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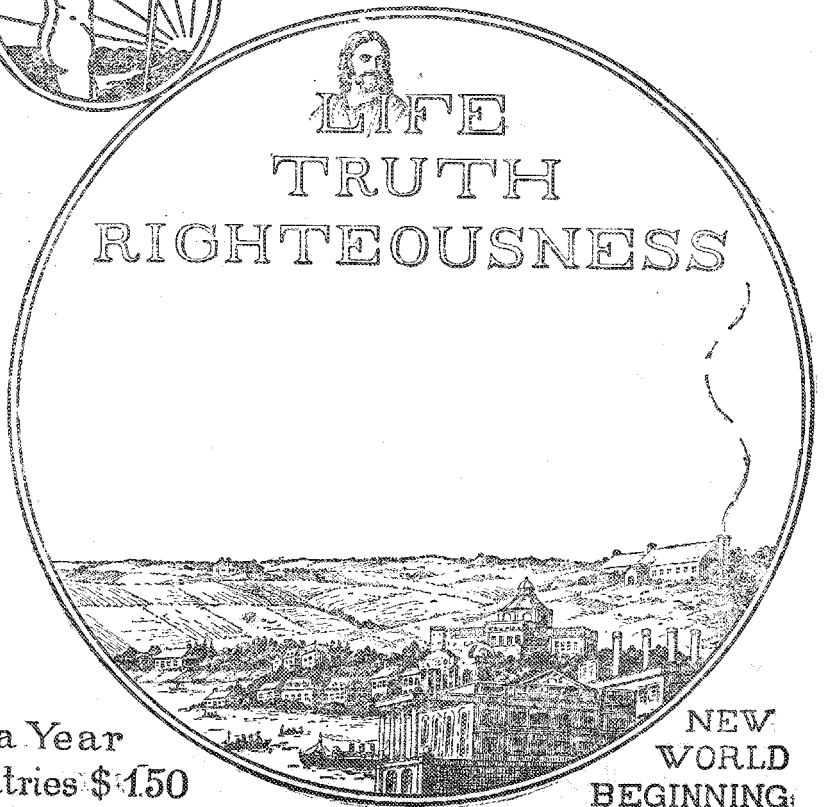


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One Thing or Another

A Contrast of 1910 and 1927

A STRIKING contrast of 1910 and 1927 is afforded by the fact that the present premium for insurance on jewelry salesman's sample trunks is thirteen and one-half times what it was before the world was made safe for hypocrisy.

Ecuador Follows Mexican Example

THE government of Ecuador, following the example of Mexico, has issued a decree forbidding the entry into that country of all foreign churchmen, irrespective of their religious faiths. The government has recently deported a number of foreign-born priests charged with conspiring against the government.

Flowers Made to Talk

IT SEEMS incredible that flowers can be made to talk, but at the recent electrical show in New York the sounds which are produced in the plant as it grows, and as it throws off waste matter, were developed and magnified millions upon millions of times until they roared like thunder.

Changes in Eight Years in Palestine

RABBI A. H. Silver, of Cleveland, Ohio, has just returned after the second of two trips eight years apart to Palestine. He says: "The changes which I noted over eight years were amazing. From a small, backward Oriental province, Palestine has been transformed into a progressive country wherein modern standards of life and thought are fast gaining ascendancy. It is all a remarkable tribute to Jewish enterprise and enthusiasm. Jerusalem now has electric lights, running water, fine boulevards and many autos."

Increased Attendance at Military Camps

BUSINESS men are taking more and more to the idea of military training. From 1921 to the present time the attendance at the summer military camps has increased until now it is four times what it was only six years ago. The attendance this year was 39,676.

Improvement in Sausage Industry

CHEMISTRY has improved the sausage industry by providing sausage casings of shiny, transparent, impalpable cellulose. This will make it unnecessary hereafter to import from China and elsewhere the intestines of hogs, never a desirable addition to the menu of human beings.

Steering the Women Right

FOLLOWING the example of the pope the Seventh Day Adventists now dictate women's dress. There must be no more bobbed hair, bright colors, rakish hats, earrings, variegated footwear, sleeveless dresses, ultra short skirts, vanity cases, miniature handbags, bright-colored handkerchiefs, dangling pieces of lace, etc. That is, maybe there won't be.

End of Religious Show Business

THE religious show business as managed by such figures as Billy Sunday and Aimee Semple McPherson seems in a bad way. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has declared against it, having discovered that the membership won by high pressure methods did not stick and having noticed also that the collections were extremely large and the glory went not to the preachers of the home town but to those from afar. It rather looks as if the three-ring-circus type of evangelism has had its day. No one but the Devil will miss it.

The Much Despised Skim Milk

THE much despised skim-milk cheese is now molded into lamp shades, paper cutters, combs, fountain pens, buttons and other objects. Great idea! All a family would need to do to insure against starvation would be to lay in a large supply of collar buttons and combs. But they would need to have teeth like Towser in order to masticate their food.

Discoveries of Potash in Texas

IN MIDLAND County, Texas, drillers have found at about 2,000 feet below the surface vast deposits of potassium sulphate and polyhalite, which may result in making American farmers independent of the European producers of potash fertilizers. The same deposits were found three miles apart, indicating that the beds are of great size.

All Up with America Now

IT IS all up with America now. After blessing Cervera's fleet which went to the bottom of the sea, and blessing the Old Glory and other planes which went to the same place, the pope has now extended his blessing to the whole American nation. We have been afraid for a long time that he might do this, and now we know the jig is up. Nothing can save us.

Rockefeller's Gift to League

JOHAN D. ROCKEFELLER, Jr., has made the League of Nations a gift of \$2,000,000, to be used for constructing and endowing the League library. Before making the gift Mr. Rockefeller is said to have consulted the United States government, and to have received assurance that his action would meet with no objections on the part of the government.

Who is Boss in America?

FLOYD E. THOMPSON, a justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, recently answered the question as to who is boss in America. He said: "Those who would force tyranny upon us want to make us subjects of the Nation. We are not subjects. We are the sovereign rulers of the country. Because a measure is adopted and put on the statute books by those who misrepresent us does not mean that we must obey." The Judge seems to think that there are a few people in this country who do not know what a real American is, and that they ought to be duly informed.

Harvester Company Announces Cotton-Picker

THE mere fact that the International Harvester Company announces a cotton-picker for sale is evidence that the South is in for the greatest change in its history. While only a limited number of the pickers have been made, and they are still regarded as in a semi-experimental stage, they are still sufficiently advanced that their ultimate perfection and general use is assured. One of the machines, operated by two men, will do the work of twenty or more pickers.

The Automotive Harvester

THE motor-driven combined harvesting and threshing machine will now harvest and thresh an acre of grain for forty cents. It traverses the field at the rate of two to three miles an hour, cutting a swath from eight to twenty feet wide. The use of these machines is displacing the migratory labor which in bygone years was a marked feature of western life. With their use two men can gather the grain from forty acres in one day. The cost of gathering has been cut from 30¢ to 15¢ per bushel by this method. In Kansas a year ago there were 8,000 of the combines in operation; this year there were 13,000.

Judge Campbell Stands for America

FEDERAL Judge Marcus B. Campbell of Brooklyn thinks it is about time for the people of this country to determine whether they live in America or elsewhere; and hence, recently, when prohibition agents brought into court two men charged with making hooch in their own homes, and when he found out that the officers had invaded the homes without warrants, he gave orders that the officers themselves should be arrested and placed on trial charged with entering a private home without a warrant. First thing you know somebody will wake up in these United States and find to their dismay that this is a land of the free, after all. We are not advocating the manufacture of illegal liquor, or any liquor; but we do admire the stand of Judge Campbell. Gilt braid and brass buttons give no man the right to make laws. Let the police proceed with what they have to do, but let them do it in a legal manner or not at all. Otherwise, throw them out. Anarchy, disregard of law, is specially detestable in a police officer.

Fargo's Increased Health

FIVE years ago Fargo, North Dakota, was selected as a city in which the Health Commissioner, the public schools, the Red Cross, the Tuberculosis Association, the physicians and the dentists should all work together to safeguard the health of the children. As a result Fargo is today in splendid condition. One interesting item in this connection is that the city now consumes ten times as much spinach as it did before the test began.

Passenger-Carrying Airplane Routes

THE passenger-carrying airplane routes at present operating in the United States are: Dallas to Chicago, 995 miles; Los Angeles to Salt Lake City, 539 miles; Detroit to Cleveland, 155 miles; Los Angeles to Seattle, 1,073 miles; Pueblo to Cheyenne, 200 miles; Seattle to Victoria, 78 miles; San Francisco to Chicago, 1,894 miles; Chicago to New York, 718 miles; Louisville to Cleveland, 345 miles; New Orleans to Biloxi, 75 miles.

Why Wars are Possible

ALONZO B. HOUGHTON, American ambassador to Great Britain explains:

War does not originate from time to time simply in a sudden and uncontrollable impulse. War is possible because the masses are willing to fight. But these conditions are themselves an integral part of the problem. And that is to say, is the outcome of a series of maneuvers by which the masses concerned are brought into positions of opposition. Obviously, this maneuvering is not done by the masses themselves. The maneuvering is done by little groups of men called governments.

What Labor Wants

SENATOR Johnson of California quotes Samuel Gompers as having well said:

"What does Labor want? It wants the earth and the fulness thereof. There is nothing too precious, there is nothing too beautiful, too lofty, too ennobling, unless it is within the scope and comprehension of Labor's aspirations and wants. We want more schoolhouses and less jails; more books and less arsenals; more learning and less vice; more constant work and less crime; more leisure and less greed; more justice and less revenge; in fact more of the opportunities to cultivate our better natures, to make manhood more noble, womanhood more beautiful, and childhood more happy and bright."

Forty Years a Swindler

AN Iowa Baptist minister has just retired after forty years of service. In his speech after retirement he made the public statement that he did not believe that Moses received the ten commandments at the hand of God on Mt. Sinai. This man is a swindler. See for yourself Mark 9:9, 10. If the Son of God could endorse the laws put forth by Moses as having been given to him by Almighty God, who is this Baptist preacher that denies it?

An Elephant Shows Good Sense

IN Philadelphia an experiment was made in the Zoo, endeavoring to find how various animals react to various kinds of music. Classical music was found quieting and soothing. Violins were quieting; saxophones and trumpets produced irritating effects. When jazz was played in the vicinity of an elephant, she calmly dipped her trunk into a tank of water, and in disgust blew the water all over the players and put a stop to the irritating noise.

A Problem for Great Minds

AFEW years ago hundreds of men were engaged in the manufacture of five-gallon carboys. These men built homes, maintained families and were consumers of the country's products. Now all the work that was done by all of these men put together is being done by one single machine. The problem for great minds to solve is what becomes of the displaced men, and it is not such an insignificant problem as some have tried to make it appear. It is a real problem.

War Department Delivered the Pup

THE whole of America was stirred when a little western girl wrote to the War Department and asked for a baby brother, and it was sorry that the Department could not fill the order. But now the Department has redeemed itself. A little boy saw the account of the little girl's request. He thought maybe the girl asked for the wrong thing; so he asked for a dog instead. And the happy ending of the story is that in a few days, on orders from the Assistant Secretary of War, a live Major in full uniform delivered the boy his pup, and claimed that it was one of the happiest moments of his life. Of course it was! That is the way to be happy.

Women in Hindu Mines

IN 1922 there were 78,806 women working in Hindu mines, at wages of what amount, in American money, to 12¢ per day of eight hours. The British government is demanding that these women be removed from the mines; and the mine owners are horrified, because, they say, it would increase the cost of mining.

The Cost of Selling Goods

THE *Don Gook's Economist* has computed from its library data on the costs of selling goods in all the principal department stores doing a business of \$250,000 or more per year. The figures show that counting salaries and wages, rent, advertising, taxes, interest, supplies, traveling, communications, repairs, insurance, bad debts, depreciation, professional services and unclassified items, the actual cost of selling goods is twenty-nine percent. In addition to this the storekeeper, if he is to live, must add something for himself and family in the way of profit. This explains why there is such a difference between the wholesale and the retail prices. There is no way of avoiding the difference, except to buy at wholesale.

