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"Preparation" for Armageddon

*"Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot."—
2 Kings 10: 15.*

JUDGE RUTHERFORD would not ask anybody to help him in the great work on which his mind and heart are set. He is not built that way; and we admire him for it. But we are sure that, as a true and faithful witness of Jehovah God, he would be pleased with any method the Lord might use at this time to wake His people up to the seriousness of the situation that confronts them, and to the grand privileges which they have of climbing up into the chariot with Jehu, earth's New King. And so, without any more preliminaries, to the work in hand.

Do you believe in the things that Judge Rutherford sets forth? They are true. What are you going to *do* about it? We stand on the threshold of Armageddon, foretold for six thousand years, at which time Jehovah God will resume full control of earth's affairs, and at which time, if you are not heart and soul in sympathy with the New King, you will most certainly die. We want you to live; hence this statement.

We do not know the facts, but there must be many thousands of readers of *The Golden Age* who do not take *The Watchtower*; every one of them ought to have it. *The Golden Age* merely seeks to present pen pictures of what is going on about us, as mirrored in the news of the day. Judge Rutherford's books, and *The Watchtower*, all from his pen, are being used by the Lord to make clear His Word; all written expressly for the people now living.

Do not think *The Watchtower* or the new book *Preparation* are too deep for you. Such is not the case. You *must have* the food which these contain if you are to survive what is ahead.

And further, you must *do* something with your life. You must show Jehovah God that you really love the truth, and that you really love Him, and love your spirit-begotten brethren now "prisoners", church members in the

Devil's prison houses, and be willing to move to their relief.

What kind of person is it who knows that a building is on fire, and will burn to the ground, and that there are people in it who are blind, asleep, drugged, bound hand and foot, and yet fails or refuses to pull the fire alarm?

Won't You Try to Find Out?

Won't you try to find out what YOU can do to help honor God's name? It would not cost you much. You could write a note or even a post card to Judge Rutherford, Brooklyn, N. Y., and ask him what you can do to help. It would be good to put on your envelope, "From a Jonadab," and we know that Judge Rutherford would be glad to help you find a place in the organization, even if it were nothing more than to proclaim THE GOLDEN AGE widely as "The Good News of the Kingdom of Jehovah God—the best all-round magazine in the world". Write to him and see what he says.*

The reason why this subject is being put up to you in this manner is that time is now an important factor. The very fact that *Preparation* for Armageddon is off the press is proof enough that the time has come to prepare for the event itself; so, if your heart is right, this is meant as a helping hand to get into the Watch Tower organization and *do* something.

We Try to Describe "Preparation"

We try to describe Judge Rutherford's latest book *Preparation*, and what follows are ideas snatched here and there from what is at the moment the most important book in the world. The book is so compact, so condensed, that it is difficult of description. It is an exposi-

* In support of this statement see recent letters from Jonadabs and others, foot of page 68.

tion of the prophecy of Zechariah. If we had once thought Revelation and Ezekiel the most difficult books of the Bible to understand, they now yield the palm to Zechariah; yet in *Preparation* the whole book yields its treasures. And what treasures!

The kingdom of Jehovah God, which was born in 1914, is the main doctrine of the Scriptures; its interests have been given over to the faithful; it is the remedy for all human ills. Lifted up to power, it will destroy all that oppose its establishment. In Armageddon Jehovah himself will rain down upon His opposers pestilence, blood, overflowing rains, hailstones, fire and brimstone, making a full end of all the selfish and unrighteous.

Jehovah God, the Great Shepherd of all the sheep, including the Jonadabs, is not responsible for mankind's woes and wickedness, but saves His people by becoming their God. It is this Mighty God, the God of Battle, the God of War, that, seeing Armageddon is necessary for the vindication of His name, and the cleansing of the earth, is maneuvering all the nations of

the earth into open antagonism against Jerusalem, His organization.

It is this Mighty God that makes bright His clouds, sends forth His showers of truth and prepares those who love Him, including the Jonadabs, for the part they are to play in the preparation for Armageddon. He needs not to prepare himself for Armageddon, but He does need to prepare others.

His eyes now see the overt acts that have been committed against those that are His, the remnant. He prepares the way for these to advance, and they do advance. He defends the remnant (and the Jonadabs), becomes a wall of fire about His people, and at Armageddon vindicates His witnesses and His word. He is himself the Commander in Chief of all the forces of righteousness.

The Fountain of Cleansing Waters

The Fountain of Cleansing Waters is Jehovah God. Eventually, all who will live must be cleansed in the waters that flow from that Fountain. The anointed of God (anointed before the

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DEAR SIRs:

I am a subscriber for your *Golden Age* magazine and will say that in my estimation this periodical has not an equal in America today. The wealth of information regarding our social, economic, political and religious problems is amazing for such a small journal.

Very truly yours,

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GENTLEMEN:

I delayed writing this letter for some time through nothing other than carelessness. We have as many as twenty-five different magazines in our office. No other magazine creates as much favorable comment as *The Golden Age* does. I can truthfully say that *The Golden Age* creates more favorable comments than all the other magazines combined. Am glad to give this recommendation for the benefit of anyone who might be skeptical about subscribing for it. I can assure you that they will be more than surprised with the pleasant comments which *The Golden Age*

would create. Assuring you that it is my intention to subscribe for *The Golden Age* as long as it is published, I am,

Yours for greater success,

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I read twenty magazines and periodicals and *The Golden Age* comes first of them all. Hail to more power for Jehovah's name.

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GENTLEMEN:

Wish *The Golden Age* were published weekly or daily; hard to wait, so interesting its pages have grown this year. Thanking you.

Yours truly,

M. W. ZIMMERMANN.

sanctuary was cleansed, and before the Jonadab class began to appreciate their privilege of getting into God's organization), must needs all have laved in those cleansing waters before they could have been anointed. Truth is *important*. 'The heavens giving their dew' represents Jehovah God pouring out fresh truths for the anointed, the prisoners and the Jonadabs.

The prophecy "I will hiss for them" refers to Jehovah's 'whistling' to His people, drawing their attention, gathering them together as His flock, for the purpose of announcing His coming vengeance. The prophecy about 'all families coming together at Jerusalem' refers not to any assembly at any literal city, but does mean that at stated times all persons, regardless of physical location, shall assemble before Jehovah God, i.e., unto His organization, devoting themselves to the King and His kingdom.

Jehovah's organization, the greater part of it invisible, is pictured in Zechariah's prophecy by two brass mountains, by the four winds of heaven, and by the light-bearing candlestick. This organization, to which we hope, dear Jonadab, you will join yourself, becomes His instrument, implement and weapon for His purpose.

"The Man That Is My Fellow"

"The man that is my fellow" is the one man, the Jew (Judean — praiser), upon whose skirts all that will be saved must take hold if they would live. He is The BRANCH, Christ Jesus, Joshua, the angel of Jehovah, the Governor in Judah. Like Melchisedec, He had no predecessor as king.

This "man" was wounded, with those with Him, when the Elijah work was put to death, in 1918. Those were stirring times. In all the experiences of His people He shared with sympathetic heart. "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." He judges Joshua (the remnant in the flesh) and rebukes Satan.

Since then this "man", who was called a bastard by the scribes and Pharisees, has been reigning in Ashdod, Satan's stronghold. Many a time since 1918 the Devil's crowd have wished that that "bastard" would keep silence. Nevertheless, He rules in the midst of His enemies, and none may say Him nay.

This "man" is a burdensome stone, a "stone of stumbling". You can see how it is. He is the cornerstone of Jehovah's temple, or organization. Upon this stone eventually the eyes of all

that live will rest when He shall have driven Satan's organization into ruin and have vindicated His Father's name in Armageddon. And thus it is that 'seven eyes shall be upon that stone in that day'.

This "man" is Jehovah's "arrow", that goeth forth as the lightning, Jehu-like. Or, He is the battle-bow that will cut off all other battle-bows. This man is the "nail" upon whom the Father will hang the glory of His house.

The north half of the mountain cleft by Jehovah's feet represents The Christ in kingdom power; the south half represents the angels of God's organization. "Under the vine and fig tree" refers to present peace, security, rest and joy in the Lord. This, dear Jonadab, we hope you now possess.

The Unobtrusive Angels

The unobtrusive angels set a good example to us poor humans. They go quietly about the Father's work, content to be unnoticed and unknown, but they have an important part to play in God's organization and, very properly, have a grand share in the battle of Armageddon and the vindication of His name.

The white horses (angels) are a division of the angels that attacks the forces of Satan's prime minister, Gog. (In the evil world Satan, the mimic god, assumes the place of Jehovah, while Gog assumes the place of Jehovah's viceroy, Christ Jesus.)

The black horses (angels) are a division of the angels that are entrusted with work that vindicates God's name. The grizzled horses (angels) are a division of the angels that move on Satan's earthly organization.

Two interesting angelic personages are represented as two women with stork wings. They are entrusted with the work of bearing the wicked old woman, the Devil's wife, to the land of Shinar, Babylon. In other words, they fix her so that she cannot bring forth any more devilry in the earth. The old lady gets her final ride in an ephah, a rather humiliating coffin.

The fact that an angel repeatedly talked with Zechariah shows that God uses angels to teach His people now on earth. In the prophetic picture the inhabitants of Jerusalem represent the remnant now in the earth.

And So to the Remnant

You understand who "the remnant" are. They are the spirit-begotten that have been and are

true and faithful to Jehovah God. They live for the honor of His name. In Zechariah's prophecy they are designated as the approved ones; the daughters of Zion; the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign; the apple of Jehovah's eye, the members of His organization, and as His little ones, or feeble ones. Jehovah's turning of His hand upon the little ones was to lift them up, so that they might not be of those that lift up themselves. Jehovah's favor is marvelous in their eyes.

It will be well known to most of our readers that God's organization in the earth is now doing an Elisha work, very different from the Elijah work, which passed away in 1918. Those who were faithful in the Elijah work and are now also faithful in the Elisha work we identify in the book of Zechariah by Joshua. In *Preservation*, Judge Rutherford's explanation of the books of Esther and Ruth, these are identified as the Mordecai and Naomi classes, i.e., they are the old-timers that keep up to date with the light of the truth and are faithful to that light. They *do* something.

The other part of the remnant is obviously the class pictured by Esther and Ruth themselves in the books bearing those names. In the book of Zechariah they are the boys and girls playing in the streets, and the three men that came from Babylon with silver and gold for the temple.

These two parts of the remnant are really all one; all received the anointing alike. Collectively they are the bay horses of Zechariah's vision. Collectively they are included in the four carpenters that hammer the horns off the Devil's bullheads.

Recent History Reviewed

Preparation reviews recent history. Prior to 1922 God was a little angry with His covenant people, because of their disobedience and negligence; they were then a "curse" to the nations, but are now a blessing. Before those days there was no hire for man or beast, i.e., no effective service. During those days, while waiting for Jehovah to show His hand, the remnant passed through a great period of mourning. A similar mourning will overtake Satan's organization at Armageddon.

Strengthened by Jehovah's invisible army, the remnant has been gathered out of Assyria, the political and religious elements of Satan's organization. Its flight to the valley of Azal

was from 1918 on. Delivered from Babylonian captivity, the remnant has been brought into the land of Gilead.

Fruitful in the old age of the church this company now gathered to Zion returned to build the temple of God, were gathered unto the temple as Christ's joint-heirs, were given a double portion of Elijah's spirit, and thus anointed were sent forth to bear witness to Christ's crowning. Beyond the veil the resurrected members of this royal house, the House of David, are as powerful as the Angel of God.

Collectively this entire company has turned to the stronghold; it is now in the valley of the mountains; now drinking the new wine of the kingdom. The removal of Joshua's filthy garments represents the approval of this remnant for service, but they must give the strictest heed to the Word or go back into captivity to Satan's organization.

Remnant Must Obey the Word

The truths now being brought out in *Preparation* and Judge Rutherford's other books, and in *The Watchtower*, give hope to the remnant, but they must obey the Greater Moses now setting before them life and death. They must do the things commanded, must declare the judgments written and must strengthen the weak hands, and all must share in the general service of the hour without distinctions.

The remnant will avoid spies, hypocrites, opposers and false shepherds, and the Jonadabs will do the same. What the remnant accomplishes is accomplished only by God's spirit. Though despised by the enemy, this little company walks to and fro through the earth, walking up and down in Jehovah's name, scattering His fiery message right and left. They are fighters of the right sort, submitting to no censorship of their heaven-sent message, and in the end will trample under foot all opposition. "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly."

