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Thirty-five Centuries of Free Speech

NO OTHER liberty is so fundamental or so essential to human happiness, progress and prosperity as the liberty to express freely one's honest convictions and to convey to others such information as may be of benefit to them. There is only one class that could object to the freedom of expression and the free use of the means of communication by those who have a message for the people. It is the class whose works are unrighteous and who therefore find it necessary to lay their plans and find their security in darkness. Anything that would tend to throw light upon their activities or call in question the justice or fairness of their course would be most unwelcome. They will not bring their deeds to the light, because their deeds are evil. More than that, they will not tolerate others to enlighten the people and to give them the truth, because their own works would in contrast be seen in their true light and they would therefore be condemned, and properly so. Hence the workers of iniquity have been and are willing to resort to violence and crime to evade detection.

Honest men have at all times brought their works to the light. They have had nothing to hide from others. They could afford to be open and aboveboard. Not only so, but they have let their light shine, and this has reprov'd, directly or indirectly, those whose works were evil. In heathen countries whose peoples knew not God there have been sincere and honest souls who have fearlessly sponsored the right and opposed the wickedness of selfish men who enriched themselves at the expense of the public good. In the record of the Bible we find men who not merely were impelled by a sense of duty, but were guided by divine instruction, in their denunciation of transgressors. They delivered a divine message, and no amount of opposition or attempted interference prevented them from carrying out their God-given mission.

The prophets of Israel were notable for their fearless declaration of the laws of God and their defense of the rights of the people. No doubt attempts were made to silence them, and a number of cases are on record where the prophet suffered much for his faithfulness in doing as commanded. Whether the privilege of free speech was granted them or not, they delivered their messages. Moses stands out as a notable example of one who braved the ire of a powerful ruler in delivering a message from God which was undoubtedly most unwelcome. Moses was, first of all, the servant and representative of God. He was, further, the champion of the liberties of the people of Israel. "Let my people go," was the message which Moses conveyed to the king. Subsequent messages impressed upon Pharaoh the importance of giving heed to Moses. Pharaoh had not yet conceived the idea of censorship; for Moses seems to have enjoyed the privilege of free speech, even though his message was an unwelcome one. Free use was made of whatever opportunities presented themselves to get the ear of the proud oppressor. The time may have been inconvenient to Pharaoh, but it was convenient to Moses. When Pharaoh came out to have a dip in the river, Moses told him that the Lord Jehovah had something to say to him, and then proceeded to drive home his message by turning the water into blood. Moses got his message across, and only after the ninth plague did Pharaoh become reckless and put the gag on Moses. He told him not to see him again, on pain of death; but Moses had accomplished God's purpose and delivered his message. Pharaoh had to send for him finally and acknowledge defeat.

Another occasion on which the right to free speech was exercised to accomplish God's purpose was when King David had transgressed the law which God had given to Israel. Though he was king he had been carried away by the

beauty of Bathsheba, and in order to get out of the resulting predicament he had contrived to so arrange matters that her husband was slain in battle. Nathan the prophet boldly called the king's attention to the fact that his sin was not hid from Jehovah. David was sincerely repentant, but, though he did escape the extreme penalty of the law, he could not go unpunished, and he accepted the death of Bathsheba's child as just recompense for his sin. The king, so far from resenting the boldness of Nathan, humbly confessed his sin, and was reinstated in divine favor. He did not despise or resent the chastening and correction of the Lord.

Another example of the use of free speech is that of Elijah. He opposed the idol-worship prevalent in Israel in the days of Ahab and Jezebel. He kept after King Ahab and, at the command of the Lord, took him to task for his wickedness. When the king had conveniently disposed of Naboth and taken possession of his vineyard, Elijah was on the job and gave the king a message that put a definite end to his unholy joy at having obtained the vineyard. When after the three years of drought Elijah presented himself to Ahab, the king said to him, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" Elijah boldly replied, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord." And then he challenged the king to have it out, saying, 'Get the prophets of Baal together, and let them offer a sacrifice, and I will do the same, and we will see who is worshiping the true God.' The result of the contest demonstrated clearly that Elijah was serving Jehovah, the true God, while his opponents, though hypocritically claiming to serve the Lord, were really serving the Devil.

But the greatest example of boldness and freedom of utterance was that of our Lord Jesus Christ. The scribes (clergy) and Pharisees and the whole priestly tribe, then as now, were opposed to the truth of God, and did not stop at any means to discredit and besmirch the Son of God and misrepresent His message. Jesus did not revile again, but the time came when in defense of the truth He exposed the whole impious crowd, and He did it so thoroughly that they determined to "get him" at all costs. So they gathered their henchmen, bribed Judas, enlisted the aid of the government, suborned false witnesses and obtained the cooperation of a dissolute and unscrupulous mob to accomplish

their purpose. Jesus was "arrested" and brought to trial, accused of "sedition", a favorite charge with those who are of Satan's world and not of God. Jesus might have saved himself had He not openly and freely confessed the truth before Pilate. He had come to bear witness to the truth, and He made no effort to evade the inevitable consequences of His faithful acknowledgment of the fact that He was what He was, a king.

Jesus told His followers that they would receive the same treatment He had received; and so it is. He was the faithful and true witness, and His followers must likewise be truly and faithfully Jehovah's witnesses. They have His example and that of the prophets, and willingly endure the opposition they have to contend with. The clergy and the principal ones of their flocks, corresponding to the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day, have put every possible obstacle in the way of a proclamation of the message of Jehovah's witnesses. Time and again they are denied halls in which to hold meetings; newspapers refuse to carry their advertisements; officers of the law arrest them for "putting out handbills" or for calling on the people at their homes; radio stations are coerced into denying them time on the air, though they are willing to pay the proper rates. It will be seen that in this way every avenue of publicity would be closed to the proclamation of the truth and that if Jehovah's witnesses did not resist these unjust and unlawful discriminations by every means in their power they would be effectually restrained from carrying out their commission.