How the EquiList Plan Would Work

HOW the *EquiList* plan of finance would work in lieu of the present plan, which is putting all the wealth of the country into the pockets of the Morgans, Rockefellers, du Ponts and Mellons is interestingly set down in a couple of paragraphs in that journal, from which we quote:

"Say a young man coming of age desires to go at once into business that requires some machinery and other equipment. He joins a Mutual Bank, and gets a check book with a credit for his deposited note for a definite period of work. He buys the materials he needs with checks issued against that deposit; and as he sells his products the checks he gets therefor balance his issues. He has used his own credit without paying interest. As every one would be able to do that, there would be no one willing to pay any interest for the use of the credit of another or others. No one would prefer to pay for goods on installment prices rather than cash when they are able to issue their own cash; for their checks would be as much cash as any money of today, since all cash consists of mere promises, real pay being nothing but human work.

Bishop Gore Executes the Apostles

BISHOP Gore of England has delivered himself of the statement, "We are nourishing a vain hope if we suppose that the early chapters of Genesis or the stories about Daniel and Enoch are ever going to be accepted as history." In view of the fact that Jesus Christ mentioned the Prophet Daniel by name as one whose prophecy is specially noteworthy, and in view of the fact that the Apostle Paul mentioned Adam by name as the first man and Eve as the first woman, and that both the apostles Paul and Jude mentioned Enoch with approval, it looks as if the Bishop had taken it upon himself to execute at least four of the apostles, namely Matthew, Peter, Paul and Jude and is seriously considering the placing of Bishop Gore ahead of Jesus himself. Bishop Gore is a plain out and out infidel, but unlike Ingersoll he earns his money by the betrayal of the cause he is hired to defend.

Smokers of Cigarettes

SMOKERS of cigarettes spray the delicate tissues of Lead, throat and lungs with nicotine, ammonia, acrolieu, furfurol, carbonmonoxide, carbolic acid, prussic acid and thirteen other poisons. Prussic acid is known as the deadliest of drugs and is used in the manufacture of military poison gas. Furfurol is the poison in crude whiskey, said to be fifty times as poisonous as ordinary alcohol; it causes ataxia, tremors, twitching, convulsions and paralysis. Acrolieu causes blindness; it is used in the manufacture of military poison gas. Carbonmonoxide damages the red cells of the blood and causes smokers to become winded easily. One drop of cigarette poison killed a sparrow in seventy seconds; two drops killed a snake in thirty seconds. Cigarettes overwork the liver, causing diabetes, hemorrhages, destruction of tissue and fatty degeneration, the nervous system suffers, the muscles become tremulous and the heart is affected most of all. Cigarettes cause boys and girls to be nervous, lose their power of concentration, become careless and unreliable in a moral sense. The use of tobacco in the presence of infants causes nausea, vomiting, restlessness, listlessness, loss of appetite and sore eyes. Smoking by women causes the development of feminine mustaches, insomnia, nervousness, yellow complexions and sexual degeneration. The use of tobacco leads to a craving for other drugs and shortens and ruins life.

Five-Cent Fare Sufficient

AFTER a most exhaustive investigation, Samuel Untermyer has submitted a financial plan which shows that, by recapturing the city-owned subways operated by the Brooklyn Manhattan Transit Company and buying out the Interborough's investment, New York's subways can be operated permanently on a five-cent basis, which is what the people want. In time they will show a profit.

Danville's Cellulose Factory

DANVILLE, Illinois, has the first factory which will have cornstalks as its raw materials. The cornstalks will be made into pure

cellulose, from which, in turn, are made rayon silk, photographic film, quick drying varnishes, paper, artificial leather and other products.

Almost Unbelievable Speed

IT IS claimed that when the telegraph receiving operators in the new Hearst Publications Building in New York City receive the word Flash, followed by a story, the plant is so organized that within one minute after the last word has come off the telegraph wire the presses are turning out the finished story. This is acknowledged to be the fastest newspaper production ever devised in any newspaper plant.

An Expert Whittler

OUT in the service work the other Sunday we ran across a remarkably interesting man, a retired contractor, who is now expert whittler to his royal majesty the American citizen and all others who apply. He guarantees to whittle anything anybody wants whittled, and in any shape wanted; and from the samples to be seen in his workroom it is evident that he can make good his offer.

For most of the work he uses hickory; but the smallest piece, a squirrel with its tail cunningly arched over its back, was carved out of a peach pit. For \$2.50 he will make a pair of hickory shears, with both blades and the rivet all cut out of one piece. The shears are about nine inches long, and it takes a day to make them.

The largest piece is a chain eight feet long,

containing sixty links, two drop balls, two fans and one hame strap hook, all cut out of one piece of hickory. For this he wants \$50; and it is a safe bet that not another subscriber of *The Golden Age* could duplicate it for twenty times that and then some. Please do not write us regarding this.

The workshop contains a variety of nippers, pliers, compasses, cant hooks, grab hooks, swivel hooks, fans, etc., all passing comprehension how anybody could ever cut them so skilfully out of one piece of wood. Just now the whittler is reading the *Harp*, the *Deliverance* and several of the booklets; and we hope he enjoys them and gets at least half the blessings out of them that such an honest and conscientious workman deserves.

When Will the Heathen Learn the Truth?

QUESTION: If knowledge is necessary before one can be placed on trial for everlasting life when will the heathen come to an understanding of the truth?

Answer: The heathen will come to a knowledge of the truth after they are awakened from the graves in the kingdom. By far the majority of humanity have gone down to the grave without coming to a knowledge of the truth. They can not learn of the truth while dead in the tomb; for in Ecclesiastes 9:5 we read: "The dead know not anything." In Ecclesiastes 9:10 we read: "There is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest." While the dead are truly dead, Je-

sus promised a resurrection of the dead; and He said that they would come forth from the grave. In John 5:28, 29 we read, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice [the voice of the Son of man], and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of [Greek, *krisis*] trial or judgment." All except those who have done good will be awakened for the purpose of placing them on trial by giving them a knowledge of the truth and testing them for a period of time; the faithful of these will be granted life everlasting upon this planet earth in the kingdom.

LOVE was journeying along the great Way of Life. She had not gone far till she came to what appeared to be a woman sitting in a disconsolate attitude upon the roadside. I say appeared to be, because so utterly crushed and inert did the figure seem that Love was obliged to look twice to make sure that it was a real, living, flesh and blood creature and not some natural object of the way. Then she whose mission it was to assist the sorrowing and down-fallen drew near, laid her hand upon the other, and said:

"Who art thou? And why dost thou sit here while the day is fair and many travel on toward the city of the Consummated Life?"

At the gentle touch and the kindly voice, the seemingly lifeless one stirred, raised her hand, and beheld the soul of Love beaming upon her. Tears filled her eyes and with faltering utterance she made reply:

"Alas! My name now is Despair. For the journey is done; and I am doomed to perish here, desolate and unconsolated. But who art thou? And why dost thou thus question me? A multitude, indeed, have passed this way; but not one hath yet addressed me save thyself. Even Hope and Faith went by and came not near me."

And Love made answer: "My sisters Faith and Hope might indeed have helped thee; but as they have failed, I also bear a charm, to the potency of which many can testify and which may also avail to alleviate thy distress."

Then said Despair: "You see these leaden shoes upon my feet. An enemy hath placed them there while I slept. They verily drag me down to the earth, and my soul cleaveth even unto the dust."

Now of the shoes each bore a name; one was stamped Adversity, and the other bore the mark Discouragement.

Then Love stooped down and kissed the troubled brow; and lo, the heavy shoes fell off from the weary feet of the unhappy one, the pall of gloom left her countenance, and she stood up erect in her new self.

"Thy name," said Love, "is no longer Despair but Courage; and thou shalt be a blessing and shalt prevail."

Then Love departed from Courage, leaving her to rejoice in renewed hope and in the wonderful transformation that had been wrought in her.

Now as Love went on, she passed scores of wayfarers and bestowed ever a smile and a word of cheer. After a while she overtook Failure; for he was a slow walker, and the wonder was that he had come thus far on his journey. Love knew him because his name was written on him, both before and behind. As she drew near him he leaned against a milestone and, bewailing his lot, declared that he could go no farther. But Love caught him by the hand and said, "Courage."

He answered: "It is not for me. All the world knows that I am Failure, and despises me. Even my friends and relatives have scorned and trampled me in the mire. What can I do?"

And Love said: "Henceforth thy name is Experience, and thou must wear this token and shalt succeed." So she gave him a token to wear above his heart and walked with him upon the road; and he lifted up his voice and blessed her, and gave thanks to God.

Love also fell in with Lacking-in-Faith. This person suffered from sheer debility and moved forward in a feeble sort of way.

"Shall I assist you?" asked Love. And without waiting for a reply, she caught his arm and smiled with such light of joy that he saw the sun shine and drew its golden fruitage into his heart; for Love breathed into his ear those divine promises which are bread and meat and springing waters to the thirsting soul. Lacking-in-Faith was changed, and knew not himself for what he had been, but for one now renewed and in contact with the source of strength.

And on the Way of Life Love met many sad ones who had suffered much because that for them the way had been hard, bringing pain and more tears than smiles. Love met young men and maidens robbed of their beauty of form by fell diseases, children of early years deprived of parental care by the hand of death, old men for whom the journey would soon be as a tale that is told. Many others did Love meet, and those who listened to her voice were sustained and cheered.

Then from a mighty summit of the way Love looked down and back and far along the road and beheld the toiling, straining mass of humanity, organic, conscious, breathing things that sought to live and strove to win some modicum of what the world calls gain. And many a groan was heard. There were curses, too, and blows; and

then it was that Love's tears rained upon the earth and her glorious head was bowed in grief.

Then Love turned her back upon the scene and looked into the valley from the mountain-side. Here she saw the world as it will be when the years of privation and woe have died away. She beheld the emancipation of the whole earth. She heard the hallelujah chorus of all humanity. She saw the wondrous and mighty fruitage of experience. She heard no more the groans or

the sound of blows. Instead thereof she heard the voice of thanksgiving. She saw the Land of Love freely and generously extended. She saw the banner of the King of Love floating over a world that basked in the joyousness of an effulgent peace.

Then Love was glad that she had been privileged to be of some practical service in the world. She was glad that her symphony had been Love.

A Few Words About War

THE *Locomotive Engineers' Journal* contains an illuminating article by Arthur Ponsonby, M. P., British Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the recent Labor government. Mr. Ponsonby's whole life has been spent in the field of diplomacy, and he knows whereof he speaks.

It seems that if Germany had not marched through Belgium, France would have done so. It was part of the French war plans. It also seems that the Kaiser never made the reference regarding Britain's "contemptible little army". The phrase was invented by a British army officer. As a matter of fact, the Kaiser used to warn his subjects against underestimating the strength of the British army.

In Bedford Park, England, is a gun captured by the Bedford regiment at Gallipoli, where hundreds of thousands of British soldiers lost their lives. On one side of the cannon is a tablet recording the deed of bravery and on the other side is the name of the British firm "Armstrong, Whitworth & Co." that made the cannon and sold it to the Turks.

The armament makers keep agents in every country. Whenever business falls off, they run scare articles in the papers so as to stimulate business. This is done for the same reason that certain medical boards of health run scare articles now and then regarding smallpox epidemics, etc. They wish a market for the surplus vaccines and serums which otherwise they could not market. The reason why the Chinese have been fighting among themselves now for several years is that the surplus stock of war material left from the World War was disposed of in China for that very purpose.

In the city of Sheffield, England, one great armament factory is making twelve and fourteen inch shells for Japan and the United States. Mr. Ponsonby says significantly, "When the United States inspector comes around, the Japanese stuff is screened off; and when the Japanese inspector comes around, the United States shells are screened off."

Mr. Ponsonby reiterates that half an hour after the next war is declared a rain of three hundred tons of bombs per day will fall on every large city in England, and that civilization as we have known it will pass away.