Jerusalem (Judah — praiser), the remnant, is the "third part" that goes through the "fire", the refiner's fire of purification. Their part is to sing Jehovah's praises. Against them will come the great stress of the siege in the Battle of the Great Day, but through it all the remnant with steady hand will continue to warn men of the Lord's cup that makes the nations reel. In another figure, the Lord shall smite the waves in the sea and all their waters shall be dried up, that

the advance of the remnant may not be blocked. In fact, they shall see the lifeblood of their enemies spilled in Armageddon.

Known since 1931 as *Jehovah's witnesses*, the remnant are pictured in Zechariah's prophecy as the skirt of the Jew upon whom the ten men take hold. They are also pictured as the two olive trees. The tents of Judah (praise) are their temporary dwelling places, i.e., they dwell temporarily on earth in the flesh. They stand in contrast to the clergy.

Scattered in various parts of the earth, there to perform God's will, the remnant there shine forth as the sun. They understand Zechariah's prophecy, have broken all connection with "Christendom", are criticized for declaring God's vengeance, but ask not permission to preach the gospel.

Having been caused to possess all the precious truths now due, the remnant must remain cleansed, must serve notice, must show the way of escape, and have part in executing the judgments written. They shall increase as they have increased; Satan cannot succeed against them; they shall be counted in with and as a part of the Vindicator of God's name. Jehovah's organization as a whole does not magnify itself against the remnant; none can magnify himself above another; all the glory is for Jehovah.

The Poor Prisoners in Babylon

The poor "prisoners" in Babylon, the "great multitude", are in a pit wherein is no water; nevertheless, though they are now in the pit, and like desolate heritages, yet they are part of the flock that is to be fed and are called to return to God's organization. These poor unfortunates will understand Zechariah's prophecy, will flee to the valley of the mountains, the path of truth, and will be joined to the Lord.

The Jonadab class receive the life-giving waters before Armageddon and the rest of mankind, symbolized by the "great sea", afterwards. Half the living waters go to the former, and half to the hinder sea. Pictured as ten men of all languages the Jonadabs hear the truth, understand it, and say, **I will go also.** These are part of the flock to be fed; they are warned and shown the way of escape; they understand Zechariah's prophecy and flee to the valley of the mountains. The Jonadab class will pass through Armageddon and will witness the vindication of Jehovah's name.

The 'gates of the city' are not literal gates, but references to entry into Jehovah's organization; the tower of Hananeel is God's watch tower; the king's winepresses are a reference to the joy of the Lord. The staff Beauty pictures the everlasting covenant made with all people; the candlestick pictures Jehovah's organization and witness work for all devoted to Him.

The up-to-the-minuteness of the book may be judged from the applications of various scriptures to every year from 1914 to 1933 inclusive, with but four omissions from the list. One of the most important periods in the history of the kingdom of God terminated October 15, 1932 — the 2,300 days of Daniel.

Satan and His Invisible Organization

In the battle of Armageddon Lucifer, now Satan, the prince (god) of this world, will take his last stand as the mimic god. He it is who challenged Jehovah's word in Eden and has defamed His name till now; he it is who formed all fraudulent religions, created the oppressive commercial system and corrupted and uses the political element.

Satan has formed a conspiracy against God's anointed, seeking to prevent further testimony work. The conspiracy is marshaled under the leadership of Gog, the same evil angel who formed the conspiracy to kill Jesus. One of Satan's mouthpieces, and his field marshal, this enemy of Jehovah God is to be crushed and destroyed.

Satan's Visible Organization

The principal part of Satan's visible organization is the seventh world power, the "little horn" of Daniel, the Anglo-American alliance. Typified by Greece and her sons, this power, in an implied covenant with God, has been the principal persecutor of His people. In one place Zechariah refers to it as an impenetrable forest.

In 1918 the seventh world power rifled the houses of Bibles and Bible helps and ravished the women, i.e., tried to force the chaste virgins of Christ to abandon their loyalty and yield to their wishes. The Elijah work was not heeded by "Christendom", but was killed in that year. The remnant mourned for it after it was pierced, but those that went over from it into the Elisha work found their privileges doubled. The Mor-decai class was the first to take up the new work.

The seventh world power, "the false prophet,"

"Christendom's" mainstay, is a colossal fraud and a shedder of blood; it is the "cedar" tree, the Devil's substitute for Jehovah's kingdom; it has rejected Christ as King and His kingdom and has broken the everlasting covenant.

The Lord was but a little displeased with His people, but this wicked system took away the continual sacrifice and cast down the sanctuary. Like Hamath, it borders on Tyre (the commercial element) and Zidon (the propaganda system) in its attacks upon the remnant. Tyre, the commercial element on land and sea shall be devoured.

The breaking of the staff Bands, God's covenant with "organized Christianity", was on July 26, 1931, with the adoption of the resolution at Columbus. Babylon symbolized Satan's organization. Jerusalem, Zion, God's organization, is to govern; the abomination, the League of Nations, is to be destroyed.

The "Man of Sin"

The "man of sin", "the son of perdition," at the last includes the clergy and the elective elders, and aids public officials in the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses. This 'foolish shepherd' class, the "evil servant" class, the would-be "nail" upon which the glory of the kingdom should hang, like Judas, prices Jehovah's witnesses (at what a price!), sells the flock and blesses God.

The three shepherds that are cut off in one month (suddenly) are the "man of sin", the clergy, and the elective elders; these are the goats that are punished. The two parts that are cut off and die are the clergy and the "evil servant".

The clergy, the false swearers and thieves, have been purchased by the commercial and political elements; they indulge in formalism, which is displeasing to Jehovah; those that follow them are not fed; they are Satan's instruments to scatter the sheep; they sell the flock and wear special garments for effect. They will get their wounds in the house of their friends when the "prisoners", the "great multitude", pull down the house from beneath them.

These sheep merchants are part of the rulers of "Christendom". As the mighty oaks of Bashan they are Big Business' camouflage religions. As Philistines, they are opposers of God and His remnant and are to be vanquished. A 'father and mother thrusting through a false

prophet' means that the faithful use the Word of God unsparingly, no matter how near the relationship.

The "evil servant" class cannot serve, because its arm is dried; and it cannot see, because its right eye is darkened. When the city, God's organization in the earth, was taken captive in 1918, the "evil servant" went into captivity, but the residue, the remnant, was not cut off from the city, but is in it to this day, thank God!

The elective elders gnash their teeth and weep and wail because the truth exposes their unfaithfulness. They have been occupying an unscriptural position, putting service work in the rear, and copying the clergy as to garments. Pictured by the Samaritans, these false shepherds are like diviners; they are not permitted in the temple, not used by Jehovah to feed His people, and yet attempt to prophesy. Having been cut off as shepherds, they must be got rid of. They come into one class with the clergy, the "man of sin".

The Battle of Armageddon

From the spring of 1918 to Armageddon is the day of "Preparation" of the forces that will participate in the "battle of the great day of God Almighty", earth's final and conclusive conflict. That battle is the attack by Satan's forces on the New Jerusalem. "Christendom" will bring all its power and wealth to bear against Jehovah's organization. At Armageddon every one that is on Jehovah's side will be wholly devoted to Him. The conversion of the world will follow thereafter, easily and naturally.

In the fore part of the battle, or preceding it, we might say, Gog, Satan's prime minister; the entire beast, "Christendom's" political, commercial and religious monster; and the seventh world power, the "false prophet", will boast and babble in an unprecedented manner. The visible part, pictured by Egypt and by trees, will fall in sections and every element thereof be destroyed. The strong-arm squad has already joined Gog against God's people, and due notice has been served on them.

Satan, cast out of heaven, has drawn "Christendom" into his camp, taken a position like Jehovah, directing Gog, and will see his organization perish. The concluding act is the destruction of Satan himself. The flying roll, a great record, 15 by 30 feet, contains the message of God's vengeance against covenant-breakers, of whom Satan has been one.

In Armageddon Jehovah's four-square organization will come against all parts of Satan's organization, which shall crumble like a rotten wall; how soon this will be no man knows. Just one of the plagues of the enemies of Jehovah is that "their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume in their mouth". The promised plague of the horse, mule, camel and ass will mean the end of tanks, airplanes, motor trucks and like instruments. In the midst of all that will be required of the remnant in that day come the words, "Fear not, but let your hands be strong."

Concluding Thoughts

The thousand-year reign of Christ is a day by itself, beginning, not with the beginning of the reign of Christ, but with the vindication of God's name at Armageddon. The 'mourning as one mourneth for his only son' is the mourning for the Elijah work that passed away in 1918, never to be revived; it should stop. Instead of fasting and sorrowing because the truth progresses, joy should be in every heart, "forgetting the things that are behind."

Courageously, Judge Rutherford in *Preparation* points to a changed view on one text from that given in a certain place in *Deliverance*. To more than offset it is the discovery that Deuteronomy is written for our time. We conclude with a single paragraph from this wonderful book, which should be digested by every person in the world who loves Jehovah God and is hoping to pass through Armageddon into peace:

The prophecy of Zechariah clearly discloses these truths, which, in brief, may be stated in this manner, to wit: After Satan and his wicked angels are cast out of heaven, and after the World War has ended, Christ Jesus and his accompanying hosts of angels make inspection, or survey, of all the things pertaining to the earth. The Lord beholds and makes note of the wicked condition of hypocritical "Christendom". Christ then gathers together before him for judgment all who have made, either directly or in an implied manner, a covenant with Jehovah to do his will and all who have been called to the Kingdom, and begins the work of judging; and all the approved ones he brings into the temple and makes a part of Jehovah's organization. Thus the approved ones are made a part of Zion and are truly "Judeans". In the judgment work that takes place at the temple Christ Jesus gathers out or puts away all of "Christendom", and particularly her clergy that have proved unfaithful to God. He gathers out and puts away all lawless workers, the selfish and ambitious ones

that form the "evil servant" class; the slothful and improvident or worthless servant is taken away, and everything about the sanctuary is cleared out and cleansed, leaving only those who truly love God and who are entirely and wholly devoted to him and his kingdom. Thus God's sanctuary is cleansed. The approved ones he sends forth then to "offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness", and their offering is "pleasant unto the Lord" because they are devoted to him and his praise and service. (Mal. 3: 3, 4) All of such is a work of preparation before and for the great war, and at which "battle of that great day of God Almighty" the name and word of Jehovah will be for ever vindicated before all creation.

The Radio Witness Work

PULASKI, Va. "I have just enjoyed listening to the splendid and very searching lecture delivered by Rutherford at ten o'clock this morning. Because of my keen interest in and deep concern relative to his wonderful books and scholarly speeches, I am asking that you send to me at your earliest convenience a copy of the lecture this morning." G. W. L. (Principal) Buffalo, N. Y. "Kindly send me one of Judge Rutherford's addresses. Am more than interested in your helpful broadcasts." K. L. II. Orange, N. J. "Today I had the pleasure of listening for the first time to Judge Rutherford. His talk from the shoulder (if you will pardon the expression) impressed me more than words can say, and so if you can spare a copy of this morning's lecture, or any other, for that matter, I will say thank you." S. E. K.

Providence, R. I. "Having listened to that wonderful lecture, given so fearlessly by Judge Rutherford this beautiful morning, I was very much touched, and would like to receive last Sunday's lecture, that I may study same and check up same, as I am a believer in God, but not of any particular faith except when I hear the Word of God preached faithfully by a man as if it was in his own heart and mind. I hope the time will never come when we cannot hear the truth plainly spoken and cannot receive these great messages over the radio." H. A. M.

Haddonfield, N. J. "Please send me copy of Judge Rutherford's lecture. It was fine. I listen to the WATCHTOWER every Sunday. May the Lord bless Judge Rutherford and keep him from all harm. I have read quite a few of his books and think they are just grand." Mrs. E. W. W.

Making the Final Choice

FROM Judge Rutherford's address "Why Serve Jehovah", broadcast October 15, 1933, on a chain of over one hundred stations, extending from coast to coast, one gathers the clear impression that there are now millions of people in America that are making their final choice as to whether they will continue to worship the false god, the mimic god, the god of this world, the one that has held the whole human family in bondage for six thousand years, or will turn to the true and only God, Jehovah, the Creator and Redeemer of man, the everlasting Ruler of the universe. Destiny is at the door.

There is general unanimity among the thinkers that there is something radically wrong with the world. They can see the trail of blood and crime stretching across the centuries; they know that the masses have toiled and produced and had nothing, and that the classes have neither toiled nor produced but have had more than heart could wish. In themselves they feel the urge for justice, but some of them sadly admit that they know not how to bring it about. A few, a very few, of these thinkers reason from effect back to cause and justly conclude that man is not functioning as he was designed to function and that some evil force is restraining or impeding him in the proper exercise of his faculties.

Such reasoning is correct and locates the Devil, Satan, as the real cause of humanity's woes. Without knowing that they are so doing, most men by their course of conduct bear silent testimony to the fact that they are serving and therefore worshiping the Devil. They do his will, or, as the Scriptures put it, they are taken captive by him at his will. His servants ye are to whom ye render obedience.