By Jehovah's overruling providence, however, there are still many men who will not accede to the demands of the clergy, and the message therefore continues to go forth by radio and in various other ways, while Jehovah's witnesses submit to persecution, arrest and imprisonment when necessary to maintain their right to call on the people at their homes and bring them the message of God's kingdom by word of mouth and by means of the printed page. Though officers of the law harass them and arrest them on the pretext that they are "peddling or soliciting without a license", they go on. They know that they are bearing the truth to the people and that they have the right to do so. The fundamental law of the land provides that they shall have the liberty to serve God according to their understanding of His will, and though judges are frequently pleased to ignore this most important factor in their

work and to stigmatize it by calling it "peddling" and "bookselling" or "putting out advertisements", they know, and the judges should know, that it is none of these things, and that no license can properly be issued to grant them permission to do what God's Word commands them to do.

The foregoing examples show that the testimony and warning must be made known by all available means of publicity. They show that the ones entrusted with this work must be faithful in performing it, and that those who heed

the warning will have mercy extended to them while those who refuse to give heed will be deserving of divine disapproval and judgment. Those who resist the truth line themselves up on the Devil's side. They clearly identify themselves as those who come not to the light lest their works, which are evil, should be exposed.

Let the truth be freely spoken by word of mouth, by printed page and by radio, and let no self-appointed censors attempt to set a limit upon the proclamation of the message which Jehovah's Word has for this day.

The Inconsistencies of Science *By James S. Watson (Honolulu)*

SINCE science is so boldly accusing the Bible of all the inconsistencies of reason, what can you say of science to show its own inconsistencies?

Science claims to be so pure that its every utterance is truth even from the time it was a one-cylinder protoplasm.

Enclosed is a "scientific" article which glorifies science and craves for more glory. [We reproduce four paragraphs from the article.—*Ed.*]

Early scholars, looking for the solution of mysteries, turned nowhere but to the old Hebrew legends. Dr. Lightfoot, the vice chancellor of Cambridge University a few hundred years ago, could blandly announce that man was created at 9 a.m., October 23, 4004 B.C.

As late as 1850 a great Egyptologist changed the dates he found in his researches so that they would not conflict with the dates of Noah's Flood.

Today poor Doctor Lightfoot is remembered only as a joke and an evidence of pitiful bigotry, for today there is hardly a respectable scientist who believes that man was created at all in the sense that Doctor Lightfoot implied. Today there is hardly a scientist who takes the bigots into consideration when he works with telescope, microscope, test-tube or the geologist's hammer.

And yet we still go on ignoring the splendor of the scientific achievements; we still delay to give them lofty recognition as the chief friends of humanity.

In reality the article established the Bible truth that all men are liars, especially the scientific kind, that 'worked itself from the ocean depths millions of years ago' and now crowns itself as monarch of all it surveys. The casual reader of the gospel knows that it contains a message more noble than science has to offer.

Scientists accuse Christians of hindering science in its search for knowledge. But since science is busy patting itself on its protoplasmic head for its discoveries, let it tell how its discoveries and inventions of most cruel instruments blotted out ten million souls in the last war and crippled thirty millions.

Let it tell how it has perfected these instruments so that in the next war it will be able to blot out its tens of millions instead of mere millions. Let it tell how harmonious science is by explaining how the German science used all its science to destroy allied science, all to glorify science.

Let science tell who, during the Dark Ages, invented the scientific instruments that were used to destroy fifty million souls, while the doctors were busy prolonging the agony of the tortured.

Science has discovered some things and used its discoveries to awe mankind. They claim to help mankind; but mankind foots every bill; so the poor remain poor, and the rich, rich. All this shows that science is guilty of all the deviltries of which it accuses others. Science could have helped mankind, but it has faithfully served the god of this world. But we joyfully and hopefully trust that it will more faithfully serve earth's new King.

It is to be hoped that the editor will enlarge upon this, not by way of hating science, but to show that the kettle is just as black as the pot, and that the gander should not kick at receiving goose sauce.

The Decline of Liberty

Suppression of Free Speech in Canada

A BILL passed unanimously by the Manitoba legislature provides that the repeated publication of anything calculated to expose persons belonging to any creed to ridicule shall entitle such person to sue for damages and injunction to restrain further publication. The manifest purpose of this bill is to prevent honest criticism of the doctrines of hell-fire, purgatory, and other indefensible relics of the Dark Ages. Widely lauded as an "anti-hate" bill, it is, in reality, a *bitter hate* bill of the worst sort. Similar bills are projected in all the Canadian provinces, and have been launched in New Jersey and other centers of intolerance in the United States.

Freedom of Speech in Britain

THE London *Daily Express* has a cartoon of a national personage giving a talk on free speech under the auspices of the British Broadcasting Company. As he talks he stands on a trap door, under the control of an operator who can speedily drop him into the cellar if he says anything off-color. Over his head is a ton weight which can be dropped by another operator, to make sure of his exit. He is surrounded by smiling officials, one of whom has a gas tank where-with to asphyxiate him, another has the fire hose ready to turn on him, a third has a sand bag with which to sock him, a fourth has a death hood to pull over his head, while a fifth is at the controls to shut him off the air the moment he says anything offensive to the censors of the British Broadcasting Company.

Estonia and Bulgaria Go Fascist

ESTONIA and Bulgaria having gone Fascist, there is a solid belt of Fascist countries all the way from the Upper Baltic to the Mediterranean sea, including Poland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and Italy. But for the Lord, the outlook for liberty-lovers in the world would be dark indeed. The Fascist victory in Austria was accomplished by the government troops' "bravely" shooting women and children, shelling apartment houses in which the Socialist workmen made their homes. A hospital also was shelled by the government artillery. One artillery officer obeyed the command of his superiors to fire on the apartment house in which his own wife and children lived.