Knowles Stirs Things Up

AT THE Williamstown Institute of Politics Horace G. Knowles stirred things considerably when he said, as reported: "We have imposed our force upon weak, helpless and defenceless countries and slaughtered thousands of their citizens. We have attacked them when they expected we would defend them. We have used the Monroe Doctrine to prevent sympathetic European nations going to their rescue when we abused them. Instead of sending them teachers, instructors and helpers we have sent them concession hunters, conscienceless and usurious bankers, avaricious financiers, bribers, commercial tricksters, murderers, soldiers, degenerates and carriers of infectious diseases. Instead of our trying to elevate and make their people better and more patriotic, we have made crooks and traitors of many of them in order that our unscrupulous bankers and capitalists and Washington can control the government and affairs of their countries." All we can say is that Mr. Knowles has remarkable courage.

Comparative Values of White Sugar and Brown Sugar (Contributed)

ORDINARILY brown sugar is regarded as an inferior product. Because white sugar is sweet and agreeable in taste it is supposed to possess equal food value to brown sugar. Many of *The Golden Age* readers are familiar with the reports by Alfred W. McCann on the deficiency of white sugar in food value in tests of actual use. All that Mr. McCann has shown and more is found in the following radio test.

That the reader may comprehend a radio test we will observe that all recognize their favorite radio station by a meter number, say 275, and a different station by a different meter number, say 416. The dial that measures and indicates on a dial these differences in stations merely determines the differences of vibratory resistance. As you turn the dial the radio energy "comes through" and is recorded on your ear as music or lectures.

Instruments employing the identical principle are now in practical use recording the vibratory radio difference between substances, foods, and as well the different organs of the body, their functions and conditions of vital energy and even disease vibrations. These differences can as easily be expressed in numbers on a radio dial as can the different radio stations on the air.

The writer spent a short time in such a thoroughly equipped radio laboratory, and was delighted to see how accurately and with comparative ease such radio analysis was accomplished from actual samples of brown sugar and white sugar.

The radio equipment used was both a receiving set and a broadcasting set, and the numbers measuring the mits were the ordinary "resistance box" dials so well known in any measure of radio resistance.

First, the instrument was set to record the number indicating the radio resistance of any human rate. It may not be generally known that the act of writing with a pencil on white paper records all the radio vibrations of all kinds in one's body. But this was unquestionably proven in this highly sensitive instrument and its receiving instrument, called the Streborecam, invented by a South Dakota scientist, Dr. McRoberts.

A bit of this handwriting placed in the broadcasting instrument called a Dynamizer, conveyed the radio vibrations of my body, and was measured in the resistance boxes containing the

dials, the evidence that radio contact was "going through" being proven by the contact of the operator's fingers on the simple bar of bakelite about four inches wide and about two feet in length.

There is no peradventure about this evidence of radio contact. There is no radio energy going through except it is actually in evidence. The person listening in on the radio has but one sense, hearing, to tell him that radio energy is going through; but the radio laboratory operator has two senses to tell him that radio energy is in evidence: He both feels the pull of the radio contact or positive energy, and sees that his finger tip firmly adheres to the bakelite surface. Nor is this evidence subject to inference, it is even more positive than the evidence on your radio that you have the station for which you are tuning in.

First the relative food value to myself of the samples of white sugar and brown sugar were tried and indicated with the following amazing results:

Food substance	Food		Food substance	Food	
	White	Brown		White	Brown
Carbon	99	650	Magnesia	1/10 of 1	870
Lime	22	840	Potassium	11	810
Iodine	1	870	Silicon	1/100	880
Iron	1	880	Sulphur	1/10 of 1	940
			Sodium	0	870

The instrument showed the normal function rate of kidneys 34. Use of white sugar would reduce to 20. Use of brown sugar maintained normal condition.

My actual weight is 157, normal weight 159. Use of white sugar over stimulating function of pancreas would raise my weight to 189 at loss to vitality of medulla, liver and pancreas.

Radio test of the body has recently discovered endocrine or vitalizing glands in parts of the body that the anatomist never suspected were endocrine glands. Few if any except radio laboratory diagnosticians have as yet discovered that the heart, the eye and the carotid glands are endocrine glands. Any radio laboratory will be interested in making this test.

Other organs of the body not suspected to operate as endocrine glands prove under the exactness of a sensitive instrument to possess a hitherto unsuspected function. The reason why this was not discovered before is that the instruments like the radio instrument in process of

perfecting varied in their power to catch and record the finer radio vibrations.

The endocrine glands, when normal, are 62 in this test. The use of white sugar reduces this very important vitalizing function to only 12. The use of brown sugar maintains it in normal function at 64.

Observing the almost universal use of white sugar, can you possibly question that through COMMERCIALISM the out-going "god of this world", who is about to be forcibly dethroned,

has had design in the general use of white sugar in the thousands of commercial products called "food"?

Will the incoming King of righteousness withhold the knowledge of matters of this nature? Doubtless our radio knowledge is yet in its earliest infancy; and complete and greatly simplified methods will soon be employed. That the principles are now being employed plainly indicates the presence of the King and of the kingdom.

The American People Love to Be Robbed

THERE was a time when the American people loved to be humbugged, but they are a long way past that now. They have risen to greater heights. They love to be robbed. There is no other way of explaining their blind confidence in the newspapers that labor incessantly to convince them that they should own nothing but that Big Business should own everything.

Take the matter of electric light and power bills. The city of Toronto, Canada, pays annually light and power bills in the sum of \$9,670,434. If that same city were located on the lines of the Carolina Light and Power Company, that same service would cost the people of Toronto \$38,681,736.

Toronto brings its power ninety miles. Asheville's tremendous water power is right at the door. Toronto pays all that it costs; namely, 1.7 cents per kilowatt hour. Asheville pays from 6 to 8 cents, averaging about 6½ cents. Duke's tobacco money has come back to the Carolinas as a curse.

Who gets the difference? Bankers, financiers,

statesmen, leading citizens, newspaper men, etc. Why do they get it? Because they want it, or think they do. Does it pay them to rob the public and then lie the public into thinking that it is all for the best, all for the good of the country? They think so. But in the end it will be found that they are mistaken. There is an end to every crooked road.

Does any one suppose that the Lord is going to allow a bunch of thieves to appropriate to themselves and to divide among themselves all the good things that He has designed for the blessing of His own earthly creatures; and that there will never be a day of settlement?

Even the old crooked dishonest motto that "Honesty is the best policy" would suggest a wiser course than Big Business is following in the United States at this time. But, like the Big Preachers, and like the Big Statesmen, it is quite impossible for Big Business to ever really learn any moral lesson. The only way with a blind and obstinate horse is to let it run as fast as it likes till it breaks its own neck.

The Statement of Mr. Burke

FRANK J. BURKE, former Scaler of Weights and Measures of the city of Brockton, Mass., was so close to the scene of the payroll holdup for which Sacco and Vanzetti were slain that when the car bearing the murderers passed him one of the men called him a vile name and snapped a revolver at him. Burke obtained a clear view of the two men in the murder car. He made an effort to trail the car, but his car would not start; made an effort to get the Brockton Police headquarters, but the phone did not answer. He finally notified an editor of what he had seen. When Sacco and Vanzetti were arrested he call-

ed at the Police Station, saw the prisoners and stated positively to the marshal that these were not the men in the murder car. Strangely enough, this important witness was ignored by the State of Massachusetts, when making up their case against the two men. He testified at the trial in the interest of the two prisoners. He could not do otherwise and keep from being a murderer. Mr. Burke is evidently an honest man, and still insists, after seven years, that Sacco and Vanzetti are not the men who were guilty of the murder in South Braintree.

FROM a recently published book, "Trumpets of Jubilee," and from other sources in the Library of Congress I gleaned the following information respecting the origin and effect of the story which caused the Civil War:

"The false impression of the condition of the Southern slave created by 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' encouraged Brown to believe that . . . the negroes would rise and massacre their masters; and he laid a plan to arouse them to take this step. . . . The negroes, however, did not join the conspirators, as had been expected."

The same writer says further that the book was "a misleading but strongly-written story", and was "one of the powerful agents in arousing against slavery the passions of the North. . . . It was condemned in the South and by the conservative element of the North, yet a great many Northern people professed to believe that the book gave a true picture of Southern life. . . . It is probable that this book did more than anything else to increase the feeling of the North against slavery."

Let us remember that the world had not only entered the time of the end, and had been in it for half a century, at the time the volume was given to the masses, but we were also in the midst of increasing spirit activity, as predicted by the apostle.—Eph. 6:10-13; 2 Thess. 2:9.

In harmony with this, the Fox sisters had startled New England by their "table rappings" in 1848; Horace Greeley gave ample space to their writings on spirit phenomena in his *Tribune*; and the Davenport brothers were astonishing the people with their strange exhibitions.

Thousands were falling a prey to these deceptions, and the word "medium" was rapidly becoming a household word. It was not surprising, therefore, that one of Mrs. Stowe's temperament should come under the same evil influence; and this is exactly what happened, as is abundantly proven by what follows.

Mrs. Stowe was the sister of Henry Ward Beecher, the noted preacher. Among other things, she says of herself that "thought, intense, emotional thought" was with her "a disease"; and that she was "the slave and sport of morbid feeling and unreasonable prejudice". She "felt and thought with such absorbing intensity that her mind was exhausted and she seemed sinking into a deadness". "About half of my time I am scarcely alive," she once declared.

Miss Beecher married Calvin Stowe, who "entertained phantoms, his visions, as he called them. . . . Since his earliest childhood they had appeared before him, emerging from the unlikely background of the homely puritan village of Natick, Mass., where he was born. It had been years before he had realized that they were not as tangible as the persons about him, and he saw them with pride and pleasure to the end of his life. Their talk, which was silent, shook him profoundly, as did the playing of their musical instruments, which he always heard. They came into view through the walls or furniture, lovely landscapes often lay about them; they enacted little dramas over and over again, without variation, in a thrilling rhythm. Indians were among their number, who played viols and fiddles. . . . Most of these ghostly visitants had no counterparts in life; but occasionally men and women whom he detested would swim before him in pleasant guises, while persons whom he loved would be terribly torn, blackened or shriveled by funnel shaped clouds. Once as a child he had awakened to discover in his bed an ashy-blue skeleton, which seemed to him entirely palpable."

These demon manifestations were remarkable in their abundance and persistence; but history affords not a few parallels of a somewhat similar character. They bring to memory at once the visions of Swedenborg, Dante, Loyola, and many others who were worked upon by the evil spirits and inspired to write voluminous records regarding their experiences. Through her husband, Mrs. Stowe undoubtedly was strongly influenced by these wicked spirits; and this was doubtless Satan's object in effecting their union in marriage.

The author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" received a thorough training from her husband in the art of coloring her narrative, we are told, "writing in the midst of gingerbread and baked beans in the kitchen, and a baby at her feet"; for she was a writer of some note before she attempted this work.

We read that she was impulsive in her literary efforts, caring little for facts, and never taking time to even cursorily investigate her chosen subject. She was rash and bent upon making her point at all hazards, usually writing from the standpoint of a preconceived opinion. "Absence and wandering of mind" was "a physical

infirmity". Her memory was unreliable; and she often contradicted herself, but refused to correct the most glaring inconsistencies of statement.

Once she visited Dr. Holmes with a manuscript, but frankly told him that she did not want his opinion, since her mind was already "made up"; but she thought that he might suggest improvements in the phraseology. "In many years of her life the author avoided all reading upon or allusion to the subject of slavery," believing that no one could understand it. It was "a passing phantasmagoria".

Once her husband and her brother assisted an escaping slave along the "underground railway", and on another occasion she visited for a few hours a plantation in Kentucky. But, save for stories told her by colored women who often helped her with her work in the household, this was the extent of her contact with the institution. During the Birney riots in Cincinnati "she was concerned not with the issue of Slavery, but with that of free speech".

In 1857 the Stowes moved to Brunswick, Me.; and shortly thereafter she was "stirred by letters from Mrs. Edward Beecher, of Boston, urging her to write something on the subject". "She began without plan or premonition, breaking into ecstasies of tears as she wrote." Her hasty installments appeared in *The National Era*. She "judged the whole by a piece", and the story was overcolored to the last degree. It was merely a sweeping indictment and a hysterical outcry against the institution.

The country was set on fire when the story later appeared in book form. It was a time when men gave loose rein to their emotions, thought intensely, and talked with a reckless abandon. Then came "The Key", another volume of hearsay, without documentary proofs. It unlocked nothing.