No man of himself is clever enough to match his wits with Lucifer, Satan, the archenemy of Jehovah God, who has had six thousand years of experience in testing out various methods of dishonoring God's name and of deceiving and oppressing mankind. For now many centuries he has seemingly had his best results by heralding the correlative evils of purgatory and eternal torture as the fate reserved for man by a god that has neither wisdom, justice nor love.

The Devil Is a Liar

Over and over again, in one form or another, Judge Rutherford proves to his audiences that the Devil is a liar. He tells them where and how in Eden the first lie and the first liar start-

ed man upon his present unhappy course; how it was that the first man lost life and the right thereto, and the challenge was made and accepted that Jehovah could not put a man upon the earth who would under the stress of suffering remain true to Him.

At length the man Christ Jesus appeared, and, though He suffered, His obedience never flagged; He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. He was faithful even unto death, and because of His faithful devotion and service to Jehovah He proved His own qualifications to be the Vindicator of Jehovah's name and the Savior of the human race. In due time He was rewarded with a name which is above every name, Jehovah's alone excepted.

Jesus bestowed upon His apostles a share in bearing testimony to Jehovah's name, with the certainty that the reproaches which had fallen upon Him would fall upon them. What they endured, that they might have the privilege of maintaining their integrity toward Jehovah God, occupies a considerable space in the New Testament record. They laid down their burdens at the close of life's little day secure in the assurance of their acceptability as true and faithful witnesses and of a place with Jesus wherever He shall be.

Following the apostles other faithful ones were taken out from among men to be the followers of Christ Jesus, until, in 1914, the World War and other attending evidence furnished the proof that the time had come for Christ's reign to begin, and it did begin, one of its first acts, properly, being the expulsion from heaven of the Dragon, the Devil, who till that time had had access to the heavenly courts.

The Fight Transferred to Earth

Since the expulsion of Satan from heaven the fight between the new King, Christ Jesus, and the old king, Satan, has been transferred to earth, and Jehovah now has in the earth witnesses who go from one stronghold of Satan to another to bear testimony that Satan's reign has ended and Christ's reign has begun.

This creates an interesting situation. These witnesses, to be faithful, must be scorned, abused, arrested and maltreated; and they have been, and they are thus treated, and this accounts for the strange treatment they have received in the earth, many times recorded in these columns.

In all past ages, from Abel even until now,

there have been some that were faithful and true to Jehovah God. The Scriptures mention many of these who lived before the days of Jesus. The Scriptures show that these faithful ones that in that long interval of about four thousand years remained true and steadfast, maintaining their integrity, will be resurrected as perfect men and made the visible representatives of God's righteous government on earth. The awakening of these cannot now be far away.

Just now a new class is coming to the fore, a class plainly foreshown in Holy Writ, a class that joins itself to earth's new King, participates in the witness work, or, at any rate, observes it with friendly eye, passes unscathed through the battle of the great day of God Almighty (Armageddon), receives the Lord's word of approval and the promise of everlasting life and goes over into the golden age of glory and peace and joy and divine blessing everywhere told in Holy Writ, and that every decent and honest person on earth wants to see in full operation.

The Jonadabs of Jehovah

Happy are the Jonadabs of Jehovah, in some respects the most fortunate people that have ever lived. Like the faithful from Abel to the very time of the cleansing of the sanctuary (now a year in the past), they must have the spirit of full and true obedience to Jehovah God, and a sincere and honest desire to see the vindication of that name though the earth stagger like a drunken man and the storms that sweep across the visible heavens seem to rend it in twain.

Yet no matter how great the storm, these faithful ones will live on, and shall see their little ones grow up in a world where plenty shall take the place of poverty, peace shall take the place of war, truth shall take the place of falsehood, honor shall take the place of dishonor, justice shall take the place of injustice, the Lord Jesus Christ will take the place of Satan, the god of this world, and, most important of all, the good name of Jehovah God will be vindicated and He shall take His rightful place in the heart of every one that lives.

Meantime the Jonadabs are in for a warm time, no doubt; but what of that? They have had troubles in the past which brought them nothing; now their faithful conduct will bring them everything. As the sheep, in the parable of the sheep and goats, they will seem unlovely to the goats. But the important thing is that

they are approved by earth's new King (the antitypical Jehu); He lifts them up into His organization, as Jonadab was lifted up into Jehu's chariot, and they are in for the grandest ride in history. When it is over the Devil and his crowd, including the goats, will be out of luck. They have had six thousand years of it; now they are not going to have any more at all. Jonadab will tell about that ride for a thousand years, at the very least.

The World Will Be Coming Along

The world will be coming along behind the Jonadabs. Don't worry about their salvation; the great God has made all necessary provision for that. As fast as divine wisdom sees will be best they will be awakened from the sleep of death (not brought back from heaven, hell, purgatory, limbo or any other place where the Devil's clergy have put them) and be given a chance to line up and live or line up and die. The lining up work is on right now.

With the Devil out of the way, and the priests and preachers all silent in the grave, and all lying newspapers closed up, Big Business at an end, the strong-arm squad a mere matter of history, and the Devil's governments no longer functioning, it will not take the new King long to open the blind eyes of all that wish to see, and to open the deaf ears of all that wish to hear. Those that prefer to remain blind and deaf will be allowed to die.

It is an hour filled with tragic importance when Judge Rutherford hints to his great audience that the Devil's crowd are seeking now, in their desperation, to prevent him from broadcasting the truth to the people, as he has been doing now for years past. They may succeed, temporarily, but final victory will be with Jehovah God and with those who are faithful to Him.

Already, Judge Rutherford warned, hundreds of transcription machines are in the land, and will be used in halls and public places to freely convey to the people the all-important news that Armageddon impends, in which hour God's name will be vindicated, His enemies destroyed, and His friends ushered into everlasting life here on earth.

This is the general drift of what Judge Rutherford talked about on October 15, under the title "Why Serve Jehovah". You will want to get the whole lecture, and it will be announced in due time how you can obtain it.

Latin America — The Question Mark of the 20th Century

In Four Parts — Part II

AT THE height of the French Revolution, just after the death of Robespierre, a dashing young widow, with her two children, called upon Napoleon Bonaparte, to thank him for restoring to her the sword of her executed husband. She became the Empress Josephine. She was born in the French West Indies, in the island of Martinique. It has belonged to France since 1635.

Though small in size, Martinique has created considerable excitement in the world. In 1929, from its 385 square miles, it exported 34,972 tons of sugar and 4,369,057 gallons of rum. In 1927 it was calculated that 97 percent of the 234,695 inhabitants are Negroes.

On May 8, 1902, Mont Pelee, in the north-western part of the island, erupted, completely destroying the town of Saint Pierre, with all of its 26,000 inhabitants. One iron vessel, with her decks loaded to the gunwales with hot ashes, staggered to sea and was the only thing within reach that escaped. Four months later a second eruption destroyed about 2,500 more persons in adjoining villages.

Guadeloupe, another of the French West Indies, some seventy-five miles to the north of Martinique, has about the same population, but is almost double the size. A hurricane in 1928 took 660 lives. Porto Rico we described at length in *Golden Age* No. 230.

The first land that Columbus saw in the new world was Guanahani, or Cat island, one of the Bahamas. His first landing was on San Salvador, or Watling island, also one of the Bahamas. The Bahamas were fully described in *Golden Age* No. 253.

On his first voyage, on which he discovered Cuba, he also discovered and left a garrison of 39 men on what is now called the island of Santo Domingo or Haiti, but was then called Espanola or Hispaniola. This island, which is now divided politically between the black republics of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, is 400 miles long and nearly 200 miles wide. Mount Tina, the highest mountain peak, is 10,300 feet high.

Toussaint L'Ouverture

Santo Domingo is famous as the birthplace of the Haitian soldier and liberator, Toussaint L'Ouverture. He was a full-blooded Negro and was born a slave. This man, considered one of the ablest military men of his time, was respon-

sible for the successive chasing of British, French and Spanish troops out of the island, and the establishing of the two Negro republics that now occupy it. Treacherously seized, he died a prisoner in France; but, though both republics are dominated by the United States Government, they still persist.

The total population of both parts of the island of Santo Domingo is 3,750,000, almost solidly Negro. Demonism is rampant. It was the French Revolution that stirred these blacks to exterminate their white rulers, and when Haiti showed her ability to shake off the yoke, the fires of liberty were set all over South America.

Had the blacks that were brought over from Africa really been "Christianized", Spain would perhaps be in control of all Latin America to this day; but the clergy were corrupt and vicious, selfish and untrustworthy. In their treatment of their slaves the white women were said to be more cruel than even the men. Among the women of the colony were many of low morals, taken from the streets of Paris.

The Negroes came to see the whites just as they were, and determined to get rid of them, and did. The two races fought with the ferocity of wild beasts, committing frightful atrocities on both sides. The sweeping victory obtained has made it difficult to handle or control the Negroes now living on the island.

The first gold that Columbus took to his sovereigns came from Santo Domingo. That it was hardly won is proved by the fact that, even with modern methods, the mines which produced this gold cannot be profitably worked today. The only way they could be worked at a profit was by the forced labor of Indian and Negro slaves, which was the way it was done.

On September 3, 1930, a hurricane swept the city of Santo Domingo, destroying all but four hundred of the ten thousand buildings in the city. By this terrible storm 2,500 were slain, 10,000 were injured and 30,000 were rendered shelterless. The property loss exceeded \$20,000,000.

The Dominican Republic, which occupies the eastern two-thirds of the island, has an area of 19,325 square miles. It is thus considerably larger than Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire, put together. It is very fertile, about 15,500 square miles being cultivable. Ex-

ports in 1927 were \$31,178,769. Now you know why the United States' marines have stayed there so long. That military administration, however, has built 845 miles of modern highways, besides railways, and increased the enrollment of school children from 18,000 to more than 100,000.

Haiti, which occupies the western one-third of the island, has an area of 10,204 square miles and thus exceeds the area of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Here also the United States military administration has built 800 miles of modern highways. Exports in 1927 were \$22,667,246.

United States troops were withdrawn from the Dominican Republic in 1924, and are expected to be withdrawn from Haiti in 1936.

The Pearl of the Antilles

Fifty miles west of the island of Santo Domingo or Haiti lies the island of Cuba, 730 miles long, with an average width of 50 miles. The eastern end lies directly south of New York city, the western end directly south of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The total area is about that of Pennsylvania. A splendid day and night service of through express trains, equipped with sleeping cars and dining cars, covers the island.

Conditions in Cuba are very different from those in Haiti. Of a total population of 3,763,375, about 70 percent are white, a condition almost exactly comparable to Florida, to which it lies so near. Favored with a wonderful climate, and the most productive soil anywhere known, Cuba produces regularly one-half of the world's sugar.

The mountains of Cuba are covered with magnificent forests. The scenery is wild and very beautiful. A concrete motor road 20 feet 8 inches wide runs for 705 miles, the length of the island, without any grade crossings. The cost was approximately \$101,125,000, which figures out at \$143,439 per mile. Somebody must have squandered money on that road like a drunken sailor.

It is believed that for climate, soil, and location with reference to markets, as well as number of excellent ports, Cuba is one of the most favored spots, perhaps the most so, on the globe. Extremes of temperature are unknown.

There are many beautiful caverns in Cuba, and in the western provinces numerous streams disappear from view in underground channels long before the sea is reached. There are vast iron-ore deposits, near Santiago. The copper

mines at Cobre, also near Santiago, were at one time the greatest copper mines in the world.

More than 3,350 native plants have been catalogued. All kinds of tropical fruits grow luxuriantly, many of them without cultivation: bananas, coconuts, oranges, lemons, limes, pineapples, anons, mango rose-apples, pomegranates, sapotes, tamarinds, figs, citrons, guavas, alligator pears, mameys and guanabanas.

In the cigar factories with which Havana abounds, readers are employed who read good books aloud to the workers as they work. Thus the Cubans are among the best read people to be found. The University of Havana, until it was closed in 1931 by presidential decree, had over 6,000 students.

Beautiful Land of Anahuac

The thieves and murderers of Europe were always fond of the fields and mines and personal property of the denizens of other lands; and they remain so to this day. When Pope Alexander VI drew his famous line through the Azores, from pole to pole, giving everything west of that line to the Spanish monarch, he probably never once thought of the command, "Thou shalt not steal"; and when Cortez invaded Mexico and covered the land with blood it is doubtful whether he knew there is such a mandate from the Almighty as "Thou shalt not kill". Mexico traces her present-day trouble to these errors.