"The Great Illusion"

UNDER the title "The Great Illusion" the *Saturday Evening Post* says editorially:

The question before the American people—a question that is inextricably interwoven with the policies and experiments of the moment—is this: Do we want a democratic or a collectivist system? Do we want freedom as individuals to live our lives under the Constitution and free courts; do we want individual opportunity and scope to work out our private and business lives within sane and law-abiding limits or do we want to be regimented—told what we can do, how much we can do and when we can do it; do we want a free press, a free radio and free speech, or some one to tell us what we can think and what we can say? . . . The Democratic party has cut loose from its traditions and stands for a strongly centralized, bureaucratic government that is getting a grip on every kind of private business and putting into effect many extremely radical measures that look toward ultimate collectivism. . . . It is impossible to escape the conclusion that today we are having government by amateurs—college boys, irrespective of their age—who, having drunk deep, perhaps, of the Pierian spring, have recently taken some hearty swigs of Russian vodka. We cannot solve our problems with a discredited European ideology and a Marxian philosophy. The great illusion of the moment is that we can gain any worthwhile happiness or prosperity by the sacrifice of our hardly won liberties.

Carnegie Millions and the League

THE New York *American* is quite disturbed because the Carnegie millions, piled up in the days of rebates, are now bequeathed in perpetuity to the League of Nations and World Court propaganda, and although those issues, in America, are publicly discredited, and have been repudiated again and again, yet the Carnegie bequest keeps them ever to the fore. The money itself continues to talk loudly even though Carnegie has long been dead.

Diplomatic Relations with the Vatican

A DISPATCH from Rome, printed in the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, claims that before Mr. Roosevelt was elected discussions took place between him and representatives of the pope respecting the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican, and that the recent trip of Postmaster General Farley to Rome was partly devoted to the same end.

Baldwin's Warning Against Dictatorships

STANLEY BALDWIN, one-time prime minister of England, in a radio address to the children of Great Britain, recently said:

"Democracy is far the most difficult form of government because it requires for perfect functioning the participation of everybody. Democracy wants constant guarding, and for us to turn to a dictatorship would be an act of consummate cowardice, of surrender, a confession that our strength and courage alike had gone. It is quite true the wheels of our State coach may be creaking in heavy ground, but are you sure the wheels of the coach are not creaking in Moscow, Berlin and Vienna and even in the United States? The whole tendency of a dictatorship is to squeeze out the competent and independent man and create a hierarchy accustomed to obeying. Chaos often results when the original dictator goes."

Control of Belgian Press

CONTROL of the Belgian press by the munition-makers, Schneider and Creuzot, has resulted in a wave of militarism in Belgium, with the demand that the French line of concrete fortifications be extended all along the German border. Statements appear in the controlled press that in the event of war conscientious objectors will be repressed without mercy.

Mr. McFadden Wants to Know

CONGRESSMAN LOUIS T. MCFADDEN, who always wants to know the ins and outs of everything, wants to know just why it is that the American people were forced to sell their gold to the United States Treasury at \$20.67 per ounce while the United States Treasury pays Great Britain \$35 per ounce, and the difference has speeded up the gold mines in every part of the British Empire.

The Triumph in Austria

THE triumph in Austria was the triumph of the pope over socialism. That is putting it bluntly. The socialists fought bravely for the preservation of their rights, but they stood no chance. The municipal tenements, housing 200,000 persons in ideal conditions, were recognized as a model all over the world. To their lasting shame the Roman Catholic troops shelled these apartments. One of these, the Karl Marx Hof, consisted of 1,200 apartments, each having separate stairs, a balcony and at least one room exposed to the sun; there were separate kindergartens, assembly rooms, laundries and bath-

houses. It was built around spacious landscaped courtyards, with ornamental statuary and pools. In defending their homes the socialists descended to the sewers, but all in vain. The forces of the pope are in full control. Even the jobs held by socialists in the government were declared forfeited. To all intents and purposes the republic of Austria has ceased to exist.

What the Huge Naval Appropriations Mean

IN AN address in the House of Representatives Hon. George Foulkes, of Michigan, called attention to the fact that in the past three years the United States expended \$60,000,000 more on its navy than the combined navies of France, Italy and Japan, and twice the sum that Great Britain spent on its navy; that during the past three years Japan expended \$381,000,000 and the United States \$4,000,000,000, while the sum desired for this year is a billion and a quarter. Coming directly to the point he said:

"Do you know that ignorance is rampant in our land; that young men and women are unable to secure the educational advantages that would fit them for good citizenship? This one appropriation alone would endow 2,078 colleges with \$500,000 each to carry on this most-desired and benevolent work. Did you know that the more than \$4,000,000,000 appropriated for destruction of human life within the past few years would redeem every farm mortgage within the United States, thereby leaving the sorely distressed agriculturist the master of his own home and securing the destiny of his children? Did you know that this one appropriation alone now being demanded would build an 18-foot concrete road at the cost of \$20,000 a mile for a distance of 52,000 miles, equal to 16 paid highways across the American continent from New York city to San Francisco, and that literally hundreds of hospitals, now so badly needed, could be endowed for a mere fraction of this amount?"

Over-Generosity of Uncle Sam

TO DATE Uncle Sam has expended \$226,000,000 more for the Panama canal than he has got out of it, and, since foreign ships make up 51 percent of the traffic, he has been a large-scale benefactor of all maritime nations. The Inland Waterways Corporation on the Mississippi river, owned by Uncle Sam, gets 40 percent of its charges from shippers and the other 60 percent as a present from the taxpayers. It costs the taxpayers of New York state \$5 a ton for every ton of freight that traverses the barge canal. The postage on air mail letters defrays less than half the actual cost.

Labor and Economics

The Priority of Labor

By Abraham Lincoln

(From a message to Congress in 1861)

I SEE in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me, and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all the wealth is aggregated in a few hands, and the republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of our country than ever before, even in the midst of war. God grant that my forebodings may be groundless.

