world or age Jesus warned His true followers against the coming of miracle-workers and their "signs and wonders" so deceptive. (Matthew 24:24) "Working of miracles" by God's servants may now have ceased, "but charity [love; of God] never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail [and they now have ceased to be granted]; whether there be tongues, they shall cease [and they have ceased]; whether there be [the gift of] knowledge, it shall vanish away [and it has vanished]."—1 Corinthians 13:8.

Modern-Day Miracles

Aside, then, from the miracle of victory and vindication which Jehovah will work by Christ Jesus at the battle of Armageddon, is God working any miracles today and now among the peoples of earth? The Bible prophecies answer, Yes, and the fulfillment of Bible prophecies bears out that affirmative answer. 'Indeed?' you say, 'and, pray, where are they? and what?' Jesus said: "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign" (Matthew 12:38, 39); but here's trusting that you are not of such.

Jesus' birth was a miracle nineteen centuries ago; but a far greater and grander miracle today is the birth of Jehovah's "man child"; not Christ Jesus, but Jehovah's kingdom pictured by the "man child" and in which Jesus is the anointed King and His faithful followers are to be associated with Him in vindicating Jehovah's name. This occurred in A.D. 1914. The World War and attending disasters prove it. Prophecy thus fulfilled proves it. (Matthew 24:3-16) That miraculous birth was by God's organization (His "woman"), and in spite of the fact that Satan's mighty organization (the "great red dragon") opposed the Kingdom and threatened to devour it should it be born. (Revelation 12:1-5, 10) These two great organizations, God's and Satan's, have now been revealed to those looking heavenward for deliverance; and these organizations revealed constitute each respectively a "sign", "a wonder" (*Revised Version*);

and the revelation of God's organization under Christ and as opposed by Satan's organization is the "sign of the Son of man, in heaven".—Matthew 24:30.

The preaching of this gospel, the gospel of this Kingdom as now established and operating, is another miracle, in progress since the close of the World War, as Jesus predicted. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matthew 24:14) This gospel preaching is being done by Jehovah God through the tiny band of Jehovah's witnesses on earth. Like Isaiah and his sons (Isaiah 8:18; Hebrews 2:13), and like Ezekiel (12:6, 11; 24:24, 27), and also like the high priest Joshua (Zechariah 3:8, *margin*), so Jehovah's witnesses today are "for signs and wonders", in "Christendom" and even in heathendom. From house to house and from village and city to village and city they go, bearing the Kingdom tidings, everywhere. By word of mouth they preach, also by hundreds of millions of copies of the message in printed form, by mobile sound trucks, and sound boats, by portable transcription sound machines, by portable phonographs, and by radio transmitters in many lands and by great networks of radio stations, including short-wave stations on whose beams the Kingdom message is borne to all parts of the habitable world for reception. Thus in a few short years the glorious good news of God's government established has been preached to millions far, far outnumbering all those to whom Jesus and His miracle-working disciples preached in all their lifetime. And all this in the face of cruel persecution and continually rising world-wide opposition to Jehovah's witnesses and His message by them. Hence "this is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes". (Psalm 118:23) It is Jehovah's modern-time miracle, open and apparent to all "Christendom". But does "Christendom" regard the miracle? Only to get furiously angry thereat and to try to prevent or undo it by destroying Jehovah's witnesses. Thus the miraculous plagues with which Jehovah smote Egypt at the hand of Moses and Aaron do now find their miraculous counterpart in the message of divine judgment and vengeance which Jehovah's witnesses pour out today upon "Christendom" and which plagues "Christendom" so and causes her to howl loud in protest.

And here Jehovah works another modern miracle! As He long ago foretold, at Isaiah 29:13, 14: "Forasmuch as this people ['Christendom'] draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men [clergymen]; therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder; for [note now the miracle] the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." No wonder they can't discern Jehovah's modern miracles and His way of

bringing life, peace and prosperity to mankind! But at Armageddon they shall be made to know that Jehovah is God and He only is wise and rules.

But do *you* see and believe God's miracles, "signs and wonders" and marvelous doings of today? Or do you still require a miracle, a "sign"? "Beware, therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and PERISH: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man [Jehovah's witness] declare it unto you."—Acts 13:40, 41.

Is Jehovah yet a God of miracles—today?

Electric Light Costs at Madison

THE New York *Times* explains at length that the city of Madison, N. J., buys its electric current from the Jersey Central Power and Light Company at 1½ cents each for the first 1,000,000 kilowatt hours and 1 cent each in excess of that quantity. Rates from 2c to 3c to consumers are therefore reasonable.

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