We know that the days of divine inspiration are over. They ended when John gave to the church a record of the wonderful visions on Patmos. But Satan has at intervals thrust upon the world during the centuries following works claiming divine origin. A good modern example is Mrs. Eddy's "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures". Not one single book of the Bible was written by a woman.

As to the unseen origin of Mrs. Stowe's book, believed by her and her friends to have been in-

spired, we will allow her to convict herself by her own confession: "The scene [a vision] presented itself to her mind while she was seated at the communion table in the little church at Brunswick. She was perfectly overcome by it, and could scarcely restrain the convulsion of tears and sobbing which shook her frame." She often used the third person in referring to herself.

After she had completed the book, she admitted her belief that it was the product of "an unknown power", stating that this unseen force was "something uncontrollable"; that it continued to control her throughout her effort, and ultimately left her exhausted.

We quote again: "Mrs. Stowe felt herself so possessed that she became the conscious agent of a power other than her own. The story can less be said to have been composed by her than imposed upon her." (Italics are ours.) "'Uncle Tom's Cabin' is a work of religion; God wrote it," she averred. But some of her contemporaries pronounced it the work of Satan; and they were quite right.

Of course, God permitted the work to be written, and has or will overrule it for ultimate good, as a part of the general permission of evil; but He was not the author of it, because He is "not the author of confusion, but of peace", and tempts no man to do evil.

The volume was issued at a time when conditions were ripe for its reception. It was the "psychological moment" for Satan to accomplish his long-cherished design to disrupt the Union, his ultimate purpose being to throttle liberty in America and frustrate an important part of God's plan.

Centuries before, anticipating the settlement of North America by a liberty-loving people, and the founding of a government favorable to enlightenment, Satan had sought to forestall it through the voyages of Columbus and the resulting effort to people it with Spaniards and other backward races under the influence of Rome. This undertaking failed.

Grandly God's plan went forward, and in due time the nucleus of a new nation appeared along the North Atlantic coast. Satan was dismayed, and inspired a tyrannical ruler to cruelly oppress the colonies, in the hope that the torch of freedom, then burning so brightly, would be extinguished.

Again, failure attended his efforts; the colonies revolted, and he tried the harsher means of subjugation by war. But Jehovah raised up a Washington, through whose instrumentality He overruled the anger of men and devils for good, and "brought forth on this continent a nation conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal".

God's plan provided that America should be, in a peculiar sense, the workshop and experimental laboratory of the time of the end; and accordingly, from this central source He has distributed His chief blessings of the millennial dawn period. Hence, His favor has rested upon this country from the first in a very special sense. It has been, indeed, "the land shadowed with wings," providential protection. This, therefore, accounts for the repeated attempts of Satan to destroy its institutions.

Nothing daunted by his defeat, Satan tried to mislead the framers of the Constitution by suggesting through his agents the formation of three republics, or one with three presidents; but wiser counsel prevailed, and he was disappointed. Finally, he achieved a triumph when slavery was made constitutional; and from that time forward he lost no opportunity to stir up sectional hostility and create crises in Congress.

Satan's first chance came in 1820, when Missouri applied for admission into the Union. Previously, the states had been admitted "somewhat in pairs; first, one from the South, and then one from the North" in order to prevent trouble; but a dangerous crisis was precipitated when Satan endeavored to have two Southern states received in succession. Alabama had been admitted when Missouri knocked at the door with a constitution legalizing slavery. This angered the North, and war seemed imminent. It was only averted by the "Missouri Compromise" introduced by Henry Clay, and the final struggle was deferred for three decades. Again Satan was foiled. A Clay had been provided for the emergency. Thenceforward he became known as "the Great Pacificator".

In 1832 a tariff bill inimical to Southern interests was passed, and South Carolina threatened secession. If Buchanan had been president, a "Southern Confederacy" would have resulted; but the Lord had permitted Jackson to occupy the office at this juncture, and the influence of Calhoun and Hayne was offset by

Clay and Webster. The president made known his determination to use armed force to preserve the Union, and Clay secured the passage of a "Compromise Tariff". South Carolina then repealed the "Nullification Ordinance". Satan was again defeated.

Encouraged by his near success, the Devil instituted a double program, that of slavery agitation through the Abolition societies, churches, clergy, newspapers, etc., and by harassing Congress with petitions and documents from all quarters. Crisis after crisis resulted. Satan well knew that if Congress could be induced to abolish slavery, war would result. Therefore that body was flooded with abolition petitions.

In order to settle the matter, six resolutions affirming the constitutionality of slavery and "the inability of Congress to abolish" it, were passed in 1838. *The Liberator*, published by Garrison, demanded "immediate emancipation"; and the Constitution was denounced as "an agreement with death and a covenant with hell". Negro insurrections occurred, and many white people were murdered. Calhoun sought to stop the agitation in 1836 with "the Gag Law", forbidding the reception of petitions; but the measure was killed in the Senate.

Matters were further complicated by the annexation of Texas in 1836 and by the Mexican War in 1846. The sentiment against slavery was stronger than ever. More than two thousand newspapers carried information everywhere; and the greatest word-battle in history was in progress.

Crude, slow-moving trains crawled through the land, in fulfillment of prophecy. Stormy and prolonged debates occupied both houses of Congress, and Clay and Webster pleaded for peace and harmony. The admission of California as a free state was hotly contested. With the passage of the "Omnibus Bill" the work of Clay and Webster was ended, and they died. There was, therefore, no Clay to introduce compromises and no Webster to raise his voice against secession when the hour struck.

In 1854 Congress passed the "Kansas-Nebraska Bill", which permitted these territories to decide for themselves the question of "slavery or no slavery". This transferred the struggle from Congress to the people, and civil strife at once resulted. The fighting lasted several years; but the anti-slavery faction finally won.

The Dred Scott decision widened the breach, and the two sections now glared at each other like tigers. The clouds of war were rapidly gathering; fitful lightning flashes and the roll of thunder gave warning of the great storm which was soon to break in all its terrible fury.

Providence permitted a split in the Democratic ranks, which insured the election of Lincoln, God's chosen instrument in saving the Union. Secession resulted, and the war came. After repeated failures, the Devil had finally accomplished his purpose through the agency of a well-meaning, but misguided woman.

After the publication of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" war was inevitable. It soon came in a torrential downpour; and its author immediately became a world figure, for a time overshadowing that of Lincoln. She was received in Europe by crowned heads, and her foreign tour became a pageant. She was idolized by the women of Europe, and presented with a monster petition of twenty-six folio volumes, urging abolition.

She meddled in everything, issued scores of pamphlets, entered into the thick of the Kansas-Nebraska discussion, consulted mediums and freely dipped into spirit writings. She met Mrs.

Browning while in Europe, a "convinced spiritualist"; and we read that "these two sister souls were wafted together on a faint and lovely sea of emotion". They exchanged letters on the subject for many years.

In her correspondence with George Eliot she "poured out a flood of evidence", telling about "communications" which she had received from the spirit world. Once she was mistaken by her husband for a "phantom". "She had in truth the look of a trance-walker. Her air of vague absorption had become an incorrigible habit."

When the war came, her friends told her that it was her war. "She had an augmented sense of divine appointment," and "presently she decided that Lincoln was too slow". Accordingly, she hastened to Washington to offer him advice.

Lincoln was sorely beset by many evils; but he received her gravely, with the significant remark, "So you're the little woman who made this great war." Although very talkative and versatile, she left no record of the conversation which followed! Evidently, she was no match for the great Emancipator.

What Will They Think?

IT IS only ninety years since the pillory passed out of use in England. Pillories were commonly erected in the center of the town, usually near the village church. The offender had to stand with his head and hands through holes in the bar, all clamped at the same level, an extremely painful posture. Occasionally the ears were cut off by those gentle men from whom we received our parentage and our ideas of justice and mercy.

We are more merciful; sometimes, it would seem, almost too much so. At Joliet there were seven murderers. Three times they succeeded in breaking out of prison. On each occasion one officer of the law, either a warden or a policeman, was shot and killed; and on each occasion one murderer escaped and has not since been found. On a fourth attempt one of the murderers was himself slain. Now there are but three of the murderers left awaiting execution.

Evidently in the above cases justice has been too long delayed. And yet we cannot afford the other extreme, either. Two white men met two colored men in a road in Mississippi. Strife followed, and one of the white men was killed. No inquiry was made as to the cause of the strife. A mob of a thousand white men, women and children gathered and burned the two colored men at the stake. This happened in June, 1927.

When sanity comes, as it will surely come with the establishment of the Lord's kingdom, what will the people of that happy time think of the so-called civilization of our day and of the recent past? What will they think of the World War among the so-called Christian people of the world? They will ask, How is it possible that these poor unfortunates could look forward so hopefully to a future hell when they already had as bad a one as the Devil could possibly manufacture?

Development of the Kingdom

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MUCH misunderstanding among the people exists concerning the development of God's kingdom which shall bless the nations of the earth. Such misunderstanding is due to the deceit practised upon them by Satan and his emissaries.

There is but one church, and that is the body of Christ. Those who come into Christ by adoption will ultimately be of the great empire upon condition that they prove faithful to God unto the end. To such Jesus said: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." "And thou shalt sit with me on my throne."—Revelation 2: 10; 3: 21.

In order to corrupt the church Satan set about to turn the mind of Christians away from these and similar promises, and prepared various religious systems into which to draw the order-loving people who desire to serve God, and which systems call themselves by the name of Christ. It must be apparent to all thinking persons that the Lord would not have many organizations when there is but one Christ. It is well known that there are hundreds of denominational systems claiming to be Christian, the doctrines taught by each being in conflict and resulting in confusion. It should be easily seen that God is not the author of such confusion, but that these systems have been organized and used by the enemy for his purposes. The real purpose of a Christian on the earth is to be a witness to the name of God and His kingdom, and by being faithful in this respect to prepare himself for the kingdom. The leaders of denominational systems have an entirely different idea about the purpose of a Christian.

These various denominations have deemed it their business and commission to convert the world, and therefore think it necessary to bring into their denominations the rich and the influential. They have opened the doors to such and have made them the principal ones of their flocks. They have organized the clergy, as distinguished from the laity; and these clergy meet in councils and synods, and control the system or denomination, and use it for political purposes. They make themselves a part of the world, and claim that their denominations constitute God's kingdom on earth.

Speaking to such James says: "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friend-

ship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world, is the enemy of God." (James 4: 4) The word adulterer here used does not refer to a lack of chastity between the sexes, but it means an illicit relationship between church and state. It means that these ecclesiastical systems have made friendship with the world and have entered into an alliance with the commercial and political powers of the world; and altogether they constitute the visible part of Satan's organization, which is designated in the Scriptures under the title and symbol of "beast".

And now in more modern times these ecclesiastical systems, claiming to represent the Lord, are presided over by a class of clergymen who call themselves Modernists. It is admitted that the Modernists are in the majority in numbers among the clergymen. A Modernist is one who denies the Biblical account of man's creation, denies man's deflection and sentence to death, denies the great ransom sacrifice and, of necessity, denies the Lord's kingdom.

God foreknew that the ecclesiastical systems, Catholic and Protestant, in the name of Christ would be overreached by the Devil and used for his purposes, as a part of his organization. Through His prophet Jeremiah He stated: "Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God. How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim [the Devil]? See thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways; a wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her. Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go."—Jeremiah 2: 21-25.

The prophet here shows, in harmony with the facts as we see them, that ecclesiasticism has turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine, that she has become polluted, that she has gone after Baalim, the Devil religion; that she

has been in the valley, between the political and financial elements of the Devil's organization; and, like the characteristic trait of a dromedary or a wild ass, she illicitly runs after the ultra-rich and the ultra-influential, that she might have the plaudits of men and the honor that the world could bring to her. Ecclesiasticism did not get this from the Lord God, but it was the result of falling under the influence of Satan the Devil.

✧ *Temptation*

THE term "ecclesiasticism" applies to all denominations, Catholic and Protestant, which have united with the financial and political elements of the earth to form the governing or controlling factors to rule the world. To these ecclesiastics the Devil presented the three great temptations. These temptations he also presented to Eve. She yielded and fell. The same three temptations were presented to Jesus by the Devil; but He resisted all of them, and gained the victory. And now mark how they were presented to the ecclesiastical systems, and how these have all fallen to the wiles of the Devil and have become a part of his organization.—2 Corinthians 4:3, 4; James 4:4.