Monarchy itself is sometimes hinted at as a refuge from the power of the people. In my present position I could scarcely be justified were I to omit to raise a warning voice against the approach of returning despotism. It is not needed nor fitting here that a general argument should be made in favor of popular institutions; but there is one point with its connections, not so hackneyed as most others, to which I ask brief attention. It is assumed that labor is available only in connection with capital; that nobody labors unless somebody else owning capital, somehow by the use of it, induces him to labor. Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could not have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration. I bid the laboring people beware of surrendering the power which they possess, and which if surrendered will surely be used to shut the door of advancement for such as they, and fix new disabilities and burdens upon them until all of liberty shall be lost.

In the early days of our race the Almighty said to the first of mankind, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," and since then, if we except the light and air of heaven, no good thing has been or can be enjoyed by us without first having cost labor. And inasmuch as most good things have been produced by labor, it follows that all such things belong of right to those whose labor has produced them. But it has so happened, in all ages of the world, that some have labored and others have without labor enjoyed a large portion of the fruits. This is

wrong and should not continue. To secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor, as nearly as possible, is a worthy object of any government.

It seems strange that any man should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing bread from the sweat of other men's faces. This country with its institutions belongs to the people who inhabit it.

Argentina's Model Hobo Camp

BUENOS AIRES, having 5,000 foreign unemployed, seems not to have thought of a southern Battle of Anacostia to get rid of them, but laid out a section of barren unclaimed land, turned over a big stone pile to the men, laid out a camp plan, and persuaded the men to build houses and live in them according to the plan. They did so. Each house is whitewashed, and each morning it is inspected. If the men are sick they are taken to the hospital.

Boom in South Africa

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT's dollar policy has caused a boom in the gold mines of South Africa. Mines which had been abandoned are being reopened and the profits of those which operate continuously have been so much increased that the government has taken out \$30,000,000 in excess profits taxes. As a rule, about one-half of the amount received for the gold is paid out in labor, machinery, explosives and other expenses.

Poor Condition of World Credit

A DISPATCH from London says that money was never so plentiful nor so cheap, but the international bankers are afraid to lend because they do not know who will repay. On the London Stock Exchange are listed the bonds of 104 nations, states and municipalities; 58 of these are now in default. Of 248 different government bonds 154 are worth less than half their par value.

1,000 Men After One Job

A BUSINESS man of Swallow street, Piccadilly, London, advertised for a porter, and over 1,000 men responded. Eventually, after the police had marshaled them into a queue, a printed slip was passed around stating that the position had been filled, and the men were dispersed.

Proposed Addenda to NRA Codes

WITH the dry humor that has made him famous, William Floyd, editor of *The Arbitrator*, proposes the following common-sense addenda to the NRA codes, but neither he nor anybody else supposes that they have a chance in the world of being adopted: they are too sensible.

All corporations shall be conducted on a profit-sharing basis, the charge upon each being minimum and maximum compensation for all employees—manual laborers, clerks and officials—in no instance to be less than \$14 a week or greater than \$500 a week until the corporation is earning 6 percent on its capital stock.

When any corporation shall earn over 6 percent, after setting aside reasonable reserves, paying fixed charges and minimum wages, the excess earnings shall be distributed among all employees in such proportion as shall be determined by vote of all stockholders and employees present in person at the annual meeting. The business policy of the corporation shall be determined by a similar vote, and the officers and employees selected in the same manner.

Competition to maintain fair prices for consumers shall be kept free by enforcing the anti-trust laws. All directors of any corporation infringing those laws shall be liable to imprisonment for a misdemeanor.

No corporation shall pay dividends higher than 6 percent a year; no stock dividends shall be permitted; no stock shall be issued in excess of the fair value of the property as determined by federal experts; there shall be no splitting of stocks, no issuing of no-par stocks or stock under par, and no distribution of bonus stock; holding companies shall be forbidden.

All stock exchanges shall be conducted under federal regulation. Selling short, buying on margin or manipulation of stock shall be prohibited.

The federal government shall open banks in all communities similar to the postal savings banks except that they shall provide the same accommodation now afforded by commercial banks. No banks or bankers shall be permitted to have affiliated corporations for speculation in stocks.

All the currency of the country shall be issued by the United States Government, which shall endeavor to stabilize currencies throughout the world.

Individuals and partnerships where full personal responsibility is assumed shall not be limited as to their net profits, but shall be bound by this code as to wages and hours.

This compromise code between the NRA and a revolution will provide a fair return for capital, better than a living wage for labor, and reasonable prices for the public. Increased earnings of a corporation will mean increased incomes for all workers.

Butler's Tribute to Roosevelt

R. B. BUTLER, of Oklahoma, business man of Tulsa, pays the following tribute to Roosevelt:

In the year of our depression, 5.

DEAR SUFFERING COMRADE:

That fellow Roosevelt is some man. He has given us NRA, RFC, CWA, and booze. He has taken away our long hours of toil, our gold, our bond values, and most of our cherished American liberties. He has recognized Russia, Al Smith, Warm Springs, and the brewers. He has raised our rents, our grocery bills, our hair, and our wage scales. He has reduced our crops, our incomes, our bread lines, and the necessity for our Congress. He has changed our method of government, our diet of drink, and our ideas about running our own business.

NRA Act Full of Holes

JUDGE ALEXANDER AKERMAN, federal judge at Miami, Florida, who has made a practice of reading the United States constitution once a week, says that the NRA Act, when tested by the constitution, is so full of holes that you could drive eight yoke of oxen through it. He further expressed the opinion that the department of agriculture, which may or may not be a good thing, is without constitutional authority to order any citizen to do anything or not to do anything.

Pullman Porters Poorly Paid

IN 1926 the monthly wages of Pullman porters averaged \$73.11; since then there has been a cut of \$5. The porter has to pay for his own polishing materials and equipment, meals en route and uniforms. In 1926 these items averaged \$33.82; the porter's average rent back home was \$37.47. That left \$1.82 per month for the maintenance of his family, clothing, etc. Now you know why a porter has to have tips to live, and why his wife has to go out by the day to help keep the little home together.