The Mexico of today is 1,900 miles long, with a breadth varying from 750 to 130 miles. It is a plateau country; and the combination of a tropic sun, a high elevation and a rich soil enables it to produce 90 percent of all the different agricultural products known to man, at the same time giving to a larger part of the interior the climate of eternal spring, 65° to 75° the year around. The rainfall is liberal; and the streams from the tablelands to the sea have cut wonderful canyons, 800 to 1,000 feet deep, creating a beauty and variety of scenery of remarkable interest.

In this beautiful land of Anahuac, as it was then called, the Aztecs of long ago developed a form of civilization blemished, it is true, but probably not worse than that which Cortez represented; and in some respects it may have been better. At any rate it was a "self-determination of peoples", and the people then were happier than they have been since.

The Aztec and His Ejido

The *ejido* is the key to the Mexican question. The Aztec government was a tribal one, and so devised that absolute poverty was an impossibility. Around every village was a great tract of land owned by the village as a whole. Every year the natives, by their elders in the town council, parceled out the land that was to be worked by each family. Such a thing as private property in land was never known among the Aztecs. None among them could become wealthy at the expense of the others, and none among them could become destitute if willing to work.

The ill and the aged were cared for, rights of person and property were enforced, marriage was sacred, and intemperance was frowned upon. There were courts of appeal; and even the Aztec emperor himself was held in check by a supreme court that protected the humblest subject against any attempted aggression. Great post-roads girdled the entire country. Upon these roads trained runners relayed messages to and from the remotest parts of the empire in an incredibly short time. Intensive farming, canals and irrigation ditches made Mexico a flower garden. The mines yielded almost illimitable treasures. The wealth of the Aztec nation knew no bounds. Gold, silver and precious stones were more plentiful with them than with any other nation of the ancient or modern world.

Cortez a Fiend Incarnate

Upon this scene of peace and plenty the European savage Cortez landed in April, 1519, with 11 vessels, 700 Spaniards, 18 horses and 10 pieces of artillery. For hundreds of years the Mexicans had had the superstition that at some time white "gods" (!) would come from the East and dispossess them of their country. The landing of Cortez filled the people with terror; for they esteemed him and his followers to be immortal gods whom it would be useless to resist.

Montezuma, the Aztec emperor, sent embassies to Cortez while he was still at Vera Cruz, attempting to dissuade him from invading the country. These embassies carried with them helmets full of gold dust, beautifully engraved gold and silver plate, and collars and bracelets of gold and silver, inlaid with precious stones. The more Cortez and his followers saw of these gifts the more rapacious they became; and Cortez himself, a man of intrepid courage and unspeakable devilishness, forced the issue by burning his ships and sending one of Montezuma's

embassies back with both hands of every one of the fifty men cut off at his wrists.

By November 18 of the same year Cortez had reached Mexico city, then called Tenochtitlan; and although received with the greatest courtesy by the people he imprisoned their emperor, obliterated all records of the Aztec civilization, burned their great library, razed their monuments, killed their most intelligent representatives and left not a vestige of their original city when he began the rebuilding of the city in 1522.

According to a Tezeocan account, when Montezuma found he could not avoid the initial interview with Cortez he said to him and to his men: "Be welcome! Rest now after the labor you have had in coming such long ways. This is your house and these are your palaces—take them and rest therein with your captains and the companions who have come with you." Compare the acts of this heathen man with those of the supposed Christian, Cortez.

Among the acts of Cortez which mark the character of the man were the burning alive of an Aztec governor and sixty of his followers and the butchery of six hundred of the nobility in their temple, after he had given them permission to assemble there for religious services, and had stipulated that they must come unarmed. In the city of Cholula, while the streets of the city were thronged with people attending a festival, he became suspicious; and at a given signal his men opened fire and killed thousands of them. By these and similar methods of cruelty and terrorism he seized Mexico in the name of the Spanish sovereign. It is estimated that he and his brothers in arms in North America and South America put to death fifteen million innocent persons within the first half century after the discovery of America; but there were sections of Mexico, notably Yaqui land, that he did not conquer and that have never been subjugated even to this day.

Pauperizing a Nation

But bad as were the things that Cortez did to the generation then living, the thing that he did to the unborn generations of Mexicans for hundreds of years to come was worse. He took away from the people their *ejidos*, located obviously in the centers of the richest areas, and gave these lands to the Spaniards who came with him and who followed him. The natives were driven away from the fertile and well watered valleys to hilly, wooded or semiarid

lands, there to struggle for a livelihood under much less favorable conditions, although millions of them were denied even that privilege, and were branded with hot irons and made slaves of the colonists who now began to come from Spain in large numbers.

Unfamiliar with the (to the Aztec) vicious and unexplainable system of private ownership of land, the Mexicans lost more and more of their lands, some to the nobility, the great landlords, and some to the church, until today the descendant of the Aztec is virtually landless and homeless in the land of his fathers. Not all of the *ejidos* were lost at once; indeed, some of them are in existence to this day, and there are places in Mexico even now where the live stock of any villager may be pastured free of charge on the outskirts of the village, in a space allotted. But transfer of title away from the people who properly owned these areas into the hands of great and wealthy landholders has progressed from the time of Cortez onward.

The original idea of most of the so-called colonizing countries of Europe was to use the new countries merely as sources of raw material, and to do everything possible to repress their industries, the same as is still done in our generation with the cotton industries of India and Egypt; and until 1821 Mexico was so completely in subjection to Spain that no person born outside of Spain, even if of Spanish parents, could hold office of any kind in Mexico. Some of these Spanish viceroys were good men; many of them were bad men. Most of them were cruel and selfish, and not interested in Aztecs except as slaves. In many of them the capacity to think and act independently and effectively was stunted by the law of the Inquisition, "Thou shalt not think"; and force and cunning inevitably superseded true statesmanship.

Roman Catholicism in All Its "Glory"

The most conspicuous example of what private ownership of lands leads to in a country where the common people are ignorant of such a custom is that of General Luis Terrazas. At one time this man, recently living in El Paso, held 70,000,000 acres in the state of Chihuahua—one-half of the state. He could ride all day north, south, east or west and never go outside of his own land. The whole city of Chihuahua belonged to him. No one in the city could borrow money or buy property without his consent; and if any borrowed they paid, toward the last,

12 percent for the use of their money, all of which went into his coffers. He paid no taxes to anybody, had 30,000 natives in his immediate service, worked them to the limit, paid them thirty or forty cents a day, compelled them to trade at his stores, and virtually held them as slaves. He was supposed to be the largest landowner in the world.

In 1910, some eleven thousand families owned 44 percent of the national territory, including the bulk of the best arable soil. These estates were almost entirely free of taxation, the bulk of the taxes being laid against the smaller holdings. Many of the great landlords held thousands of acres idle right at the time when thousands of the common people were wandering, landless and homeless, from one mine or plantation to another, seeking a chance to earn bread. This land question in Mexico is really at the bottom of all Mexican troubles, and is one that will not down.

So many of the *ejidos* had fallen into the hands of a few aristocrats, and so many more had come under the control of the church, that when in 1857 the constitution was changed and the lands of the church were confiscated, the *ejidos* were confiscated with them, the thought apparently being to restore all their lands to the people, but by a system of private ownership instead of community ownership. The actual effect of the law was to make the condition of the people still worse than it had been; for the confiscated lands passed very quickly from religious to secular control, the great landlords bought them up for a song, and the people in general were brought to a condition which amounted to slavery, as on the Terrazas estates.

The natives have never ceased to want their *ejidos* back. From generation to generation they talk about them; and Carranza did actually bring about the restoration of 117 *ejidos*, covering 280,244 acres. Ten acres of this rich soil, bearing three crops a year, is sufficient to maintain a family of five persons, so that it may be said that Carranza succeeded in repatriating 140,000 humans on the soil which belonged to them and to their families. And who shall say that this was not a commendable work? How many other statesmen do we know that have succeeded in restoring 140,000 of the poor to their lost lands and lost liberties? Persons in Mexico at the time that some of these *ejidos* were returned to the people state that good soldiers to whom some of these *ejidos* belong in

communal ownership suddenly threw away their guns and became the most pacific of farmers, not even waiting to finish the tasks in hand.

Enslaving Future Generations

Whichever way we turn in consideration of Mexico's difficulties, we are confronted anew with the problems arising out of the possession of almost all of her soil by a few families. So great were these estates a few years ago that the average size of the Mexican hacienda was eighty times as great as that of Cuba, and four thousand times as great as in Porto Rico. Three of these vast estates, taken together, were as large as the whole of France.

The owners of these great estates had peons working for them for wages contrived to be always a little less than the peon could live upon. He must borrow money to live; he could borrow only from the hacendado, and sometimes must pay as high as 90 percent for the use of the money. If he could not pay the money when it fell due he could not legally leave the hacienda; and there were peons in Mexico toiling their lives away trying to pay back money thus borrowed by their great-grandfathers a hundred years ago.

Moreover, the owners of these great estates pay next to nothing in the way of taxes and are so powerful that taxes cannot be collected even when levied. It frequently happens that a hacienda covering, literally, millions of acres pays less taxes than an adjoining estate of very limited acreage.

Mexico's troubles will not be settled until the lands that were stolen from the common people 400 years ago are returned. They have some of their *ejidos* back, but they want them all. Those who hold the lands cry out in "holy horror" that these people are wicked communists. And communism is such a dreadful thing that if you are a Russian, and came to this country when you were two years old, and if you believe in *ejidos*, or anything that looks like them, back you go to Russia; for this is the land of the free and we do not stand for anything like *ejidos* here. No, siree! In this country we believe in letting the wealth get into the hands of the few, the same as in Mexico, and doing everything possible to keep it there. That the people should not desire land, except plots large enough to hold them when they are no longer able to work, seems to be the view of some.

The Bible does not teach communism. The Scriptural proposition regarding restored humanity is, 'They shall sit every man under *his* vine and under *his* fig tree' (1 Kings 4: 25), subject to neither landlords nor communal ownership, but only to the true God, JEHOVAH, and His King, Christ Jesus. (1 Corinthians 15: 28) In the golden age, now at hand, this will be the arrangement in all the earth.

Parentage and Education

Mexico has approximately two and one-half million white people of Spanish descent, four and one-half million Indians, largely Aztecs, and nine million Mestizos, as they are called, descendants of the two races combined. Few of the Indians are acquainted with the Spanish tongue; they are largely a passive element in the population. By the four and one-half million natives that do not speak Spanish there are spoken fifty different languages and almost innumerable dialects. It is claimed that 80 percent of the people are illiterate; and some have used this as an argument that they are not adapted to self-government. But we reflect that it is only a few generations since England passed laws providing for such of the English lords as could neither read nor write; and it does not at all follow that one who is without ability to read and write may not have as much good common sense as some people who have had great educational advantages.

The Indians who were able to keep in a measure aloof from the whites have fared better than those who were enslaved and brought into closer contact with their conquerors. Many of the latter lost their original tribal morality and acquired the vices which have been carried by European civilization throughout the earth: lying, stealing, immorality and drunkenness. Upon these poor peons, as they are called, has fallen the work of producing whatever Mexico has produced, whether in the mines or on the great estates. Fifty years ago these peons were paid as little as six cents per day. The peon needs to be educated and lifted up. He needs to learn how to live. In many districts, back in the interior, the huts are of but one room, and for safety's sake all of the livestock of the family is brought into the room at night, pig, hens, burro and dogs. Mexico's present enlightened rulers want to rectify these conditions and to make it possible for the peon to occasionally

have other food than the tortillas (corn cakes) and coffee, which usually make his meal.

Many Lovable Traits

Mayor Charles Davis, of El Paso, Texas, after thirty-eight years of experience, says: "There are no better people than the Mexican merchants and professional men, while the Mexican peon is no trouble at all, and is not blood-thirsty if he is let alone." Travelers report that the Mexicans are among the most polite people in the world. A common form of salutation is, "May God go with you," a form of salutation far above that which prevails in the most exclusive and self-satisfied portions of the United States. Hospitality and general goodness of heart are manifest everywhere. Orphans are never left without homes; and in cases of sickness, bereavement or misfortune the sympathy of the neighbors and of the whole community is generous, sincere and practical.

The family ties of the Mexicans are so strong that the men will go nowhere without their wives. If the men are in service as engineers, firemen, conductors or trainmen, the wives go along as a matter of course. If the men go into battle the wives go along to care for the sick and wounded, to forage for food and to prepare meals for their husbands. The meals prepared under the most trying conditions are said to be remarkable for their neatness and delicacy.

Mexico has been pictured as a land of sombreros and bare feet; and while it is a fact that there are no skyscrapers, yet there are compensating advantages. The people move leisurely in the streets, the flowers are more plentiful, the food is simpler, the houses are simpler and more beautiful, and the people are sunnier, and sweeter far than some of their neighbors—not mentioning any names.