The Scriptures declare that God does not tempt any one. "Let no man say when he is tempted. I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." (James 1:13-15) It was the desire of these ecclesiastical leaders for honor and power that led them into temptation.

✧ Jesus Christ is the great Shepherd of the flock of God. (Hebrews 13:20; 1 Peter 2:25) In the organization of the church the Lord provided for under-shepherds, designating them as elders and teachers. Upon these is enjoined the duty and obligation of feeding the flock of God, to unselfishly look well to the interest of such (1 Peter 5:2-4), and not to lord it over the people of the Lord. Contrary to the Word of God, the elders or shepherds of the denominational churches organized councils, synods, presbyteries, and like bodies politic, elected their own members to the high offices of popes, cardinals, bishops, doctors of divinity, reverends, etc., and thus formed and created what is properly termed

the ecclesiastics of Christendom, the high personages in the denominational churches, Catholic and Protestant. God did not tempt these men so to do. Of their own desire were they led to these steps; and thereby they laid themselves open to the great Tempter, who promptly presented to them temptations similar to those which were presented to Eve and Adam and later to Jesus Christ; namely, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

(1) Lust of the flesh: The power gained by the ecclesiastics in the church, by reason of their position, they have used for their own selfish purposes. They have fed themselves, and let the flock of God go without attention. (Ezekiel 34:8) Selfishly they have advanced their own private interests, permitted the people to go without spiritual food, and thereby have caused a famine in the land for the hearing of the Word of God. Yielding to the temptation to use their powers for selfish purposes, they fell.—Amos 8:11.

(2) Lust of the eyes: Desiring to possess the seductive things of this world, and to be admired by men rather than to be approved of God, the clergy have yielded to the lust of the eyes; they have clothed themselves in scarlet and long flowing robes, decked themselves with jewels, and have arrogantly assumed a form of godliness while denying the power thereof. They fell ready victims to this temptation.

(3) Pride of life: Jesus instructed His representatives to preach the gospel of His kingdom and to await patiently His second coming, when He would establish the kingdom. He admonished them to keep themselves separate from the world. The ecclesiastics, or clergy, have boldly assumed to represent the Lord on the earth. Satan held before them the temptation that, as the Lord's representatives, they could establish the kingdom of God on earth without waiting for the second coming of Christ; the condition being that they should join hands with the commercial and political powers of earth, which were already under the control of Satan. This appealed to their pride of life. To them it was a wonderful thing to bring the capitalists and the politicians into the church. They yielded to this seductive temptation; they set about immediately to obtain control and rulership of the world, without the aid of the Lord and contrary to His Word.

The clergy met the conditions and they have failed. They have worshiped the Devil, sanctified war, for pay have acted as military recruiting officers, and have resorted to other devilish methods to gain their selfish and ambitious ends. They have ignored God and the Lord Jesus, and have waxed rich and powerful, while associated with their allies and under the direction of the supermind of the god of this world. As Jesus foretold, they say: "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing"; when in truth and in fact they are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked". (Revelation 3:17) They have fallen to the temptation, and have carried out their part of the Devil's arrangement to blind the people to God's purposes. They stand self-confessedly guilty before God and man.

False Doctrines

THE ecclesiastics have claimed the exclusive right and authority to interpret the Scriptures, and presumptuously deny the right of any one to preach the gospel except such as are ordained by them. They have set aside the pure doctrines of God's Word and have constituted themselves, through their various organizations, the fountains of doctrines; which doctrines they have sent forth as a river, claiming such to be a life-giving stream for the benefit of the people, whereas in truth and in fact theirs has been a message of fraud and deceit and a stream of sickness and death. By these false and deceptive doctrines the people have been blinded to the purposes of God, and His great plan of salvation has been hid from their eyes.

Claiming for themselves the exclusive authority to interpret the Scriptures, for a long time the ecclesiastics kept the people in ignorance of the text of the Bible by discouraging them in studying it. But now in this day of greater education, when the people might read and understand the Scriptures, these ecclesiastical leaders boldly and flippantly deny the inspiration of the Word of God. Foreknowing that they would take this course, God caused His prophet Jeremiah to write concerning them: "They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters [source of life and truth], and hewed them out cisterns [man-made systems and doctrines], broken cisterns, that can hold no water [really contain no life-giving truth]."—Jeremiah 2:13.

For the purpose of turning the minds of the people away from the true God and blinding them the ecclesiastics have taught false doctrines, of which the following are a few and which are set out here in contrast with the truth for the purpose of comparison, to wit:

The Bible teaches that man was created perfect; and that because of sin he was sentenced to death, thereby losing perfection of organism and the right to life.

Modern ecclesiastics teach that man is a creature of evolution; that he never fell, and never lost the right to life by reason of sin.

The Bible plainly states that man is mortal, and that because of Adam's sin all are born sinners subject to death.

Ecclesiastics teach that all men have immortal souls, which cannot die, which doctrine is supported only by Satan's great lie.—Genesis 3:4; John 8:44.

The Bible plainly teaches that the wages of sin is death, and that death and destruction is the punishment of the wilfully wicked.

Ecclesiastics teach that there is no real death, and that the punishment of the selfish and wicked is conscious torment, eternal in duration; and that to escape such terrible punishment the people must join their church denominations.

The Scriptures plainly teach that Jehovah is God, the great First Cause; and that Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, is the Redeemer of mankind.

Ecclesiastics teach the unscriptural, God-dishonoring doctrine of the trinity.

The inspired Word of God declares that Jesus Christ is the Ransomer of all; and that all members of the human race, in due time, shall have an opportunity to know about the ransom and receive its benefits.

Ecclesiastical teachings of evolution, human immortality, eternal torment and the trinity are denials of the ransom by implication; and now the chiefest among them deny that Jesus was any more than an ordinary man, deny that there is any value in His sacrifice, deny the only Lord God, and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ by which mankind is redeemed.

The Scriptures teach that Christ Jesus is King, the only One who has the right and authority to rule the earth in God's due time.

Ecclesiastics teach the divine right of earthly kings, who are made by big business, to rule the

people; and the ecclesiastics have joined hands with big business and big politicians to enforce this rule and to control the peoples of earth because, they say, it is the divine arrangement for them to rule.

Jesus constituted His apostles as the foundation of the kingdom, and the Scriptures teach that the apostles have no successors.

Ecclesiastics have fraudulently claimed to be successors of the apostles, and thereby have arrogated to themselves great authority and have attempted to deceive, and have deceived, the people.

The Bible teaches and emphasizes the second coming of Christ, the great Prince of Peace, that He will take unto Himself His power to reign; it admonishes all the followers of the Lord to faithfully proclaim this message of His coming kingdom, and to advocate and follow peace with all men.

The ecclesiastics teach and advocate war; they have sanctified war and wrest the Scriptures to justify their conclusion; they have repeatedly had their portraits made with, and exhibited with, great warriors of the world; they have turned their church edifices into recruiting stations; they have received and accepted filthy lucre in consideration of rendering service for recruiting young men for the war, and have wilfully preached them into the trenches. And now when the evidence is plain and conclusive that the old world has ended, that the Lord for the second time is present and that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, the ecclesiastics ignore the proof, and scorn, ridicule and persecute those who dare tell the truth to the people. Instead of bidding welcome to the King of glory, and telling the people of His kingdom and the blessings it will bring, they openly unite with the Devil in his schemes to control the peoples of the earth, in a compact designated as the League of Nations; and piously and fraudulently they declare it to be the "political expression of God's kingdom on earth".

In Adversity

IT HAS pleased the Lord to prepare members of His kingdom under adverse conditions. Real Christians have never been popular with the world. During the entire period of the Christian era they have suffered much persecution. They have been counted as the offscouring

amongst men. From what source could we reasonably expect persecution and adversity upon the Christians? From the Devil and his organization, of course; because God declared in Eden that there would be enmity between the seed of the woman, which is the empire class, and the seed of the serpent, which is the Devil's organization. We are not left in doubt as to who constitute the seed or children of the Devil.

When Jesus was on earth those who persecuted Him were the scribes, Pharisees and priests, together composing the clergy of that day, and claiming to be representatives of God. They were hypocrites. Jesus said they were. That class exalted themselves, even as the clergy do today. They posed as men of great righteousness. To them Jesus said: "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater condemnation." (Matthew 23:13, 14) These same hypocrites claimed to be the sons of God; but Jesus plainly said to them: "Ye are of your father the devil."—John 8:41-44.

There is a period in the history of the world known as the time of the inquisition. It was in that period of time that the ecclesiastical courts were organized in certain countries, and men were haled before these tribunals and charged with the crime of heresy. They were put through a mock trial and subjected to all manner of wicked torture to compel them to confess a senseless creed. Who was responsible for this cruel treatment of Christians? The clergy, who claimed to be the representatives of God and of Christ, and who in truth and in fact represented the Devil. They were hypocrites. Such persecution was not confined to the Papal system.

In due course the Protestants resorted to like persecution. Call to mind the venerable John Calvin, the father of the Presbyterians, who signed the death warrant of Servetus and had him slowly burned to death at the stake because he did not agree with the so-called orthodox doctrines of that ecclesiastical system. All the wicked persecution that has been inflicted upon Christ Jesus and His followers has been done by the clergy or at the instigation of the clergy,

who hypocritically claim to represent the God of love and His beloved Son.

The Dragon, the Devil, the father of these ecclesiastical systems, was the real inducing cause for such persecution. These ecclesiastical systems, particularly the clergy and the principal of their flocks, are and ever have been a part of the world, which is under the control of Satan the enemy. These have taught conflicting doctrines and have fought amongst themselves, until some one would come forward with the truth of God's Word. Then they combine under the direction of their father the Devil to fight against the representative of the Lord.

Persecution and sufferings are not to be desired by any one. Every one would rather dwell in peace and in happiness. Jesus and His true followers have been persecuted because of their loyalty and faithfulness to God. This being true, and God being all powerful and the very expression of love, why would He permit His beloved Son and His faithful followers to suffer persecution at the hands of the Devil and his representatives?

The answer is that God has not interfered with Satan's pursuing his course of wilful wickedness. He has permitted him to demonstrate his malignant disposition, and to reproach God and reproach everyone who has been faithful to God, because these persecutions would furnish the opportunities for the Lord Jesus and His faithful followers to prove their loyalty and faithfulness unto Jehovah and to prove the same under the most adverse circumstances.

Concerning Jesus it is written: "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears, unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."—Hebrews 5:7, 8.

If a man prefers bodily ease and comfort and peace rather than the approval of God, then he will put himself in a condition not to be persecuted; and this he may do by proving disloyal and unfaithful to God. But he who would willingly suffer the most ignominious death in order to maintain his loyalty and faithfulness to God can be for ever trusted.

Concerning Jesus it is written: "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death

of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."—Philippians 2:8-11.

Thus did the foundation stone, the chief corner stone, become a tried and proven stone, as the prophet had foretold. Before God granted unto the Lord Jesus the exalted reward of being the Head of the empire He put Him to the most crucial test. Those who will be approved of God and become a part of the empire must follow in the footsteps of Jesus, which include their suffering for doing right. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."—1 Peter 2:21.

Why do true Christians suffer? Because God has chosen them out of the world, and because they refuse to show allegiance unto the Devil's organization. Jesus said concerning His followers: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."—John 15:19, 20.

During the World War from 1914 to 1918 humble Christians residing in Germany were subjected to all manner of wicked persecutions and punishment because they declined to disobey God's command: "Thou shalt not kill." In England, Canada and America like followers of Jesus Christ were beaten, thrown into prison, tarred and feathered, and some of them were killed, because they refused to take up arms against their fellow man, and shed innocent blood. The war furnished an opportunity and an excuse for the clergy who, as the representatives of Satan, hated these humble Christians and who induced the commercial and political powers to unjustly punish Christians.