Factors Which Reduce the Demand

MEN and women work less vigorously than they did, and they work in warmer rooms; hence they use less food. Gasoline has taken the place of horse and mule feed. Improvements in cattle have brought an increased milk supply with fewer cattle. Increased efficiency of electric plants and steam locomotives has made necessary less mining of coal.

"Good Times" Again in Chicago

HAROLD B. WHEELER of Chicago writes: "Good times are had again in Chicago; the gangland city is acting as it always has. Our governor is trying to pass a liquor bill; the mayor believes that prohibition repeal means that the people want to be able to buy a drink. No one wanted to see the return of the old-fashioned saloon, so they have changed the name to "tavern". Some people believe that drinking is O.K. if a fellow doesn't stand up while he pours it down. That hoists the question, How should a fellow be allowed to consume the spirits, sitting, standing, leaning, or kneeling? If we can't have saloons we are bound to have speak-easies. The difference between a saloon and a speak-easy is the way you get into the place. To convert a saloon into a speak-easy all one does is to lock the front door and open the rear, and pay for protection instead of tax. Women barflies are the new feature at the taverns, and all Chicago says they are an offensive nuisance, and there are more of them than can be reckoned. Well, anyway, it gives the preachers something to squawk about. I see Billy Sunday has started out to take in another fortune by running the Devil around and saving souls by the glass and stein; there is a fortune in those tabernacles. Preacher, priest, or rabbi, they all have their say-so: they have all got their hands out for something to stop their thundering. They call it alms; the politicians call it political expense; but we call it just plain graft."

Stocks in Use in Georgia

A SUBSCRIBER in Georgia reports having seen the stocks used in prison camps in Georgia, in Hancock county. Prisoners are knocked unconscious with shovels and clubs, and as many as five prisoners are in the stocks at one time. The prisoners in stocks have their arms and legs each through separate, roughly chiseled or sawn holes, as far apart as possible, in such a manner as to cause exquisite torture. When removed they commonly have to be carried and are often nearly paralyzed. The people of Georgia are very proud of their churches. The men who make the stocks for their fellow men are all strong for the doctrine of eternal torture and are trying to be as much like their father the Devil as they know how.

The Welfare Racket in Philadelphia

MARK MASON, in the *Philadelphia Sunday Transcript*, describes in some detail a business that is now pretty well spread over all the earth:

"The Community Council of Philadelphia, formed on October 1, 1930, is the most widely inclusive body of welfare organizations ever gathered together in this city for a common project. Every form of social work, municipal and private, sectarian and secular, is represented among its 315 member agencies. Kingsley, the star of the salary list, was paid \$18,500 a year for his clerical work until there had to be a slash due to the exposures made by this newspaper. Billikopf made extraordinary sums on the outside, serving as an arbitrator and in other capacities growing out of the welfare racket. This go-getter probably makes \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year by and through being a hotcha welfare worker. His social activities, meaning his family life, cost a fortune each year. DeSchweinitz quit one job that paid him \$12,000 to take another that pays sums less easy to isolate. He was a leg-man on the old *North American* at \$20 a week when he busted right out as a sociological authority, whatever that is, at \$8,000 a year. This desk-man probably cleans up from \$25,000 to \$35,000 a year as welfare 'executive', which means go get the money and build up payrolls and 'overhead' to consume it."

The Thakenham Home for the Aged

THAKENHAM, England, has a home for the aged poor. The walls are eight feet thick; there are no modern toilets; all the water not purchased is pumped by the inmates, but the wells are so constantly drained that the water thus secured is unfit to drink; there is no illumination of the home except candles and oil lanterns; the halls are so dark at noonday as to be unsafe to the able-bodied; the floors are of bare stone; the dormitories are unheated; England is one of the most highly civilized countries in the Devil's world.

"The Best Magazine Published"

MISS ELEANOR REYNOLDS, eleven years old, writes in from a village up in New York state and says: "In our school we had a contest to determine which is the best magazine published. Each scholar was to submit his choice of which is best. Our teacher was to be the judge. I submitted as my choice *The Golden Age*. After a fair review of them all, our teacher decided in favor of *The Golden Age*."

Spasms over Cherry Blossoms

SOME years ago the Japanese people presented the United States with a quantity of cherry trees, now planted around The Mall, Washington, D. C. The trees were accompanied by an invasion of the Japanese beetle, which has cost many hundreds of millions of dollars; but that was unintentional. The trees do not bear any fruit, ever, but once a year they are as nice to look at as any other cherry trees, no more and no less. Once a year, however, Washington goes out of its head over these cherry blossoms. The *Evening Star* in a single issue had parts of six columns about the festival, including three large pictures, one of Miss Eleanor Roosevelt being crowned queen of the cherry blossom festival by the Reverend George F. Dudley, Episcopalian; another of a group of politicians gazing interestedly at a group of dancers who ushered in the festival; the third picture showed six female dancers with dresses so thin that from top to toe nothing was left to imagination. It is supposed that 200,000 visitors came to Washington to see the cherry blossoms. The *Evening Star* could not spare a line to tell the big news that 2,500,000 people protested to Congress against discrimination and interference with their radio rights and privileges, nor did it have any news about the hearings. The cherry blossom spasm, like the newspapers that devote so much space to it, is the almost pure humbug so dear to the American heart.

The Tower of WLW

THE tower of WLW, Cincinnati, the only station in the United States having 500,000 watts power, is 831 feet high. The total weight of 450 tons rests on two apparently fragile porcelain cones, but it is claimed that the cones would sustain three times the imposed weight if necessary. The foundations go 70 feet beneath the surface of the ground.

The Little Slaves of Ceylon

THE little slaves of Ceylon are "adopted" for a price, and adopted over and over again for other prices. They are worked without any limitation as to hours, except that on Sunday they may not legally be worked more than four hours. Children as young as seven years of age are subject to these conditions.