The Mexicans have great fondness for art, for literature and for the sciences. They have an instinctive taste for music, a music noted for its pathos, simplicity, and passionate love. A guitar goes with every regiment into battle; and the music which it yields not only is wild, barbaric and impelling, as one would expect in the descendant of the Aztec, but has in it also the grace and romance of the Castilian.

A collection of photographs of the governors of Mexican states shows that they compare favorably with an equal number of governors of American states. The faces bespeak intelligence, refinement and good breeding.

Mexico's Political Fight

As in every other country, the political war which has been waged in Mexico in the past, and which the country still faces, is a fight between liberals and reactionaries. The struggle has taken different forms at different times; and occasionally, as in the United States, men who were elected as liberals have turned out to be reactionaries, and the fight has had to be fought all over again. Too long a lease of power makes any party or any man a reactionary.

The fight in Mexico has ranged around the landless condition of the common people, and the liberals have at all times had the end in view of trying to do something worth while toward the bettering of their condition. When the fight first opened, in 1857, it was largely against the church, on account of the fact that at that time the church held in fee simple three-fourths of the most valuable real estate in Mexico city; and vast tracts of land and haciendas of fabulous richness were in the possession of the priesthood all over the country while three-fourths of the population were absolutely landless. Many of these great estates were not cultivated, but merely held, tax free, for purposes of speculation. Much of the best real estate in and about Washington, D. C., is now held in the same way.

The Constitution of 1857, with its amendments of 1873, called the Laws of Reform, provided for liberty of speech, liberty of the press, liberty of faith and worship, the right of all denominations to establish schools and colleges, lawful intermarriage of Catholics and Protestants, public schools for secular education, complete separation of church and state, prohibition of laws establishing or suppressing any religion, prohibition of legal recognition of religious festivals, prohibition of clerical vestments on the streets, prohibition of religious processions in the streets, prohibition of discourses advising disobedience to the law or advocating violence to anyone, prohibition of gifts of real estate to religious institutions except for religious edifices, prohibition of monasteries and convents, prohibition of any law permitting the reestablishment of Jesuits or Sisters of Charity, prohibition of religious vows swearing away one's liberty, the civil inspection of cemeteries, and the opening of cemeteries for burial of all.

While these laws were in process of discussion, and as an evidence of how a really good man in the Catholic church viewed the situation,

we quote from the Abbe Domenech, chaplain of Napoleon's expeditionary force to Mexico, words written in 1867:

"If the pope should abolish all simoniacal livings, and excommunicate all the priests having concubines, the Mexican clergy would be reduced to a very small affair. Nevertheless there are some worthy men among them, whose conduct as priests is irreproachable. In all Spanish America there are found among the priests the veriest wretches, knaves deserving the gallows, men who make infamous traffic of religion. Mexico has her share of these wretches. One of the greatest evils in Mexico is the exorbitant fee for the marriage ceremony. The priests compel the poor to live without marriage, by demanding for the nuptial benediction a sum that a Mexican mechanic, with his slender wage, can scarcely accumulate in fifty years of the strictest economy. This is no exaggeration."

We are glad these words were written by the Abbe Domenech; for if they had been written by others we should have been inclined to think they *were* exaggerated.

Progress in Mexico

Slavery was abolished in Mexico three years before it was abolished in the United States. The republic has 20,000 miles of up-to-date American railroads, a greater range of remarkable vegetation than any other country in the world; and before the World War it produced one-third of the world's silver, one-ninth of its lead and a good share of its gold. It produces three crops annually and was pronounced by Humboldt the treasure-house of the world. Mexican linens are among the best.

The city of Mexico has nine hundred streets, but the streets follow the London custom of several different names for the same continuous thoroughfare. These streets are broad, well paved, well kept and bordered with good sidewalks. An efficient and up-to-date traction service covers the city and its environs.

The city also has a wonderful sewage system, piercing a mountain thirty miles distant by a tunnel seven miles in length. Through this tunnel are led away the surplus waters which at various times in the past flooded portions of the city.

Real Facts About Mexico

Major Lynn Dinkins, president of the Interstate Bank of New Orleans, after a six-week tour of Mexico, said:

"We did not see a single bandit or hear of any. We found conditions politically, financially and socially

different from the impressions we entertained before our departure. We traveled more than two thousand miles by railroad within the limits of the Mexican republic, and our trains were *all on time*. The roadbeds of the Mexican railroads are better than those of the American lines."

William H. Ellis, New York banker and broker, is authority for the statement, "Mexico without a doubt is the richest spot on the face of the earth, and I have often thought that this is why there is so much trouble in that country."

John Lind, ex-governor of Minnesota, once President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico, says that anarchistic American business men in Mexico have attempted to evade payment of taxes in Mexico that were proper and right, and that they have caused annoyance and embarrassment by objecting to laws and taxes which the Mexican government imposed and attempted to enforce.

He states that many Americans have not treated the natives well, adding, "I saw American-owned plantations where peons were herded by guards armed with revolvers, sawed-off shotguns and blacksnake whips. They were slaves to all intents and purposes. I came to the conclusion that it is impossible for Americans to operate tropical estates without these conditions, and that it was a very great misfortune that they ever became involved in them. It only begets strife, ill feeling and revolution."

Mexicans claim that no honest, fair-minded Americans ever came to Mexico to go into business who did not succeed, but that they have noticed that Americans have always given support to every anti-governmental outbreak, and that it is not to be wondered at that such citizens are viewed with suspicion. There are thousands of Mexican laborers in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, on the ranches, in stores, at work on the roads; and there are no more law-abiding or capable workers to be found.

Europe's system of doing business with Mexico is to give four to eight months' credit, while America's system is to demand cash with order.

A Poor, Deceived, Simple-Hearted People

The native Mexicans are a poor, easily deceived, simple-hearted people. For centuries the demons have taken dreadful advantage of their natural reverence. The Roman Catholic system merely shifted their superstitions. The worst frauds were practiced upon them. Thus, the Mexican historian Joaquin Garcia Icazbalceta

concludes that the story of the miraculous appearance of the "virgin of Guadalupe" has no foundation in fact; but what a money-maker it has been for those that have managed the deception! To approach this church, with its fabulously wealthy gold and silver fittings, the poor natives were required to crawl on their hands and knees.

The cathedral in Mexico city is the largest church building in the Western Hemisphere and the oldest still in use. It stands on the site where once stood the Aztec temple of Tenochtitlan razed by Cortez. In the early days "conversions" were often obtained by military coercion. Later the treasures of the natives in gold or silver were obtained by heavy exactions and were worked up into church ornaments.

Mexico, having learned something the United States never learned, now has a law that no Mexican chief executive can be reelected. He is thus enabled to give his best efforts to the welfare of the country instead of to the problem of how to get reelected.

Determined to unload the Old Man of the Sea that has held everything back for four hundred years, the present generation of Mexican statesmen has made it hard going for the Roman Catholic system. Thus in Vera Cruz there is a law in effect that there may be but one priest for each 100,000 of population. There are almost equally severe limitations in the states of Chiapas, Queretaro and Jalisco. In the state of Tabasco no priests at all are allowed. The people have suffered so much from their rascality that they want nothing more to do with them, but want to be let alone, to be born, to live, to marry and to die without their officious interference.

A first-class modern highway will shortly connect Laredo, Texas, with Mexico city. The people are beginning to hear and to receive the message of God's kingdom. What a grand future there is before such a fine country and such a fine people! An odd item in the news is that Hotel Geneve, Mexico city, heated by the hot-water system, was the only heated hotel in Mexico in the year 1932.

The Central American Family

The Central American Family, so called, includes, from west to east, in the order named, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. These were once all parts of the Viceroyalty of New Spain, which included everything between the Isthmus of Panama and

the Mississippi, Missouri and Columbia rivers. In other words, Mexico, if it had retained all its territory, was about equal in size to the whole United States.

Guatemala, which at one time dominated all Central America, is of the size of New York state, with an estimated population of 2,454,000. On Gil Gonzalez's first expedition into this land he emerged with 32,000 scalps dangling at his belt, i.e., he baptized that number of Indians. They had to become baptized and be 'good Roman Catholics' or be dead Indians, and as they were peaceably disposed they took what looked like the best way out. There are numerous policemen in New Jersey, also Roman Catholics, who seem to have learned what they know of "religion" by somewhat similar methods.

About 60 percent of the population of Guatemala is pure Indian; most of the remainder are half-castes. There are over 700 miles of railways. Education is compulsory. Exports in 1897 were \$34,000,000. Most of the population is on the narrow west coast. A great part of the country is undeveloped.

El Salvador, about the size of Massachusetts and Connecticut, is a one-crop country. Its prosperity depends on coffee. It has luxuriant forests and abundant mineral deposits awaiting development. The population is 1,459,578, two-thirds Indians and Mestizos. The capital has been wrecked by earthquakes twelve times since 1539 and is so subject to rockings and tremblings of the earth as to have acquired the name of 'the swinging hammock'. Education is compulsory. Exports in 1928 were \$24,463,860.

Honduras, of the size of Pennsylvania, has the distinction of having the only capital in the Western world that is not located upon a railway. It is, however, located on a very good automobile road, 82 miles from the nearest port. In subjugating Honduras, on account of its impassable swamps, the conquering Spaniards had to make friends of the Indians, who became and are to this day mostly Spanish-speaking Indians. The population is 859,761. The country is very fertile, but undeveloped. There are 1,065 miles of railways, laid out mostly to serve the banana industry.

Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama

Nicaragua is of the size of New York state, with a population of 750,000. It is famous as the site of the most natural route across the Isthmus of Panama. Nicaragua lake, 106 feet above the

Pacific ocean, is separated from that body of water by a strip of land 12 miles wide, which is at no point more than 150 feet above sea level. It once emptied into the Pacific, but now empties into the Atlantic.

The real reason why Uncle Sam is always messing in Nicaragua affairs is that he knows a good canal there could be constructed for less than it cost to construct the Panama canal. (The Nicaragua canal route would be 177 miles from ocean to ocean, of which 55 miles would be improved river navigation and 70 miles would be in Lake Nicaragua.) Uncle Sam, in 1914, at a cost of \$3,000,000, obtained the exclusive right to build such a canal. The Nicaraguan region is extremely volcanic. From the roof of St. Peter's cathedral in Leon (which cathedral was built at a cost of \$5,000,000 when labor was valued at 25 cents a day) thirteen volcanoes may be seen.

The United States Government has finally taken a tumble to itself, and in 1936 will withdraw its troops from Nicaragua. The holding of these troops there cost the United States taxpayers more than \$5,500,000 and aroused resentment all over Central America and South America. While the troops were there the Government gave out at least four separate and different reasons as to why they were ever sent there in the first place.

Costa Rica, of the combined size of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut, differs from other countries of Central America in the fact that out of its population of 515,000, only 3,500 are Indians, and there are 18,000 West Indian Negroes, who live near the coast, but the rest are whites. Coffee is the chief crop. More than half the area lies over 3,000 feet above sea level and is covered with virgin for-

ests so dense that it is almost impossible to penetrate it except by the river courses. There are unusual scenic charms. The country has risen rapidly in importance since the days of the French, Dutch and British raids on the Panama coast, and has a great future before it.

Panama is of size equal to Costa Rica. Five-eighths of the territory is unoccupied. Formerly a department of Colombia, it declared its independence in 1903 and was recognized by the United States ten days later. In return for the right to build the Panama canal the United States gave the republic of Panama \$10,000,000 in cash and \$250,000 per year. A description of the canal appears in *Golden Age* No. 323.

At Last We Get to South America

In a previous issue we expressed our intention to make some examination of the countries that go to make up South America. We suggested that if Brazil be omitted, or if it be cut out, what is left of the continent looks like an interrogation mark.

And then somebody had to spoil it all by calling attention to the fact that such interrogation mark would be in reverse. Very well, then. Imagine yourself in China, looking through a glass globe. The big continent in the southern half of the globe is South America. And if Brazil is cut out the interrogation mark is right side up and left side around as all good interrogation marks should be.

Understand, then, that in our next issue we begin with the mainland of South America. We start with the Guianas, and mention all three of them, though only French Guiana could be called a Latin American state. There is nothing Latin about the Dutch and English.

(To be continued)

Health Program *By Dr. La June Foster (California)*

THE first thing in the morning drink grapefruit juice, lemon juice, orange juice, pineapple juice, or a drink made from the first three fruits here named, or other fresh fruit juice. Or, a good body-cleansing and poison-eliminating drink can also be made by taking one-half grapefruit, washing it well and dicing it, and pouring one pint of boiling water over it and allowing it to stand in a covered dish over night. Be sure you *do not use aluminum or tin* to let it stand

in; better a crock or dish, with a plate over it. The acid has a reaction on aluminum dishes especially, and the fruit juices are changed somewhat in action if these are used. This drink can be warmed if you like, and, if it is too bitter, a small amount of orange juice added to it to make it more palatable. It is from the rind of the grapefruit that the bitter elements come, and it is their action that is very helpful in increasing the action of the liver and other elimi-

native organs. This should be made *fresh* every day, as it is not good if allowed to stand.