Not all were persecuted because of refusal to kill; some were persecuted merely because they were witnesses for the Lord. Men too old for war service, and women who were not at all sub-

ject to military duty, because they were Christians were hated by the Devil; and his offspring the clergy induced the persecution and imprisonment of such. For a full account of these wicked and uncalled-for persecutions see *The Golden Age Magazine*, Number 27.

The Christian, however, can bear persecutions for righteousness' sake without developing a feeling of bitterness against his persecutors. He realizes that God permits it, even as He permitted such upon the Lord Jesus, that the loyalty and faithfulness of the Christian may be tested. He relies upon the promises of God and rejoices.

Promises

SUFFERING is a part of the training of a Christian to prepare him for the kingdom of God. When he does right and suffers therefor at the hands of the Devil's representatives, then he may have reason to rejoice. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:10) The Christian is aware of the fact that the Devil has reproached God ever since the time of Eden. It is written concerning the Lord Jesus: "The reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me." (Psalm 69:9) The Devil reproached the Lord Jesus when He was on earth. The follower of Christ expects the same thing, and the apostle plainly states that these same reproaches that fell upon the Master fall upon His body members.—Romans 15:3.

The apostle then goes further and points out that it is a privilege for the Christian thus to suffer with Christ, saying: "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake." (Philippians 1:29) It is a privilege for the reason that it is a condition precedent to entering into the kingdom. "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." (Acts 14:22) Paul emphasizes this when he writes: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Timothy 3:12) Such is the manner in which the Lord has been pleased to select and give the Christians an opportunity to prove their loving devotion to Him.

One who is willing to endure all manner of persecution, and even death, for righteousness' sake, can be trusted with power and authority.

The apostle points out that persecution for righteousness is one of the signs by which we may know that the Lord is dealing with us as followers of Christ Jesus, when he says: "The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."—Romans 8:16, 17.

This may be followed as a safe rule: When one claims to be a Christian, and then indulges in the persecution of another in the name of Christ, that one is a hypocrite and not a Christian. The Lord Jesus did not revile even when He was reviled. The course of persecution and reviling, pursued by the ecclesiastical systems, is therefore proof that they are of their father the Devil and his will they will do.

The true Christian does not think it strange concerning the fiery trials that come to him because of his faithful devotion to the Lord and His cause of righteousness. He relies upon the inspired testimony concerning persecution, as given by Peter, to wit: "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."—1 Peter 4:12-14.

When Jesus was finishing His earthly ministry He addressed those faithful disciples who had been with Him through His trials, and said: "Ye are they which have continued with me in my trials. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me." (Luke 22:28, 29) Thus the Master showed that the empire class would be made up of those who are faithful to God, and faithful to Him. It is not expected that there would be a great multitude of these. On the contrary the Master said: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."—Luke 12:32.

The ecclesiastical hypocrites have made the people believe that billions will be of the kingdom of God. It is safer to follow the words of the Lord and Master, Christ Jesus. In corrob-

oration of what the Master said, the apostle states: "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: if we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us." (2 Timothy 2: 11, 12) The Lord Jesus admonished His followers to fear none of these things, and then gave them this assurance: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Revelation 2: 10.

The Devil's organization is designated in the prophecies and also in Revelation under the symbol of a "beast" and also as "an image of the beast". Those who are promised membership in the royal family of heaven are the ones who refuse to give any allegiance whatsoever to the "beast", the Devil's organization. It is written: "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands: and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."—Revelation 20: 4.

The apostle shows that all the members of the royal line are subjected to the same temptation. (Hebrews 2: 18) The same temptation which was presented to Eve, and to which she yielded and fell, was also presented to ecclesiastics; and to it these systems likewise yielded and fell. A like temptation was presented to the Lord Jesus, but He resisted it and won. All the members of the body of the royal family are subjected to the same temptation. Only the overcomers are granted membership in the kingdom. Overcoming means gaining the victory over Satan's organization by an absolute refusal to render allegiance to any part of it, and on the contrary to manifest loyalty and faithfulness unto God unto the end. To such overcomers these promises are made:

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God: and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name." (Revelation 3: 12) "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." (Revela-

tion 3: 21) "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father."—Revelation 2: 26, 27.

In Bondage

THE term Zion is applied to the people of God on earth because they are of Zion, which is God's organization. Babylon means confusion, and is a term applied to ecclesiasticism because of its numerous systems and conflicting and false doctrines. For a long period of time the true sons of God were in bondage to the Babylonish systems, patiently waiting for the time of their deliverance. These have sincerely prayed as Jesus taught them to pray: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as in heaven." They have waited and hoped for the second coming of the Lord and the setting up of His kingdom, having in mind at all times His promise to the disciples just before His departure: "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14: 2, 3.

In the parable of the wheat and tares, given by our Lord, He shows that this kingdom class would be in bondage to the tares until the time of the harvest at the end of the age. (Matthew 13: 24-30) Then Jesus plainly said that these hypocritical tares were sown by the Devil, that the harvest is the end of the age, that the tares are the seed of the Devil, and that the good seed are the children of the kingdom.—Matthew 13: 38, 39.

The Prophet Daniel prophesied concerning "the time of the end": that is, the time or period in which the evil world will be ending or reaching a climax. Prophecy can be understood only when it is fulfilled or in course of fulfillment. It is recorded in this prophecy: "And he said. Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." (Daniel 12: 9, 10) The wise here mentioned are those who have been watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord and His kingdom. These now understand.

Fulfilled prophecy shows that about 1874 and thereafter the Lord began to shed gradual light upon His Word and to bring true Christians out of Babylonish bondage and restore to them an understanding of the great fundamental truths which had been taught by the apostles but which had been hid by the blinding influence of the Devil. The Psalmist, speaking for the faithful ones thus waiting for the consummation of their hopes, says: "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the nations, The Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us."—Psalm 126:1-3.

The typical kingdom of God, namely, the nation of Israel, was overturned in the year 606 B. C. That date marks the beginning of the Gentile Times. God having here overturned the right of Israel to rule, Satan became the god of all the world, including Israel. The statement

by the Prophet Ezekiel is to the effect that the Gentiles should continue under their super-lord without interruption until "he comes whose right it is". (Ezekiel 21:24-27) Other scriptures show that the period of the Gentiles is, to wit, twenty-five hundred twenty years.

When the true followers of Christ Jesus began to emerge from the Babylonish systems after 1874, and began to search the Scriptures, and saw some of these wonderful prophecies and evidences of their fulfilment, they soon reached the conclusion that the twenty-five hundred twenty year period of the Gentiles of necessity must end in 1914. Therefore they looked forward with great expectancy to the year 1914. The Lord has rewarded them for watching for the fulfilment of His prophetic utterances.

In my next lecture I shall submit to you proof concerning the manifestation of God's kingdom in 1914 and since.

The Keys of Death and Hell

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THE book of Revelation was written by the Apostle John; not by John the Baptist, but by the same John who wrote the Gospel of John, and the Epistles of First John, Second John and Third John. He was that disciple whom Jesus loved, and was closer to Jesus and more His companion than any other person on earth, during the three and one-half years of Jesus' ministry.

When an old man, of over ninety years, John was banished to the desolate island of Patmos; and while there the angel of Jehovah God was sent to him, and dictated to him the book of Revelation.

The book is written in symbolic language, and cannot be understood if taken literally; and this explains why so few people do understand it. Some people have insisted that it should be understood literally; but they get themselves into trouble when they try to make certain of its statements literal.

For instance, we read of a dragon with seven heads and ten horns; of war in heaven, Michael and His angels fighting with the Devil and his angels. This latter statement causes intelligent people to stop and think; for we have all been

taught that the Devil is busy stoking fires in hell, but Revelation 12:7 says that he was in heaven waging a war with Michael.

Why Revelation was Written in Symbols

WE READ of a sea of glass; of locusts, like unto horses prepared to battle, with crowns like gold on their heads, and faces like men, and hair like women and teeth like lions, and breastplates of iron, and wings that made a noise like chariots and horses running to and fro, and tails like scorpions with stings in them and a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, and that their particular work was to hurt men five months. Those were surely strange locusts, if literal.

Read the 9th chapter of Revelation to get this story. Then read the 21st chapter, which tells of a cubical city 12,000 furlongs wide, 12,000 furlongs in length, and 12,000 furlongs high, and the city was pure gold and the streets were gold and its twelve gates were twelve pearls. These gates will never be shut; no need of the sun there, and no night there.

Again, in the 19th chapter we read that heaven was opened, and a white horse came out ridden

by one whose eyes were like a flame of fire, who had many crowns on his head, whose clothing was dipped in blood, and whose name was called "The Word of God. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword." Anyone who can believe that these statements are literal can easily believe that the moon is made of green cheese.

But we are not left to guess about the matter; for in verse one of the very first chapter we read: "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John." The word signify means to write in signs or symbols. Here then is God's own word for it that the book is written in symbols.

But why should God want to write the book in symbols? Evidently there are two reasons: first, He did not want the wicked and unbelieving to understand it at all; and second, He did not want anyone to understand it until down here in the end of the age. Hence it is not until quite recently that the book has been understood by anyone.

In harmony with this we read, in 1 Corinthians 10: 11, that the things written in the Bible are written for those who live in the end of the age; and to this agree the words of the Prophet Daniel. (12: 9) Daniel had inquired, "What shall be the end of these things?" and the Lord's answer was, "The words are closed up, and sealed until the time of the end."

What the Key Symbolizes

IN REVELATION 1: 18, we read: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, . . . and have the keys of hell and of death." Jesus was dead for three days; and after the three days God raised Him to life again, exalted Him far above the angels or any of the heavenly host; and, says Jesus, "I have the keys of hell and of death." What did He mean?

Let us first find out what the word *key* symbolizes. If I should ask anyone to direct me to the man with the key to any public building, every one of my hearers would understand me to mean the janitor, or the man who had the right, the authority, to open the door. The fact that he had the keys would indicate that he possessed this authority. Therefore the word *keys* symbolizes authority or power to open up

or unlock something; and in this case that something is stated to be death and hell. In plain language, the text means that Jesus has both the power and the authority to deliver people out of death and hell.

But, we ask, is it possible that God has planned that Jesus shall open up the great prison-house of death and hell and set the prisoners free? Let the Word of God settle this question for us. I quote a part of Revelation 20: 11-13. It is a picture of Christ's kingdom fully established, Jesus sitting upon the throne, and the resurrection begun. I quote: "And I saw a great white throne, . . . and I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; . . . and the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them."

Here is the plain, unequivocal statement that everybody in death and hell is to be delivered out of them. If this statement is true, then even a child can see that the old teaching of eternal torment is not true; for if hell means a place of eternal torment, then how could anybody ever get out of it?

I propose to show in this talk that everybody in hell will get out in the near future, and that they will not have to hire someone to say masses for them to get them out, either. Please notice that Jesus Christ has the keys of death and of hell; and when He uses those keys, when He opens the door, it will not be necessary to have a mass said nor to pay a priest money for saying one. It will be done without money and without price.

Doctrine of Human Immortality

BUT what do death and hell mean? This is an important question, one every body ought to ask. It is a question that can be easily answered and easily understood. A child ten years old can understand it. The reason that not everybody does understand it is because many people believe in eternal torment and the immortality of the soul. Get rid of these unscriptural doctrines; and then it is quite easy to ascertain what death and hell mean.

Why is it that our parents, our Sunday school teachers, and our clergymen insist that a man is immortal, when the Bible in most positive language says that man is mortal? I quote Job 4: 17: "Shall mortal man be more just than God?"

'Again, the New Testament, 1 Corinthians 15: 53, 54, says: "This mortal must put on immortality. . . . So when this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."

The doctrine of human immortality is found in the creeds, in the hymn books, and in heathen religions; but it is not found in the Bible. Let us be honest with God, then, and cast it aside; for any other course is handling the Word of God deceitfully.

Why is it that our religious teachers, including our parents, insist that the wicked are alive and roasting in eternal torment, when the Bible in plain language emphatically states that dead people are unconscious, that they are dead? I quote Ecclesiastes 9: 5: "The living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything."

Many other texts tell us that at death men are perished like brute beasts, and not a single text can be found to contradict this thought. Clergy men try to twist the parable of Dives and Lazarus into supporting *their* theory, that dead people are alive; but it does not support such a theory.