In the Land of Too Much

THE land of Too Much has but 5.6 percent of the area of the world; it has 6 percent of the world's population, 14 percent of its annual gold production, 19 percent of its annual wheat production, 33 percent of its wealth, 33 percent of its railroads, 33 percent of its telegraph lines, 33 percent of its used water power, 36 percent of its annual coal production, 47 percent of its annual steel production, 48 percent of its copper, 52 percent of its lumber, 56 percent of its cotton, 58 percent of its corn, 60 percent of its telephones, 67 percent of its annual petroleum production, and 86 percent of its automobiles.

65,000,000 Refugees in China

ACCORDING to a report by the Nanking National Relief Commission no less than 65,000,000 Chinese were driven from their homes last year by civil wars, banditry, famines, droughts and floods.

Huge Classes in London Schools

AFTER all the efforts that have been made to provide the poor with proper instruction, it is a striking fact that half the children of London are even now being taught in classes with an enrollment of over 40 pupils each.

World's Largest Daily Paper

THE London *Daily Herald* now claims the largest net circulation of any newspaper in the world, exceeding, as it does, 2,030,000 a day. The London *Daily Mail* had a circulation of 1,945,635 in 1929, but is down 10 percent from that figure now.

\$10,000,000 for a Place of Refuge

FRIENDS of Samuel Insull are reported to have offered \$10,000,000 to Turkey to assist in its five-year plan if they would but allow that gentleman a haven where he would be safe from deportation to the United States.

State Liquor Monopoly in Finland

THE state liquor monopoly in Finland is claimed to be a complete success. Profits are restricted to 7 percent. Drunkenness has been reduced; huge profits have been turned over to the national treasury. Bootlegging has ended.

The Helpless, Gibbering Imbecile of Interest

SAYS Rupert Webb, of Pretoria, South Africa, in his little book entitled *Feed, Clothe and House the People*: "It is a simple process to analyze the fungous growth of interest on money. We will therefore analyze one hundred pounds invested, as from the year 1800, at the low rate of interest, say $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, and find: In the year 1820 this £100 with added interest became £200; in 1840, £400; in 1860, £800; in 1880, £1,600; in 1900, £3,200; in 1920, £6,400; and in 1933, £10,000. These figures are not fairy tales; they are the truth and demonstrate the fallacy of attempting to continue further with a system that has been able to drag us down to the depression, starvation and the unemployed state in which we now find ourselves. We have, by some unforeseen force, survived from the £100 invested in the year 1800, which has now grown to £10,000; but what of the next 60 years, when the £100 will have reached the colossal figure of £80,000? Is it possible to continue with such a Hydra-headed monstrosity of a system which has been able to degrade a sound, healthy nation with poverty and distress?" Mr. Webb's proposed remedy is the taxable currency originally proposed by Silvio Gesell, and a seemingly sensible method of gradually doing away with the interest system that Mr. Webb properly describes as a helpless, gibbering imbecile. The interest system will demonstrate its own complete idiocy to anybody who knows how to multiply and divide.

Helping Forbes Out

C. O. SHOEMAKER, Washington, sends in an item of the financial writer B. C. Forbes, in which Forbes says that in this country, among the things that we have that are the biggest in the world, are, respectively, the biggest band, insurance company, automobile company, steel corporation, electric manufacturing company, typewriter factory, telephone company, department store, oil company, woolen manufacturing company, copper company, smelting company, sugar refining company, packing plants, carpet factory, agricultural machinery plant, motion picture company, photographic supplies company, office appliance factories, mail order companies, radio corporation, utility corporations, fruit company, and canning plants. Shoemaker then is mean enough to say: "Why Forbes would

stop where he did is a puzzle to me. Why, I can think of a lot more things: we have the biggest liars; we have the biggest hypocrites; we have the biggest misleading newspapers; we have the biggest crooked politicians; we have the biggest bunch of yes men on earth; we have the biggest bunch of jail birds that claim to belong to some church; we have the biggest variety of churches, which causes the biggest bunch of crooks, the biggest bunch of priests and preachers that blaspheme God, and the biggest bunch of blood-thirsty church members. Maybe I had better quit."

The Bootleggers of Usury

VINCENT ASTOR's periodical *Today* tells of a young man in Louisville who borrowed \$50 from a loan shark. The interest charged was \$5 for two weeks, or at the rate of \$130 for one year, 260 percent, and after paying regularly for a year the clerk would still owe the \$50, which must be paid in a lump sum, as partial payments are not accepted. In instances, as high as 1,700 percent has been charged on loans. A man in Dallas borrowed \$20; in four years he paid \$640 in interest, and still owed the principal. In the same city was a girl who borrowed \$25 from a loan agent, and paid him \$4.50 a month for more than four years. In Mobile a woman paid \$194 interest on a loan of \$5 and sought relief from the state legislature only when the usurer threatened to seize her furniture. Usury (interest) is illegal Scripturally, and in the Golden Age will be punishable by death.

Chicago Man Bids \$50,000 for a Throne

A CHICAGO man, a Catalanian by birth, bid \$50,000 for the throne of Andorra, the semi-republic between Spain and France. His bid was rejected, to the immense satisfaction of everybody. The little republic would have liked to have the \$50,000, but it had not fallen so low as to sell out.

Echoes of the Big Slump

SOME of the echoes of the big slump in the United States are that one out of every six banks closed, one out of every forty-five hospitals had to give up, and one out of every twenty-two businesses went to the wall. Many religious papers had to give up the fight.

Automobile Information*By O. Parkinson (Michigan)*

THE following facts and figures are from the 1933 edition of the booklet prepared and published by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, which includes the manufacturers of all cars excepting the Ford Company:

Production in the United States and Canada for 1932 was 1,431,494 vehicles:

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| 1. Passenger cars | 1,186,209 |
| 2. Trucks | 245,285 |

Foreign sales totaled 181,055 vehicles.

In 1932 registrations in the United States totaled 24,136,879 vehicles, of which 20,903,422 were cars.

Capital invested in car and truck factories amounted to \$1,489,900,000.

Number of direct employees in car and truck factories was 229,841. Number of employees direct and indirect, 3,901,800.