Friction Bath

In a well ventilated room take a dry friction rub with friction mittens, to warm the skin and start the blood circulating. The entire body should be gone over with quick, light motions until the body can stand heavier pressure and the roughness of the mittens. Refer to the article "Friction Bathing" for details on this procedure.

If no bath is taken in the morning, then precede the friction bath by washing the face, hands and feet and genitals. Refer to "Water Bathing" article for greater detail on different kinds of bathing, frequency, etc., and their effect on various physical conditions.

Exercise

Take fifteen to twenty minutes of general exercise, to music if you like. Good exercises are given over the radio each a.m. Also refer to special exercises in articles on "Exercise" (varied exercise), "Special Organ Exercise," etc. Be sure to take these exercises in a *well ventilated* room. If possible, have all the windows open and have the body nude. You will not take cold if you keep moving and if you have preceded this exercise with a good friction rub. If it is still too cold put on a light suit of underwear or a bathing suit. Remember, the body will get most benefit if least hampered with clothing, and this is an excellent time to give the skin a chance to breathe also. Remember, skin elimination is most essential in all toxic conditions. During ordinary daily activity the skin is supposed to eliminate as much fluid and poison in visible and invisible perspiration as do the kidneys. Such conditions as rheumatism, liver trouble, constipation, catarrh, sinus trouble, tonsillitis, female trouble, skin disorders, headaches, etc., are all benefited by improved skin elimination. Elimination from the bowels, kidneys and lungs must also be watched and assisted by diet and a proper restoration of nerve force and energy by such methods as chiropractic. Remember, no matter how carefully you live you cannot always correct the condition yourself if the nerves that supply the various organs of elimination are not free from pressure; so chiropractic and proper living go hand in hand. One or the other may be enough to rectify your condition, but it generally takes both to get real and permanent results.

Exercises should be followed by a shower (preferably warm and gradually cooled, followed by a quick rub-down). The cold shower is stimulating and invigorating and benefits muscular tone. Refer to "Water Bathing" article for further detail on various types of bath for different conditions.

Breathing

Breathe deeply and rhythmically at all times, and always be careful of ventilation. Gas heat is very poor; steam or wood fires, best; and then always have some outside air by opening windows or door from a place where no draught will be produced. People who chill easily will be less troubled if they improve ventilation and take the friction rubs. *Remember, FRESH AIR is more essential than either food or drink.* Refer to "Breathing" article for further detail. Remember, pure oxygen is absolutely necessary to make food digest and assimilate. One will die within five minutes without oxygen, and one can live for ten days, and longer, without water, and from thirty to forty days, and longer, without food.

All of the above detail may seem very unnecessary; but get the day started right even if you have to get up an hour earlier, and you will find you can do twice as much work, with less trouble, and be twice as happy while you are doing it, and have just that much more time left for other recreation.

After this much of the régime you should feel exhilarated; but if *at first* you feel some exhaustion, rest a few minutes before proceeding to eat.

Breakfast

This, really, is the best meal for fruit, in most cases. Take as much as you like of some *fresh* fruit; be careful to wash it well, and also eat the peeling as well: it aids elimination. With this can be taken cottage cheese, or a few nuts or part of an avocado or some cream, goat's milk, *raw* cow's milk (not pasteurized), or a lightly poached egg or two (be careful of the latter if you are inclined to liver trouble or biliousness, on account of the large quantity of sulphur and phosphorus in the egg yolk). Refer to the "Breakfast Menus" for further detail.

This may seem like starvation régime; but, as you see from the preceding paragraphs, food is less essential than either air or water. *Almost all of us eat too much.* Thin people grow thinner eating an excess of the supposed-to-be fat-

tening foods. A heavier diet will be all right after the system has been thoroughly cleansed. Too much food in wrong combinations taken at the wrong time forces an extra duty on the already overburdened organs of elimination to the point where diseases of the liver, stomach, intestines, etc., ensue.

After breakfast rest for a few minutes if you are tired. If you are working, walk to work if possible, so as to get the benefit of the air and sunshine.

Sun Bath

Take this about 10 a.m., earlier or later according to the weather; but never directly after a meal. Refer to "Sun-Bathing" article for details of how to take the bath, why it is essential in various diseases, how to protect yourself from adverse effects, etc. If you are taking the sun bath you can defer the shower (suggested as to be taken after the exercises) until after the sun bath. There is nothing quite like *sunshine* to assist one in regaining health and to keep in a state of health. Even our food digests better when we get sunshine, for the sun's rays are actually life-giving.

Noon Meal

This can be variable; but the lighter the meal, the better, when one is trying to regain health.

A quart of buttermilk with a few *dried, unsulphured* figs is a very fine meal. Buttermilk is excellent for the bowels. Do not use buttermilk that is not the churned variety. Avocado mixes excellently with buttermilk in many cases. Some people use apples with buttermilk very successfully.

Raw foods used at noon are very fine; any raw vegetables, chosen from the "Non-Starchy Vegetables" list, the leafy ones made into salad form and the root vegetables ground with a food grinder or chopped very fine. A little mayonnaise can be used as a dressing; or, when non-starch is used at this meal, a little French dressing made of lemon juice and olive oil may be used. Refer to "Salad" lists for suggestions; also to "Menu" lists. This meal can include one or two pieces of real whole-wheat bread or rye bread or muffins or whole-wheat toast if no sour dressing is used or no acid vegetable, such as tomatoes. A cooked vegetable can be added to this meal, referring to the lists mentioned above. But the best idea is the raw food, when one has become used to it, or the buttermilk.

If possible take a short nap, or at least rest,

after lunch. Do not draw the blood from the stomach by excess activity either physical or mental; especially not if the meal is a heavier one.

Middle of the Afternoon

Have a glass or two of raw vegetable juices, such as celery, or cooked vegetable juices, such as spinach juice, summer squash or string bean juice, or any of the juices made from the non-starchy vegetables referred to above; in some cases, a cup of Alvita (an alfalfa drink) or malted nuts, or other non-stimulating beverages.

Take a walk before the evening meal if possible. Do not go to the table tired; rest a few minutes if the walk has tired you. If one is overtired, angry or worried, the meal does not digest properly, as these emotions *do* influence the character of the digestive juices. So at all times constructive thinking and a happy frame of mind are to be cultivated if one is to get the best results from any living régime.

Evening Meal

Make the evening meal a protein or starch meal as a base, with one or two cooked non-starchy vegetables and a salad, according to what the other meals of the day have contained. Refer to "Starch Menu" and "Protein Menu" lists, also to "Raw Salad" lists and to "Combination" lists, for further detail.

Rest or have some light recreation after the evening meal. Before retiring take the exercise suggested for the morning, and the friction bath, and, if possible, a short walk.

In general, the diet should consist about three fourths of foods chosen from the "Non-Starchy Vegetables" class and the "Fruit" class. The remaining one fourth should be chosen from the vegetable "Starches" and the "Protein" class: one meal a day being *fruit* and what will combine with it, one containing some starch and the balance non-starchy vegetables, and the other containing protein in combination with either acid fruits or non-starchy vegetables.

Health is the most valuable thing in the world. Make *getting well* your business, and so be much happier, more efficient, and more able to be of service to your fellow man. A life lived for personal or selfish reasons alone is never the complete and full and happy life. To be able to live either the personal or the humanitarian life, one must be well; and to be well, one must follow the natural, God-given laws of life.

5,000,000 Slaves

THERE are still 5,000,000 men, women and children that are slaves in China, Abyssinia, Arabia, Liberia, along the Persian Gulf and in Morocco. The Coptic church, supposedly Christian, with 450 churches throughout Egypt and Abyssinia, is one of the largest owners of slaves.

Showed His Faith by His Works

A NOTE from a subscriber in California says of the unexpired subscription of one who had passed away: "Fred's death last Saturday took a very staunch friend of *The Golden Age*. He remarked to me on one occasion that he would not do without it for a thousand dollars. At that time he took out a ten years' subscription; we do not know when he first subscribed, but the last previous subscription was for a term of five years." We remark in passing that *The Watchtower* recently received a subscription paid ahead for one hundred years.

Clippings

MANY of our subscribers favor us with clippings, or, as our British friends say, "cuttings," taken from newspapers and other periodicals. These we are always glad to receive. However, when the date and name of the paper or periodical are not given, we are filled with chagrin and dismay, for a clipping without a date or means of identification is a delusion and a snare! We are hoping that this notice will speed the day when the children of the scissors of our correspondents will all come trooping in here each with his birth certificate, properly dated, either on his face or back.

Why Dodge the GA Subscriptions?

SAYS S. Manolokos, of Pennsylvania: "I am the owner of a barber shop. A year ago I subscribed for *The Golden Age*, and I must state that not only do I enjoy it very much but my customers do also. Three or four of my best customers, one of whom is a doctor, became such on account of the paper, which they saw lying in my window, from the outside. One of them had read a copy of *The Golden Age* somewhere some time ago and had become very interested but did not know where to obtain more. He went to all magazine stands, asking for it, but could not find it. Now he reads every *Golden Age* in my shop and has promised that he will subscribe for it soon."

20,000 Words on a Postcard

A MAN in Munich claims to have written 20,000 words on a postcard, a quarter of a full-length novel.

Infant Mortality in Chicago

OF THE ten biggest cities in the United States the city of Chicago has the lowest infant mortality rate; it is 49 per year per thousand births. This is less than one-third of the infant mortality rate of England thirty years ago, which, however, has now been reduced to 70 per thousand.

He That Considereth the Poor

WE CHANCED to learn that one of the pioneers among Jehovah's witnesses in one season gave away over 3,000 of Judge Rutherford's books among the poor unfortunates in the jungles of his home city; he has received back word that these books have been carried all over the country, spreading hope and comfort among a class that our Lord loved to comfort when He was here on earth at His first advent.

Red Cross in the United States

LAST year, to meet the needs of 15,000,000 families, the Red Cross and its friends made up 829,000 bales of cotton into clothing and bedding; 150,000 volunteer workers did the sewing, and the finished articles were distributed by 3,428 Red Cross chapters. These chapters also distributed 85,000,000 bushels of wheat to the needy. The highest paid official in the Red Cross gets \$15,000 a year; six others get from \$7,201 to \$9,000 a year, and the next six get from \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year.

Judge Rutherford's Books

SAYS C. E. Shoemaker, of Washington: "If Judge Rutherford's books were placed end to end, they would reach more than four times across the United States, or 15,132 miles. The pages, end to end, would reach around the earth 211 times, or 5,384,864 miles; or would cover 271,947 acres of land, or cover a paved road 20 feet wide $4\frac{1}{2}$ times around the earth, or $2\frac{1}{2}$ pages to each of the 20,000,000,000 of people that have lived on the earth, but would take one man 89,514 years to read, day and night, 24 hours a day, reading a page a minute. Some job. The depression would be solved."

In the Great City "Called Sodom and Egypt"

Brooklyn Abreast of the Times

BROOKLYN is keeping abreast of the times. Not long ago four men held up one of the banks and got away with \$5,000 as nicely as a public service company ever put over a service charge.

Mill Conditions in the South

WE DO not hear so much any more about New England mills going south. The fact is that some that went south would now like to return north; taxes are much higher than they were, and labor conditions are not as rosy as once thought. The northern worker does more work in less time, mill owners find.

Machines Do the Work

THE American Federation of Labor *News Letter* tells the simple truth when it says that "a considerable portion of the world army of 30,000,000 unemployed workers whose feet now pound the pavements in every country looking for employment are jobless solely because those who own and control industry have installed iron machines to take their places. Under production carried on solely for the private profit of those who own industry the workers receive practically no benefits from machinery, and the only freedom from toil which millions of them do receive as the result of machine production is the freedom to live as best they can on the starvation rations doled out to the jobless by public and private relief organizations".

Two Resourceful Young Men

TWO resourceful young college men in Philadelphia, looking about for a way to be useful and create a place in the world, obtained a good washing formula and started business by stopping every woman they saw with a baby carriage and soliciting the work of seeing that the youngster therein is kept dry and clean. They have made a big success of their work.

Every other day the mothers receive a nice white enameled can containing 84 to 168 snow-white napkins suitable to the needs of little folks of the size that travel around in baby carriages. At the same time the truck that delivers the clean ones takes away the soiled ones. At first the young men did all the work themselves, but the business has grown so that they have had to take on additional help. There is another similar laundry in Chicago.