Eternal torment and human immortality are the two doctrines that make void the Word of God, that blind the people to the truth, and that more than anything else in all the world make God a liar. It is impossible to understand what death and hell mean if one believes these doctrines.

If my radio audience will just bear in mind that dead people are really dead, that they do not know anything, that they are not in heaven nor in eternal torment, but that all the dead are in their graves, just where Jesus said they were (John 5: 25-29), then you will be able to understand me as I proceed.

When Adam Died He was Dead

GOD told Adam in the garden of Eden that in the day that he would sin, he would surely die. Now understand this to mean that he would be really dead, just like a beast; and you have the proper thought. God did not expect Adam to die immediately, but drove him out of the garden and left him alone to die, while Adam strove to keep himself alive as long as he could.

The record is that Adam lived 930 years and he died. He lived 930 years after the sentence

was pronounced upon him. His children were born after the sentence was pronounced upon him, and after he was driven out of Eden; and the record of the Bible is that his children inherited his condemnation; that is, they were born under this death curse, and every one of them has had to die as a result, die just like the beasts that perish. "Like sheep they are laid in the grave." Some have lived longer and some shorter periods, but eventually all have died.

Now notice that since Adam sinned there have been two parts of his penalty: viz., 930 years of dying, during which he suffered from sickness and pain; and after the 930 years had ended and he was actually dead, there have been over 5100 years of unconscious sleep in the dust of the earth.

During the 930 years of sickness and pain Adam was *in death*, in the throes of death, under the power of death, under the penalty of death; and ever since that he has been *in hell*, in the tomb, unconscious, dead, sleeping in the dust of the earth. Hence the two conditions of *death and hell*. All my hearers are in death; and when you are buried in a grave you will be in hell.

What is Meant by Hell

LET us look into this matter still further. What is meant by the word hell? Dr. James Strong, a Methodist, author of "Strong's Concordance", says that the word in the Hebrew carries in it the thought of a *subterranean retreat*. This is a good description of the grave. He also describes the word in the Greek as meaning "unseen". On one occasion I asked an educated Greek what the word *hades* means, and he answered in most emphatic language; "It means a hole in the ground." Here we have the thought of the grave, again.

Let me cite some texts on this point. In Ezekiel 32: 27 we read: "The uncircumcised which are gone unto hell with their weapons of war; and they have laid their swords under their heads." This is a description of soldiers buried with their war weapons, placed under their heads. Surely nobody on earth could put swords into the theological hell! That would be too hot a place for them; but it is easy to put swords into the Bible hell, the grave. Any undertaker can do it.

Amos 9: 2, says: "Though they dig into hell,

thence shall mine hand take them." Every time the grave-digger digs a grave, he digs into hell, the only hell there is in the universe.

In Jonah 2:2, we read of Jonah in the stomach of the great fish. He said, after he had gotten out, "Out of the belly of hell cried I." He simply meant that the stomach of the great fish was his grave, figuratively speaking. Of course he did not mean that he had met the Devil there, and had been tormented in a lake of fire and brimstone while in the fish's stomach.

In Luke 10:13, Jesus said of the city of Capernaum: "And thou, Capernaum, which are exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell." Capernaum was destroyed, and has been in the unseen condition ever since. Hell is the exact equivalent of our English words destruction, oblivion, the grave. Those in hell are dead; they know nothing. I want my hearers to get that statement, and so I will repeat it. All those in hell are dead; they know nothing.

Now, I want you all to look up in your own Bibles, Revelation 20:13: "Death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them." Here we have mentioned again the two places, *death and hell*, and we notice that they deliver up *the dead* which are in them.

God Regards All as Dead

THUS we see that God regards those who are still walking around but under the condemnation of death, as already dead; and the Bible speaks of them as *dead*, in *death*, though men call them living. Note some texts. Matthew 8:22: "Let the dead bury their dead." This means, Let the dead undertaker bury the corpse. Let the dead grave-digger dig the grave, and let the dead clergyman deliver a funeral oration. The entire human race since Adam sinned are called dead: some of them are in death, in the throes of death; and some are in hell, the grave.

Another proof text: In 2 Corinthians 5:14, we read: "Because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead." Christ died for all, for every man, nearly 1900 years ago; and at that time many, many millions of those for whom He died were not yet born. Yet this text says that if He died for all, then were *all dead*.

Now we can begin to see the distinction between death and hell. Death refers to those not yet in the grave, while hell refers to those in

the grave; and in God's sight *both* classes are considered *dead*.

Another text that proves this proposition, is 1 John 3:14. Speaking of the Christian, the apostle says: "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." The Christian, before he became a Christian, was in death, under condemnation like the rest of the world; but when he became a Christian, Paul says (Romans 8:1): "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." Why? Because they have passed from death into life.

It is manifest that this text applies to people still living, who were once in death, but who having accepted Christ as their Savior, are now delivered from death; that is, God counts them as though they had actually died and had had a resurrection. This thought is given us again in Romans 6:13, which reads: "Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead."

Meaning of the Word Soul

BUT when a man is in death or in hell, what does the Bible say is in death and hell? Answering this question, the Bible always says that it is a soul that is in death and in hell. But what does the word soul mean? In Bible usage the word soul always means exactly what our word "being" or "creature" means. We speak of a man or a woman as a being, a creature, or a soul.

The Bible speaks of man as being a soul, but never speaks of him as having a soul. The Bible also speaks of birds, beasts and fish as being souls. In Genesis 1:20, 21 we read: "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature. . . . And God created great whales," and the other fish. Here the word creature is soul in the Hebrew.

When a man dies the Bible always speaks of it as a soul having died; and when a person is resurrected the Bible always says a soul is resurrected. I once looked up the word and found 121 texts which say that souls die and are resurrected out of the grave.

It should be an easy matter for anyone to see that if souls die and are buried in a grave and have to be resurrected from the grave, then the theological idea that at death souls go immediately to heaven or into eternal torment is entirely wrong. If the Bible is true, this theolo-

gical idea is nothing more than theological nonsense, like all the other ideas that have their root in the wisdom of this world, human wisdom.

I have neither the time nor the space here to call your attention to the hundreds of texts that refute the idea that a soul is some part of a man that escapes at death and wings its way to some other realm, there to await reunion with the body, and during this waiting is alive and conscious. The thought is absurd in the superlative degree.

Souls Swear and Eat

NOW note some texts: In Leviticus 4:2, we are told that souls can sin. In Leviticus 5:1, that they can hear. In Leviticus 5:2, that they can touch. In Leviticus 5:4, and several other verses, that they can swear. In Leviticus 7:18, and about twenty-five other texts in the Bible, that they can eat. In Leviticus 22:11, that they are sometimes bought with money. In Leviticus 23:30, that they can be destroyed. There are about twenty more texts that say the same thing. In Matthew 10:28, Jesus said, "Fear not them which kill the body, . . . but rather fear him which is able to destroy both body and soul in hell."

The clergymen and the creeds claim that the soul cannot be destroyed, because it is immortal. I will grant that if it were immortal, it could not be destroyed; for the word immortal means death-proof, impossible to be destroyed. But there is not a single hint of human immortality found in the Bible, but the Bible sets it before the true church as a reward for faithfulness, and tells us that the faithful will receive it at the resurrection of the saints, the first resurrection.

Jesus received the crown of immortality, as a prize, a reward for His faithfulness at His resurrection; and the apostle says of the true church, not the Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, or any other denomination, we "seek for glory, honour and immortality".

In Numbers 30:2, we are told that a soul can be bound with an oath; in Job 7:15, that souls can be strangled. Many other texts tell us that souls can become bitter, grieved, vexed, can laugh, cry, get angry and faint, and do dozens of other things that would be quite difficult for a theological soul to do, because, it is claimed, they are so small that you could put a million of them in a nut-shell.

Beeves and Asses are Souls

IN NUMBERS 31:28, beeves, asses and sheep are called souls; and in Job 33:22 and Psalm 49:15, we are told that souls go down into the grave.

But why continue this list? Surely I have quoted enough texts to show any sane man or woman that the ordinary idea of a soul is entirely unscriptural.

The soul is *the* man himself; and when the man dies it is a soul that has died; when he is buried in the grave, it is a soul that has been buried; and when the resurrection takes place it is a soul that is resurrected. But where has the man, the soul, been while dead? We answer: In the grave, the Bible hell.

Deliverance from Death and Hell

WHEN the Bible says that Jesus has the keys of death and of hell, it simply means that He has the power and the authority to deliver from death those who are in death and from or out of hell those who are in hell.

Those in death are those who are walking around on the earth, subject to sickness, disease and death. They are in death, and will be delivered out of death, by being delivered from sickness, pain, disease and everything relating to the curse of sin and death, which befell the race as a result of Adam's sin.

The Prophet Isaiah refers to this, in chapter 35:4-6, saying, "Behold, your God will come. . . . He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and ears of the deaf shall be unstopped; . . . the tongue of the dumb shall sing."

There will be millions of people on the earth when the Lord sets up His kingdom who will have the blessed experience of never going down into the tomb, into hell, who will never die. No grave digger, no undertaker, no funeral orator will ever get a chance to serve at a funeral for them: for Jesus Christ has the keys of death and will deliver them from death, without the necessity of having to go to hell, the grave.

There are many texts that show clearly that when the kingdom of Christ begins its work there will be some who will not have to die. But to get this blessing, they must accept Christ as their Redeemer and Savior, and come into harmony with the divine arrangements. Jesus said, in John 11:26: "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

'Again, the Prophet Ezekiel (33:15,16) says: "If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he shall surely live."

A Happy Time Coming

WHAT a happy time that will be when the New Covenant is established, when the Devil is bound, when the old Adamic condemnation is removed, and when the people who are living on the earth will come to realize that by obedience to the Lord they can gradually return to life, liberty and happiness, health and peace; in fact, to all that Adam lost in Eden.

Jesus said: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10) What a stupendous miracle it will be, when the 1,500,000,000 people of earth (the willing and obedient of them at least) have an opportunity to return to perfect life on earth, the first opportunity they have ever had to do so; not a second chance, but their first chance!

But while it will be a wonderful miracle to restore this one and a half billion people to perfect life again, God has a still more wonderful miracle in view. For Jesus has the keys of hell, also. This means that all in the tomb shall come forth.

It is estimated that fully 20,000,000,000 people have gone down into the tomb, nearly fifteen times as many as will be living when Christ begins this great work of blessing. What a miracle it will be to bring them forth again! Think of it for a moment. Everyone of these has returned to the dust again, just as God told Adam that they would; nothing to identify them.

The billions of China, of India, of Japan, of Africa, of the islands of the sea, the Eskimo and the Indian, as well as all who have lived in civilized lands; your relatives, neighbors and friends, and everybody's relatives, neighbors and friends, all are to be called forth from the tomb, from hell, by Him who has the keys of hell, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has both the power and the authority to do this, and He will do it.

I now call your attention to Jesus' own words which show that those living at the time He sets up His kingdom and begins the work of blessing

need not die, but that all in the graves will come forth also, and share in the blessings. This refers to those we call the living.

All Graves Will be Opened

I QUOTE John 5:25, 29: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, . . . when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear [obey] shall live." Now, notice the 28th and 29th verses. "Marvel not at this [that living people need not die]: for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth."

These texts mean that it is a marvelous thing to think of one and a half billion people not having to die, but it is a far greater marvel to think of twenty billion dead people coming up out of the tomb. Let me quote another text which we can easily understand now. Revelation 20:13: "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them."

Jesus secured these keys of death and hell; that is, He secured the right and power to deliver the dead from both places, by giving His life a ransom for all, and by learning obedience through suffering, proving His faithfulness and loyalty to His Father even unto death. That is why He is worthy to receive the keys and to deliver all the dead.

When the last person is called up out of the grave, that will mean the destruction of hell, the grave; and when the last person has been delivered from sickness and disease, that will mean the destruction of death. In harmony with this we read, "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

People walking around on earth in death are plagued with pains and aches, doctors and dentists, funerals and cemeteries. Those people who are in hell are destroyed.