Number of motor vehicle dealers in United States, 39,871.

There were 2,900,000 motor vehicles scrapped in 1932.

The average life of cars is now 7½ years.

Total of registration fees in all states was \$324,273,000.

The state tax on gasoline totaled \$513,047,239.

Of all new cars, 62% are bought by persons with yearly incomes of less than \$3,000.

Of all cars, 89% sell for less than \$750 wholesale.

Of old vehicles, 6,400,000 are ready for junking.

People owning automobiles pay by way of taxes:

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| 1. \$2,041 | a minute |
| 2. \$122,833 | an hour |
| 3. \$2,947,992 | a day |

Highways in the United States total in mileage 3,040,000.

The automobile industry in 1932 consumed in forms of steel or iron:

1. 53% strips
2. 28% bars
3. 23% sheets
4. 54% malleable iron
5. 77% alloy steel

manufactured, and ranks as the first customer for these particular items.

The automobile industry is responsible for the use of:

1. 85% of the gasoline
2. 80% of the rubber
3. 43% of the plate glass
4. 28% of the nickel
5. 34% of the lead
6. 14% of the mohair
7. 53% of the upholstery leather

There are 317,200 retail gasoline outlets.

There are 63,400 school buses in use.

The automobile industry ranks second among manufacturing industries, being exceeded only by the meat packing industry.

Of the world motor output, 72% is in the United States and Canada.

In the entire world there are registered 33,602,000 motor vehicles.

Zambezi Bridge Nearing Completion

THE bridge across the Zambezi river, in Africa, which, it is expected, will mean much to Nyassaland, will be completed in May of next year. There are 46 spans and 1,805 feet of viaduct. Most of the piers go down to 110 feet below water level. The estimated cost of the bridge is \$7,500,000.

Severe in Europe Too

LAST winter was severe not only in America, but in Europe too. On one occasion all the passes in the Pyrenees were blocked with snow. About the same time a motor coach in Germany was buried under thirteen feet of snow, but was eventually dug out and taken to the next village.

Palestine Covered with Highways

TWENTY years ago Palestine was a roadless and a schoolless land. Now, so returned travelers say, it has excellent automobile roads running in every direction, many excellent small cities, well-cultivated fields and fine institutions of learning, and no bread lines.

Record Speed to South America

FLYING in relays the German transatlantic air line recently covered the 5,700 miles between Berlin and the coast of Brazil in 3 days 8 hours 40 minutes. The record was established on the return flight.

The Horrible New Gases

CHARLES DE C. JOHNSTON, of British Columbia, writing of the new gas, diphenylchlorarsine, says:

"Three drops will kill. This gas will penetrate any mask, causing its removal and allowing the more deadly gases, with which it may be mixed, a clear field. General A. Ross, M.P., noted military medical man, claims that a portion of this gas mixed with 10,000,000 parts of air will put a human creature out of action in one minute. As far back as 1918 this gas was used on a herd of goats. All were killed but four. These four, in their agony, smashed their heads against fences. More so, it is stated by this general that the gas can be put up in five-pound containers, 600 forming a load for a commercial airplane. Two of these planes, not a military type even, can carry sufficient to destroy the population of London. Many more gases can be named. Take cacodyl isocyanide. One breath of this gas is absolutely fatal. Diethyl telluride will penetrate the skin without injuring it, yet this gas is 100 times greater in its effect than strychnine. With these gases, General Ross notes, a bomb of an incendiary nature, when dropped from a plane, develops a heat up to 3,000 degrees, piercing iron, steel and earth to get at gas mains. Two pounds of this gas is sufficient to destroy a large city."

Early Development of Paper

By W. F. Cleaver

(Reprinted from *The Inland Printer*)

HIDDEN away "among the flags by the river's brink", the infant Moses was saved from the death that menaced him under Pharaoh's decree. These "flags" were papyrus, a tall, smooth-stemmed reed of triangular form, which grew to a height of ten or fifteen feet, and terminated in a tufted plume. From its smooth green stems was made, as early as 2000 B.C., a material called by the same name, "papyrus," a crude paper. The outer rind of the stem was first removed, exposing an interior made up of numerous successive fiber layers, some twenty in number. These were separated with a pointed instrument, or needle, arranged side by side on a hard, smooth table, crossed at right angles with another set of strips placed above, and then dampened. After pressure had been applied for a number of hours the sheets were taken out and rubbed with a piece of ivory, or with a smooth stone or shell, until the desired surface was obtained, when the process was complete except for drying in the sun. Single sheets made thus were fastened together

to form the papyrus rolls. Some of these rolls were thirty feet in length.

Parchment came as a substitute for papyrus when Egypt, having a monopoly of papyrus, refused to sell it to Attalus, king of Pergamus, so the story goes. The skins of sheep and goats were employed in the making of parchment. Vellum was made from skins of young calves, and was used extensively by the early printers in editions of books for royalty and people of wealth.

History gives the credit of the invention of actual paper, as we know it, to the Chinese emperor Hsi, whom the orientals reverence as a sort of super-scientist. He employed for some thirty years a learned Chinese scholar named Tsi-Lun to investigate means of producing writing material and, after various experiments with silk cloth and other materials, he succeeded in making a fair grade of paper, beating to a fiber bamboo and old rags.

Interesting A. T. & T. Items

OF THE 681,000 Bell System stockholders, 381,000 are women and 115,000 are Bell System employees. At the close of the year 1933 there were 13,163,000 telephones in service; the average tax on each telephone was \$6.42. The total assets of the system at the end of the year were \$4,907,000,000. Nineteen ships can now be reached while at sea from any Bell System telephone, and at the end of 1933 all the telephones in the world, except those in China, Japan, New Zealand, and Russia, could be reached from any Bell System telephone. Shortly, and perhaps by the time this is written, all these countries can be reached.