Long Rails in Britain and Germany

IN AMERICA rails are made 180 feet long and sawed into 30-foot lengths. In Britain experiments have been made with rails 45, 60 and even 90 feet long. The Germans have laid a track 2,500 miles long with rails 98 feet long, and laid 40 miles with rails 196 feet long. How these longest rails were transported is not explained, and constituted a very difficult engineering problem.

New York to Retain Its Gamblers

NEW YORK city will retain its principal gambling institution, known as the New York Stock Exchange. It will not move to Newark after all, and nobody who knows the power of money ever had any serious thought that it would. It finally agreed to stay in New York on its own terms, which, as laid down by the Exchange itself, were "on condition that the mayor of the city of New York shall veto the bills now pending before him to impose a tax on the sale or transfer of shares of stock and a tax upon the gross income of persons engaged in the business of buying and selling securities". The mayor surrendered, as he was expected to do, and the probable result, as Big Business by this pronouncement has refused to be taxed on its gambling operations, will be that the common herd that ride the subway will have to pay an increased fare.

"The Nation" and the House of Morgan

THE NATION is not deeply impressed, at least not favorably impressed, by the discovery that the house of Morgan is interested in *Colliers' Weekly* and other publications which find entrance into millions of American homes. Criticizing an article by Mr. Lamont, which tended to glorify the elder Morgan, *The Nation* harks back to the time when, in the dark days of the Civil War, Morgan knifed Uncle Sam in the back, so to speak, by shipping \$2,000,000 in gold to London, where he got his own price for it, and later sold to the army 6,000 condemned rifles, which he bought for \$3.50 each and sold for \$22 each, all of which had to be junked. Concluding, *The Nation* says eloquently: "He was one of the greatest enemies our society ever had, and most of the devious and damaging corporate stratagems which have brought us into our present hole were developed and perfected and varnished with respectability by him."

Government and Misgovernment

Sweatshop Wages in Chicago

A SURVEY of factories in Chicago discloses sweatshop conditions almost unbelievable; women make a silk dress complete for 15c; milliners paid less than 50c a day; candy workers paid as little as \$2.50 a week, and cosmetic workers cut from \$15 to \$4 a week.

3,530,000 Families on Relief

REPORTS from Washington are that there are now 3,530,000 families on relief. These families include approximately 15,850,000 persons and represent a considerably larger population than the whole state of New York. In March the number on relief amounted to 4,530,000 families, or about 20,340,000 persons, one-sixth of the total population of the country. In some counties competent and thorough investigation resulted in cutting the relief rolls in half.

Exonerated After a Closed Hearing

LEA FABRICS, Inc., of which General Hugh S. Johnson of the NRA is president, has been officially cleared of the charge of violation of its own NRA agreement. This was done after a closed hearing, at which it was charged that the company had reduced the hours of work but had not raised the rate of wages to bring the same weekly return as before, and had discharged an employee for work in organizing a union. Assuming that the company is innocent, as should certainly be the case, it seems too bad that its exoneration came about only at a closed hearing.

Gave His Life for a \$5 Bill

A NEW YORK lad got a bright idea. He borrowed \$5 from the family grocer and had it charged on the family bill. Then he spent the \$5 for ice cream cones, movies and other things dear to a boy's heart. As the time drew near when the grocer's bill would be presented to the head of the home things did not look so good, so he persuaded his best friend to fire a gun at him and wound him in the arm. Then he could explain that he had been held up and robbed. After much persuasion, the best friend fired, but he shot the borrower in the chest and killed him. The moral is that the methods employed by Big Business look pretty good to the great financiers while the robbing is being done, but things don't look the same when the time comes for making explanations.

Twelve Kings Without Kingdoms

THERE are still living in exile in Europe twelve kings who once had powerful kingdoms but are now without kingly power. The ex-kaiser Wilhelm is worth \$200,000,000; he amuses himself by chopping wood three hours a day, and has done it every day for thirteen years. Ex-king Alfonso saw it coming and shifted \$200,000,000 and the royal jewels to London. He could not take with him the Madrid street railway, which was his private property, nor could he remove the palaces with their furnishings which have since been confiscated to the state. Another rich ex-ruler is the one-time tsar of Bulgaria. He derives a great deal of real pleasure as an ornithologist, having hundreds of cages in which rare birds from all parts of the earth are housed. He looks after these birds and feeds them himself. One can go from end to end of Europe without being off the soil of republics. Portugal, Spain, France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Russia, Finland, Turkey, Greece, all are republics.

Why Britain Conquered India

SIR W. JOYNSON-HICKS, home secretary of Britain, bluntly and honestly told the truth when he said: "We did not conquer India for the benefit of the Indians. I know it is said in missionary meetings that we conquered India to raise the level of the Indians. That is cant. We conquered India as the outlet for the goods of Great Britain. I am not such a hypocrite as to say we hold India for the Indians. We hold it as the finest outlet for British goods in general and for Lancashire cotton goods in particular." In confirmation of this statement of Joynson-Hicks *The Northern Voice* of Manchester said: "Over 1,000 factories are never inspected in India. Coal miners receive 4s. 6d. per week. The average income in India is £3 per head of the population. Working in factories in India are 60,000 children under twelve years of age. 95 percent of the workers' babies are fed on opium, and opium is a Government monopoly. There are 28,000 women in the coal mines of India. Infant mortality is as high as 884 per thousand in the workmen's houses of Bombay. In Indian factories the workers' babies sleep on the floors while the mothers work among the dust and noise. 92 percent of the population are illiterate."

Picking on the Poor Apes

WHAT the apes ever did to the *Medical Mentor*, we do not know; but that journal makes the following charges:

Certain it was that the ape was the *sine qua non*, the fountain from which was destined to spring that peerless work of art; that gem of all that is high and noble; that magnificent evidence of God's handiwork, the physician of the twentieth century.

A Case Against Antitoxin

EDWIN E. PATTERSON, of Pennsylvania, writes: "A small boy, son of H. E. Cullin, of Shenango, Pa., when about two years old was inoculated against diphtheria. In about ten days after the inoculation he began to lose the use of his arm. That was four years ago. Now, through the careful treatments of an osteopath he is just beginning to use his hand. It does not look as if antitoxin were such a grand thing, after all.

Why Massachusetts Is Angry

ONE reason why the people of Massachusetts are angry is that they discovered the employees of the Bridgewater State Farm were selling the unclaimed bodies of inmates at \$15 each to medical students for purposes of dissection. Massachusetts has no special reason to feel grieved, because it is generally known that public institutions provide the material for the dissecting rooms of all the medical colleges, everywhere. And, somehow, it makes one feel like staying away from public institutions as long as he can.

Preventive for Felons

ONE who recovered from a felon writes: "Anyone who has ever had a felon on the hand would doubtless be glad to know of a sure way of preventing another from developing. Felons usually form on fingers or thumbs, and often result in weeks of intense suffering and finally in the loss of a portion of the bone. The first indication is often mistaken for a tiny sliver in the flesh. If unchecked, this develops into a deep angry-looking sore which is extremely painful. A very simple preventive, when the felon is first detected, is to wrap the affected part in common salt and soak it for several hours in turpentine. This treatment has proved effective in killing out a felon even after considerable inflammation had set in."

The Unprofessional Healer

DR. J. B. S. HALDANE, the British scientist, states, in the *International Magazine*, that if Jesus were on earth He would be an unprofessional healer, and that to get rid of Him with the minimum of unsavory publicity, certain doctors, jealous of His unprofessional healing activities, would certify Him insane and have Him committed to an asylum without trial, and that soon it would transpire that the 'madman' had died in the asylum.

Achievements (?) of the Vivisectionists

THE following experiments give some idea as to what has been done in laboratories during the past ten years. 1. Dogs' livers removed while dogs kept alive. 2. Gashes cut in dog's skin, and phosphorus inserted, ignited and permitted to burn. 3. Live dogs half cooked. 4. Pregnant dogs tortured for days, "yelling like crazy." 5. Keeping dogs alive with their hearts cut open. 6. Dogs disemboweled yet walking about. 7. Puppies kept without sleep till they died of exhaustion.

It Took Five to Do All This

W. A. LAIRD, of Oklahoma, writes: "Mr. and Mrs. Ramey, of Ottawa, Kansas, took their little child, whom they could not induce to quit a prolonged crying spell, to 'The Clinic' conducted by five of Ottawa's most prominent M.D.'s. After a prolonged council and deliberation by all five doctors they decided that the child's ear must be lanced. They performed the said operation and the parents took the child home. The mother decided to put her baby to bed, and, in removing her shoe, found a marble. The operation was a success and the baby got along fine."

The People Want Medical Liberty

DR. HENRY M. FITZHUGH, of Maryland, in an address in Chicago reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, is alleged to have said to his fellow physicians: "We are a representative body of men, but we are not so hot. We don't know what gives a fellow a cold in the head. We talk about filtrable virus but we don't know much about it. We are fighting cancer, but more are dying of it every year. It is the same with heart disease. The public isn't terribly concerned about being protected. People want a chance to do what they please and pick out the best man in the community."

Good-bye Gallstones

B. W. HOWE, of Alberta, says: "Having been a sufferer from gallstones, you may be assured of my appreciation of relief, obtained as follows: 'Eat lightly during the day: an enema or a suitable physic about 6 p.m. Before retiring drink the juice of a lemon and four ounces of olive oil. The lemon juice is a regular saver, after downing the oil. Keep half lemon to suck. Watch the clock for twenty minutes. Should vomiting occur after that time or not, the oil has done its work. A hot drink in the morning, and an enema, and good-bye gallstones.'"

Oranges and Soya Beans

THE Liverpool *New Leader*, noting that of Liverpool's 800,000 population 103,000 are unemployed, wonders why it is that the Liverpool Fruit Association recently dumped 1,500,000 oranges into the sea because they could not be sold at a profit. It mentions, too, that Manchukuo has a record soya bean crop, and has produced about 2,000,000 tons more than can be sold. It wonders why there could be any hungry people when there is an abundance of such excellent food that cannot be disposed of at a profit.

Orange Confectionery

A CONTRIBUTOR gives the following recipe for orange confectionery: "1 lb. of Barbados sugar, with gelatine (or a good one-pint orange jelly may be used), and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint water. Melt all together in a saucepan. Grate 4 or 5 oranges, and extract juice from same. Add the grated peel and juice to the melted sugar, gelatine and water, when the latter mixture is nearly cold. Stir well in order to well distribute the peel. When cold this is an excellent preserve, which unlike cooked jams, has unimpaired food value. Only sufficient quantities should be made as could be used in from 4 to 7 days."

A Delicious Breakfast Food

MRS. SUSAN WISE, of Ohio, describing her own homemade breakfast food, says: "This food is made from whole-wheat bread and is a very good recipe to use up stale bread left from the table. It is as follows: Place thinly sliced bread in baking pans and put in oven to dry thoroughly and to brown. Grind in food chopper or crush with rolling-pin. Return to the baking pan, in which some butter has been melted. Sprinkle lightly with sugar, stir and

put back in the oven to dry thoroughly. Glass containers are ideal to keep this food indefinitely. Serve it to your friends and see if they can tell it from grape nuts. It is so easily made, and can be done while cooking a meal. When you have tried it I am sure you will say it is well worth your time."

Pioneers Can Make Their Own Butter

AN INTERESTED contributor says: "The following is an item that will be of interest to pioneers, to save the purchasing of butter. It is comparatively easy to trade literature for sour cream. One quart of sour cream will make nearly one pound of butter. For a churn merely put one quart of sour cream in a two-quart fruit jar, tighten down the cover, and shake for twenty minutes or half an hour, and you have the butter and also some fresh buttermilk. While shaking, unscrew the cap occasionally to let off the gas. This method is used a great deal by farmers who have no churn."

Whole-Wheat versus White Bread

C. H. CASPAR, of Rochester, N.Y., writes: "Having read good items about whole wheat in *The Golden Age* I wish to add that the human body is builded of 15 different elements, and whole wheat contains those 15 elements; white bread contains 5 elements. The dietitian tells us that if we have any white bread at home we should throw it into the garbage can, because there is nothing to it but starch. I was sickly with stomach trouble and headache until I was 40 years old. Since I quit three things, white bread, coffee, and tea, I have the best of health, and am now 70 years of age."

A Five-Cent Meal

H. A. SCOTT, of California, asserts: "A five-cent meal may be prepared as follows: Place one quart of water in a shallow pan or kettle; add one teaspoon of salt, two heaping tablespoons of graham flour (or corn meal or any cereal except white flour); stir frequently while bringing to a boil. Stir and pour off one pint of the liquid in a convenient cup. Stir into the remaining pint two heaping tablespoons of the flour, bring to a boil, stir and set off. Add one egg and stir. The result is a full hot meal with a hot drink. With eggs at three cents each, the material cost would be five cents. Incidentally, you have a health diet at less than a course of pills or salts."