Now I want to call your attention to a text that applies down at the time when everybody has been delivered from all these plagues, and delivered out of destruction. It is a shout of triumph, when the victory of Christ is complete. I quote Hosea 13:14: "O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction." ✕

Death's Sting For Ever Gone

IN 1 Corinthians 15:56, Paul says, "The sting of death is sin." It was by one man's disobedience that sin entered into the world. This sin

brought death upon all the race. The poison from the sting of that one sin has passed from generation to generation, and every member of the race was stung to death.

When Christ's kingdom shall have delivered all the willing and obedient from sin, and destroyed in the second death all the wilful and disobedient, then there will be no more sin, and then the sting of death will be for ever gone.

Now listen to another shout of victory, which applies when Jesus shall have used the keys of death and hell and delivered everyone from the power of death and hell. I quote 1 Corinthians 15:55: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave [margin, hell], where is thy victory?" For 6000 years hell has been the victor; but, thank God! very soon now Christ will be the victor and will

rescue everybody but the wicked and rebellious from the power of death and hell.

In Revelation 5:11-13, John gives us a view of the completed work after the keys have opened up death and hell, and delivered everybody. I quote: "And I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven and on earth, . . . heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne [Jehovah God], and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

Bible Questions and Answers

QUESTION: A man has used tobacco for twenty five years or more and has not strong enough will power to overcome it, but on the other hand has unfailing faith in God. How can he apply this faith to overcome this terrible habit?

Answer: The difficulty with many professed Christians is this, that they think that the object of being a Christian is to lead a moral life, refrain from using vile language, abstain from alcoholic liquor, etc. These things are secondary matters, however, to the true Christian. The real follower of Christ Jesus seeks to do the will of the heavenly Father. He seeks to tell others about God's Word of Truth, about the Kingdom of Christ Jesus that is seen to bless all mankind, and thereby he seeks to honor the name of Jehovah God and to comfort his fellow men. If a person has the courage to study the Bible and to tell others about the Word of Truth and thereby seeks to comfort his fellows, he will very soon forget his bad habits, and God will help him in whatever is necessary to live as a Christian. Remember, thinking about self and how much good one can do for and obtain for one's self, is selfishness, and a snare of the Devil; on the other hand, by honoring the Lord Jehovah and helping others understand the Bi-

ble the individual is manifesting real love. The Bible has nothing to say about tobacco; but the experiences noted in hundreds of cases is that the individuals who have been habitual in its use, after making a firm stand for the Lord and after becoming active as spokesmen of God's Word, gradually leave off this habit, and with little difficulty.

Question: What is the purpose of the Memorial or the last supper of the Lord?

Answer: The Memorial or Lord's supper has a twofold purpose, the one is that it is done to call to mind the death of Jesus, that He died that we might have life. In 1 Corinthians 11:24-26 the words of Jesus are recorded by the Apostle Paul, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show forth the Lord's death till he come." Then, too, by participating in this Memorial the individual thereby consents to be counted as a Christian, he agrees both to suffer as a Christian and to share in the joys of being a follower of Christ.

Why the Lord Loved David

[A juvenile Bible story radiocast from Station WORD, Chicago, by C. D. Nicholson.]

AFTER delivering his message to Saul, Samuel reached home with a heavy heart, because he knew that much trouble lay ahead for Saul and all the people. Finally the Lord spoke to him, saying, "How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill thine horn with oil, and go; I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons."

It seems as though Samuel was acquainted with Jesse, and on this occasion went directly to his house to offer sacrifice. Then Samuel began to look at the various sons of Jesse to see which one should be anointed king of Israel; but none of them was indicated by the Lord as the one He had provided to be king. Samuel could not understand the matter, and inquired of Jesse if there were any other sons. Jesse replied that his youngest, a boy of about fifteen or sixteen years of age, was in the fields, looking after the sheep. Samuel commanded that he be sent for at once; and when David arrived, Samuel marveled at the fine, healthy, ruddy-cheeked boy. He wondered why he had not been the first one to be presented. When the lad stood before Samuel, the Lord said to the prophet, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."

While very young, David had learned to play the harp; and he carried it with him almost everywhere and played and sang even while in the fields with his sheep, and in the course of time he became an excellent player and one of the greatest singers of Israel.

After his disobedience and rejection by the Lord, King Saul became a changed man. The spirit of the Lord departed from him and an evil spirit or disposition took possession of him. At the suggestion of one of Saul's servants, David was sent for; and he would play and sing for Saul when the evil spirit came upon the king.

The time soon came when the Israelites were joined in battle with the Philistines. Among the host of the Philistines was a giant named Goliath. For six weeks this giant had been defying the Israelites to fight him. But every one of Saul's army was afraid of the giant. This defiance meant much to David. In his estimation it was a defiance of the Lord God of the Hebrews, and he felt that something should be done about the matter.

David decided that he would fight the giant if

he could get the king's consent and approval. He told the king of the experiences he had had with the wild animals that attacked his sheep and how he had slain them with his own hands. King Saul consented to let him go, and commanded that his own sword, shield and helmet be given David. David tried the armor on, but found the parts were much too heavy; so he asked that they be removed. He then took his trusted little slingshot and five smooth stones from the brook, and went out to meet the Philistine.

When the giant saw David coming, he made fun of him and cursed him, insulted to think the Israelites would send a mere boy out to fight a mighty, proud and haughty giant. As he saw David leave the camp to accept his challenge, he called out, "Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field." Without the slightest doubt about the outcome, David replied in a clear, sweet voice that could be plainly heard by all the Philistines as well as the Israelites, "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. . . . The battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands."

Then David ran toward the giant; and as he ran, he took one of the little stones and without stopping began to swing his sling around his head, around and around. Finally he let go; and swift as an arrow the stone sped on and struck exactly where David intended it should—deep into the Philistine's forehead, and the giant fell upon his face to the ground. When the army of the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled, while the soldiers of Israel with a mighty shout and with renewed courage pursued their enemies who had been holding them at bay for months, killing many of them.

As we look over the brief history of the life of this marvelous boy, we are made to understand why it was that the Lord loved him and was able to use him as a great leader among His chosen people, Israel. In choosing a man to fill the office of king, the first thing the Lord apparently looked for was that of a good and honest heart; one that would be faithful and loyal under all circumstances and conditions.

Little Studies for Little People

(Study Twenty-eight)

"Thy Kingdom Come"

225. All the nations of the world today claim to be the kingdom of God in the earth. If we look at each of them, we shall see how foolish their claim is.

226. The Bible tells us that God's kingdom, when it is established, will be all justice, and righteousness, and peace. If you were to study all the histories in the world, you could not find an account of any kingdom or nation that has ever been willing to do absolute justice.

227. There have been, and there are now, many wonderful men who have been at the head of the nations of the world, and whose aim has been to raise their nation to the high standard of righteousness and justice set by the kingdom of God. But of course, as they were all imperfect human beings, they could not do this.

228. The kingdom of God, now being established in the earth, is a perfect kingdom. It is all righteousness, kindness, and justice. The imperfect kingdoms of men are, as a whole, unjust, unrighteous and very cruel towards one another.

229. They claim to be the kingdoms of God, and then deliberately go to war with one another, which means that many innocent, good people are killed; and God says, "Thou shalt not kill." In God's kingdom, people will not have to be killed in order for the kingdom to prosper.

230. Those who love God have been earnestly repeating for two thousand years the words of His dear Son, Jesus: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."

231. In order for God's kingdom to be set up in the earth, it is necessary for the Devil's kingdom to be swept away. This is being done now; and although the different nations which compose the Devil's kingdom are trying to hold themselves together, they must finally be broken in pieces before the mighty power of God, for it is part of the great plan that they be leveled.

232. No matter how many airplanes, battle-ships or armies a nation may have, or how big and strong it may be, or how much money it may possess, it must and will be broken up, and the people in it made to suffer a great deal of trouble; for this is the only way in which mankind can be made to see the results of Adam's

disobedience, and can be brought to a humble state in which they will cry unto the Lord for help.

233. Then the Lord will listen and take pity on them, and give to the people what they have prayed for all these years without knowing it: a perfect kingdom.

234. God is so wonderfully good that we cannot imagine all the blessings He has in store for us, but can only take a few at a time, to examine; and by them we get some idea of the wonderful things He will do for us when His plan is complete.

235. One of the greatest of these blessings is that the Lord is choosing certain persons, who love Him very much, to share His power and glory in the new kingdom which is to shed such happiness on all the earth.

Questions on Study Twenty-eight

225. Do the present nations and kingdoms of earth think that they are part and parcel of Christ's kingdom? Are they right or wrong?

226. When God's kingdom is established what will be the general result in terms of justice and peace? Is there any just nation now on earth?

227. Have there been in almost every nation some men who have tried hard to bring justice to the common people? Why could they not do this?

228. What will God's kingdom stand for as a whole, when it is fully established? What do all other kingdoms stand for as a whole, usually?

229. Would one part of God's true kingdom go to war with another part? Is it right to kill innocent people to maintain any government? Why not?

230. How long have God's true people been earnestly repeating the prayer, "Thy kingdom come"? Is the prayer sure to be answered satisfactorily?

231. In order for Christ's kingdom to be set up in the earth what must happen to the Devil's kingdom? Is it happening now? How?

232. Will the big kingdoms and nations have to be broken in pieces as well as the little ones? Why will this be necessary? Will it last?

233. When the hopes of the people have been dashed in pieces what will be the next thing that will happen to them? Will it be worse or better?

234. Is there any way of measuring at one time all the blessings the Lord has in store for us? How only can we get a right idea of them?

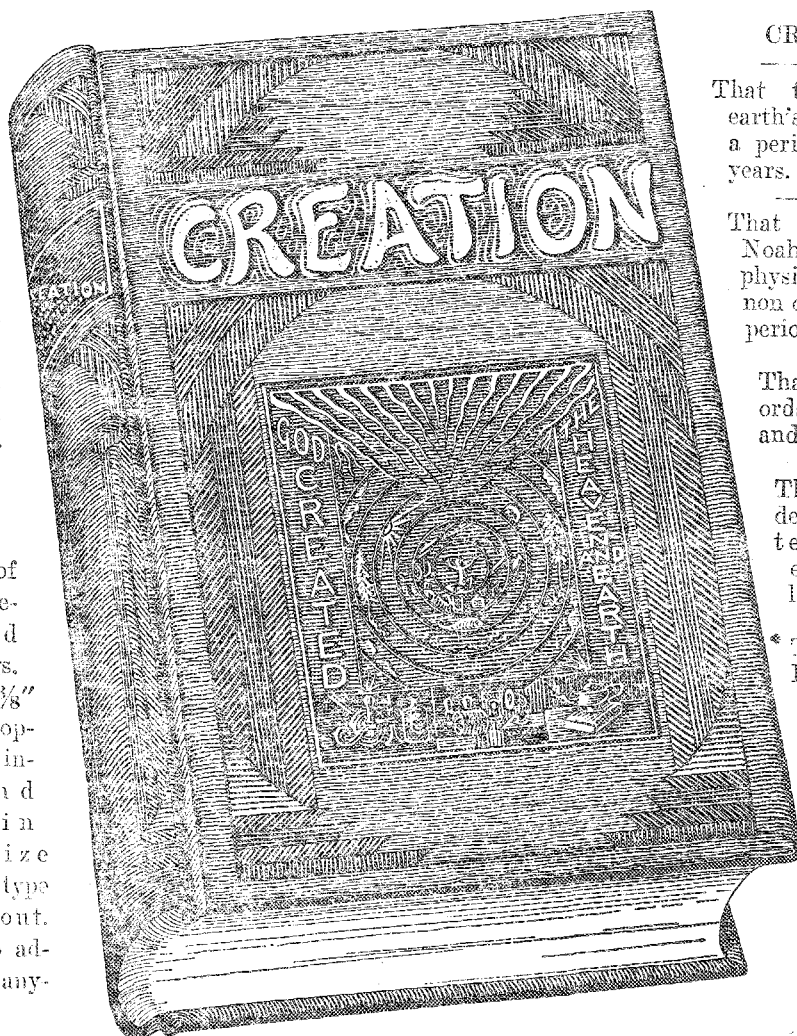
235. What is one of the greatest of these blessings that is coming to men? Do you know somebody that you think maybe the Lord will thus choose?

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