Citrus Fruits in Palestine

IN THE year 1929 Palestine exported 3,000 crates of grapefruit; three years later, 27 times as many. Last year the exports of oranges from Palestine to England jumped from 1,073,000 boxes to 1,639,000 boxes.

Japanese Houses Are Match Boxes

IT IS well said by the Americans that Japanese houses are match boxes. On April 21 there was a most disastrous fire in the city of Seio-kagen, Japan, in which 1,200 of the 2,600 houses in the city were reduced to ashes. As a result 6,000 people lost their homes, and the material losses were very heavy. Four were killed and 50 injured by the flames.

Digging One's Grave with His Teeth

DR. J. C. ELLIOTT, food specialist, is reported to have said to a Binghamton audience: "Your body demands food only when you need it, but appetite will make you use the fork any old time and demands the most dangerous and deadly foods. Appetite for food is sometimes as dangerous and deadly as appetite for strong drink. You had far better dine on an onion and a crust of bread and be healthy than feast continuously every day and be sick continually."

Breakfast Food

I AM sending in my recipe for breakfast food. We think it is great, and it is cheap in these hard times," said Mrs. J. T. Eastman, of North Dakota.

" $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups whole-wheat flour; 1 cup syrup or brown sugar; 1 teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon soda; 2 cups buttermilk or sour milk. Bake in moderate oven. When baked, cool; then grind in food chopper and brown in slow oven until crisp, usually about four hours."

And Use Bon Ami, Too

REFERRING to Mr. Kitzmiller's advice as to how to sharpen an old Gillette blade by four strokes each way on the inside of a wet drinking glass: This works," said Mr. C. S. Wright, of Florida; "but it works still better if you take a sponge or rag and saturate it with Bon Ami soap or powder, wipe the glass with it, and then apply the blade. Bon Ami soap or powder can also be applied to good advantage on one's can-vas razor strop."

Messina Rises Again

MESSINA, Cicily, which has been leveled twenty-five times by earthquakes, has now risen again from the ashes, and has come to be a handsome city of 186,000 people. The last time it was destroyed was December 28, 1908, at which time 77,000 persons lost their lives.

Kind Words for Cuba

THE Camden *Courier Post* objects to United States intervention in Cuba and says with a good deal of feeling: "Cuba is in distress for three principal reasons: First, she has been mercilessly exploited by bankers and sugar barons; second, she is burdened with \$1,000,000,000 of debt, much of it arranged by American financiers with crooked Cuban politicians; third, her sugar market was almost destroyed by the Hawley-Smoot tariff, which gave preposterous protection to the costly, artificial sugar beet industry of Utah." Words that are kind to Cuba but not so kind to Big Business appear also in the statement that "the looters of Cuba are the same crowd which have plundered our people here at home".

Nines for Mnemonicans

SAYS D. S. B. McAllister-Thompson, of Alberta: "I have seen on two occasions in my *Golden Age* 'A Study in Nines', but on neither occasion has reference been made to them for the benefit of students in school as mnemonics (helps to the memory). The value of one-seventh, vulgar fraction, in its decimal equivalent is .142857, a repeating decimal. The result is:

$1/7 =$	.142857
$2/7 =$	.285714
$3/7 =$	.428571
$4/7 =$	.571428
$5/7 =$	.714285
$6/7 =$	.857142

"The same is true of the vulgar fraction one-eleventh as a study in nines:

$1/11 =$	.09
$2/11 =$	.18
$3/11 =$	.27
$4/11 =$	.36
$5/11 =$	.45
$6/11 =$	.54
$7/11 =$	.63
$8/11 =$	.72
$9/11 =$	.81
$10/11 =$	.90"

Plane Came Near Hitting the Pope

A FEW minutes after the pope and attendants had returned from Castel Gandolfo to the Vatican an army airplane crashed on the road over which their car had passed. Somebody wrote in about it and said, “Worse than a black cat”; but as the pope dresses in white we do not know what was meant.

The Pope's Cow Stable

AT HIS villa at Castel Gandolfo the ‘pope’ has the most up-to-date cow stable in Europe. The stalls are of metal, the floors and lower portion of the pillars are of tile. The herd is milked by electricity. By pressing their muzzles against a certain device the cows have the ability to refill their own water-basins.

Chicago May Yet Have a Saint

CHICAGO may yet have a saint; not a real one, of course, but a Roman Catholic one. Two gentlemen, who bear the titles of representatives of the “Devil’s Advocate”, namely, the Very Reverend George J. Casey of Chicago, and the Right Reverend John Della Cioppa of Rome, have been in Chicago taking testimony. America has no Roman Catholic saints yet, but if it is going to have any it does seem as if Chicago would be a good place to start.

An Honest Ex-Priest in Spain

H. F. GABLER writes from Spain: “Recently an ex-priest wrote an enthusiastic letter, saying that as a result of having read some of the booklets, left by the pioneers a little earlier, he had been enabled to get an understanding of the Bible such as he had not been able to find in his own, the Roman Catholic, or the Protestant churches. He ordered all the books and booklets and subscribed for *Luz y Verdad* and *The Watchtower*.”

Parentage of Pius XI

THE Polish *Golden Age* of September 15, 1933, contains a lengthy article copied from the *Kurjer Poranny* of June 11, 1933, citing that the present pope, Pius XI, is the illegitimate child of a Netherlands Jewess named Littman. Assuming that it may be true, we do not see that it is any fault of Ambrose, or any reflection on him, or what he can do about it, but it might conceivably prejudice him one way or the other respecting the Jews.

Priest Was Not in the Union

ON THE complaint of beggars who had been accustomed to operate at a church doorway in Barcelona, Spain, a priest was arrested for asking alms at the same place. He claimed to be suffering from hunger as a result of the restrictions on the church imposed by the Spanish government.

Religious Medal Caused Death

ON MONDAY, September 18, at Butte, Montana, lightning struck and killed Anthony Sullivan. The bolt followed the course of a silver chain about his neck to which the religious medal was attached. The chain was melted by the bolt and the imprint of it and the medal was burned deep into the skin. Another man working ten feet away was knocked down by the same bolt. The men were at work in Holy Cross cemetery at the time.

Indianapolis Bishop Wants \$300,000

AN ADVERTISEMENT in the Indianapolis *News* explains that the Catholic bishop of Indianapolis would be willing to accept a loan of \$300,000. Maybe you would yourself. But wait a minute. How much are you worth? Oh, that is different! The bishop of Indianapolis in his official capacity holds titles to properties worth over \$23,000,000, and he ought to be able to pay back a little loan like \$300,000 easily, as long as the mass racket lasts. But if that ever stops he will have hard work borrowing the price of a shoe shine. And Armageddon will stop it absolutely. Really, you may be much better off than he is.

Anglo-Catholic Mass a Fizzle

THE Anglo-Catholic mass at the White City stadium brought out 45,000 people, and was advertised beforehand as “the most marvelous and impressive service ever seen in England”. It turned out to be a fizzle, on account of a pouring rain. While the “host” was elevated and the trumpets sounded the rain streamed down, and when the bishop of St. Albans, in charge of the idolatrous performance, pronounced the blessing, there was a flash of lightning and a clap of thunder that made his words inaudible. Over the stands flew a Protestant kite, with a banner declaring the high mass illegal. It was removed, however, before the mass was concluded.

First Aid to the Clergy

Russia's Anti-Religion Plans

ACCORDING to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, the Soviet contemplates closing all religious schools, churches and temples by May 1937, and the expulsion from Soviet territory of all who have not renounced religious beliefs. The churches will be used for motion picture houses and clubs. Preparation of objects used in worship will be punished severely.

The Matter with the Churches

THE *Trumpeter for Israel* reports an interview with a missionary. The missionary, home on furlough, asked what is the matter with the churches of America, replied that they are suffering from fatty degeneration of the heart, due to wealth and luxury; pernicious anæmia, due to loss of confidence in the blood that taketh away the sins of the world; cerebrospinal meningitis, which is destruction of the backbone; cancer, which is unbelief in the supernatural; and neuritis, which is supersensitiveness to ridicule and criticism.

The Bible in Afrikaans

P. J. DE JAGER, of South Africa, writes that the new Bibles in Afrikaans have been coming from London at the rate of 10,000 per week. The first two lots were paid for in advance of shipment, showing the interest of the people in the Scriptures in their own vernacular. A population of 1,000,000 whites and a few hundred thousands of others is interested. For about fifty years an effort was made to have this translation made. High Dutch had become a strange tongue to the youth of the land. The new version is simple, dignified and melodious. The versions of Exodus 9: 16 and Romans 9: 17 are in line with the truths opened up in *Vindication II* and *The Crisis*, but it is regrettable that 1 John 5: 7 is retained *in toto*, while John 5: 29 speaks of the resurrection of 'condemnation', and Philippians 2: 6 still presents our Lord as claiming equality with the Father, in plain contradiction of the context and His own statements in many places. The new version also retains old and incorrect renderings of *sheol*, *hades*, *gehenna* and *tartaroo*. It cannot be denied that the version is a great disappointment, and one for which there is no excuse in this enlightened day. The clergy entrusted with the task have been false to their charge.

A Jacksonville Youth's Bargain

A JACKSONVILLE (Florida) youth, coaxed by his mother to take a dose of castor oil, agreed to her wishes, provided only that he might, as a reward, stay home from Sunday school. What do you suppose it was that he heard in Sunday school that seemed worse to him than castor oil? The doctrine of eternal torment, probably.

Reverend Kenyon's Misinterpretations

A HANDBILL of the Cadillac M.E. church starts out bravely by headlines screaming that on a given Sunday evening the job would be undertaken of "Exposing the Error of Rutherford's Books". The handbill went on to explain that "many misinterpretations of Scripture will be shown by the pastor, Reverend H. C. Kenyon". No doubt! No doubt! That is the very thing Judge Rutherford's books seek to offset. What he would like is to have all the "reverends" cease their misinterpretations of Scripture. On the back of the handbill some kind-hearted soul, writing from Sheridan, Michigan, said: "A minister and his wife here who said these books were dangerous were killed by a train and their remains gathered up in a bushel basket." Michigan people are the kindest-hearted people; they just don't care how they use their baskets.

The Overworked Clergymen

A DISPATCH from Stevens Point, Wisconsin, says, "Funerals on Sundays and holidays have been banned here by the city council at the request of overworked clergymen." The dispatch does not state in what way the clergymen were overworked, but all can see how it was. They were not overworked by their preaching of two fifteen-minute sermons on one day of the week; that was not it; not at all. Where they were overworked was that they have had to cut up their own meat and spread their own bread, and sometimes to even mash their own potatoes. This, as all know, has been their principal occupation, their principal exercise, but as they eat not much more on Sundays and holidays than they do on other days, it is not just clear in what way the banning of funerals on Sundays and holidays will have any effect. Persons in Stevens Point who are expecting to die are requested to be considerate of the clergymen and not pass out of this life on days that will upset the clerical eating arrangements.

"Man Became a Living Soul"

UNDER the general title "A Living Soul" and the text of Genesis 2:7, "Man became a living soul," thirty-five Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Presbyterian, Lutheran and other smaller Protestant denominations, joined in an advertisement in the Los Angeles Times which declared as follows: "The soul is not something separate and apart from man, to be cared for and nursed with a view to its future bliss. The soul of a man is himself, his personality." A friend inquires, "Where did these churches get this information?" See *The Harp of God*, paragraphs 31 and 55.

Press Quick to Dishonor God

IT CANNOT be said for the American press that they are ever forward to publish anything that will be to the honor of God's name, but there are many evidences of their eagerness to publish something of a reverse nature. One of the worst examples of the latter is the following, which appeared in an editorial of the New York American of July 26, 1933:

His anecdote about Andrew Jackson, of whom it was said, when someone asked "Will he go to heaven?" "He will if he wants to," was well applied by

the president to the American people's ability to pull themselves out of this depression. "They will, if they want to." Andrew Jackson, who doubtless did want to go to heaven, and is there, would be interested in his present successor in the White House, who closed every bank in the country in one day, and did it gently, without any invocation of "The Eternal."

Lower than What?

THE following direct insult to our Savior, and to Jehovah God who sent Him into the world, was adopted at a meeting of the Ministerial Association at Charlestown, West Virginia: "Be it resolved: 1. That Christ, otherwise the one perfect man, made a mistake in furnishing wine for beverage purposes at a marriage feast. 2. That as a user of wine for beverage purposes Christ had himself to blame for the reproach of being called a winebibber. 3. That in setting His approval on the use of wine for beverage purposes, Christ, in the language of Dr. Cherrington, belonged to a lower civilization." How any civilization could produce anything lower than the hypocrites that would pretend to be Christians, and leaders of other Christians, and set forth such resolutions, is something quite beyond the reach of reason.

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