Burlington's New Streamline Train

THE Zephyr, the Burlington's new streamline train, is 197 feet long and carries 72 passengers in the three cars that make up the train. These three cars, all together, weigh only as much as an ordinary Pullman car. The rear of one car and the front of another rest upon the same truck, so that, all together, there are but sixteen wheels under the train, instead of thirty-six, as usual. Built of stainless steel, The Zephyr is unpainted. As all the parts of each car are welded together, each car is virtually but a single piece of metal. The train is expected to make upward of 100 miles an hour.

Southern California's Great Effort to Get Water

IT IS a matter of life and death, literally, for southern California that it go on with its water project. The average rainfall in that section is but 15 inches, the underground water supplies are seriously depleted, some wells are down 350 feet, and 47 square miles of water land have been ruined by the intrusion of salt water. The distance from the Colorado river to the reservoir at Cajaleo is 241 miles; there are tunnels on the route of 10, 8, 3, 7, 3, 4, 1, 33, 2, 13, 1 and 7 miles, 92 miles in all. More than a hundred routes were surveyed before the route was selected. Boulder Dam is being rushed to completion by the Government largely because it is universally recognized that southern California urgently needs the water to be made available by the dam.

Spanish Home Burned by Meteor

AT THE village of Rinconada, Spain, Francisco Megia had the novel and not-to-be-desired experience of having his house hit by a meteor. With a roar like an airplane, what looked like a column of smoke came hurtling from the skies direct for the little home. Striking the house, the building was first filled with a heavy odor of sulphur and burned coal, and then, the family barely escaping with their lives, the whole house burst into flames and was totally consumed.

Will Spend \$51,000,000 Studying Man

THE Russian government is spending \$51,000,000 in the study of man. The institution in which this will be done will consider man from every angle, from genetics and eugenics through education in all its branches to the adult functioning of the human body. Persons in sound health will be studied to try to find out what it is that makes them well. There will also be some study and treatment of the sick.

America's First Diesel Train

THE new Burlington streamlined train is the first of the Diesel-powered streamliners in this country. Similar trains are in use in Germany and are a pronounced success. The total weight of this new train, of three units, is 85 tons, in place of 300 tons for the regular equipment. It is built of stainless steel, and capable of making two miles a minute.

Eye-Grafting Operation at Newcastle

AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, England, a man twenty-nine years old now beholds the world about him for the first time since he was two years of age, at which time measles destroyed his sight. As they lay side by side on the operating tables the cornea (the thin membrane covering the pupil of the eye) was removed from a fellow man, blind for another reason, and successfully grafted upon the afflicted man's eyes. Two operations were necessary; at one of them a woman was the donor of the cornea of one of her eyes, and, oddly enough, the man who now sees does not know the name of the good woman who made his vision possible.

Sterilization Overrated

DR. C. LEONARD HUSKINS, professor of genetics at McGill University, Montreal, points out that if all the feeble-minded were sterilized, the proportion of feeble-minded to the population would be decreased by only about 11 percent; it would take many generations of sterilization to make a decrease of 20 percent, and the percentage could never be decreased by more than 50 percent, no matter what steps were taken. To entirely wipe out feeble-mindedness, it would be necessary to wipe out all the relatives, including parents, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

A Correction from Alaska

SAYS Fridijov Hoen: "In an issue of *The Golden Age* there was a report of the disappearance in Alaska of Augustine Island. That report is not correct. I was on the island twice last summer and it was then as it has been for the last twenty-three years. From my cabin here I can see it every clear day. That report did not originate in Rome, but in a town here by the name of Anchorage."

The Discovery of Dynamite

DR. ALFRED B. NOBEL, whose 100th birthday was recently celebrated in Sweden, was an ardent lover of peace, though he was the discoverer of dynamite and ballistite, which made modern warfare possible. Without the discovery of dynamite there would be no Panama canal, no Simplon tunnel, and quarrying and building would lag tremendously.

Many Lepers in Brazil

IN SOME sections of Latin America nearly the entire population is leprous. Brazil has the largest number, probably 75,000. Chile has none, due to its temperate climate, rigid immigration policy and the barriers of mountains and deserts which shut it off from other Latin-American countries. Brazil, the melting pot of the world, now has 150,000 Japanese immigrants, and has just offered to receive 10,000 Assyrians.

David Toohey's Wrench

IN AUSTRALIA, in the old mining district of Ballarat, David Toohey, farmer, looking for a missing wrench, discovered, a foot below the surface of the field he was plowing, a gold-bearing reef from which, in two days, he obtained gold to the amount of \$2,240. There have been serious riots in Australia between British miners, armed, and the great numbers of Italians who have come in to take their places in the mines, and who work for smaller wages than the Britishers are willing to accept.

London Firemen's Helmets to Go

LONDON firemen's brass helmets, worn by them for seventy years, and intended to be worn by them in all future ages, are to be changed. It is found that they are unsafe. In one instance a fireman was electrocuted when his helmet touched a tube containing a live wire. The new helmets will be made of plastic materials or an aluminum alloy.

Capital of Sheba Probably Discovered

FRENCH aviators have photographed from an airplane the ruins of a city in southern Arabia which is believed to have been the capital of the queen of Sheba. It must at one time have had a population of about 200,000. It is located near Yemen. Bedouins fired on the airmen as they passed over the ruins, but they escaped without injury.

South Africa's Terrible Storms

SOUTH AFRICA has the most terrible thunderstorms of any part of the world. Some months ago a single flash killed four natives and stunned five others. The same flash also killed five animals.

The Fourth Largest Diamond

THE fourth largest diamond in the world, the Jonkers, recently discovered by a man 62 years of age, brought him \$375,000 in cash. The night after it was discovered, he sat up all night with a rifle on his knees, his two sons sitting on either side of him with revolvers in their hands. With the dawn of day they bumped away to town to dispose of their find. The actual find was by a colored man employed by Jonkers. The stone, 726 carats, is pure white, flawless, and was found within three miles of the Cullinan, discovered in 1905. By some it is believed to be a part of the original Cullinan stone, which is the largest ever found, 3,025 carats, but, even at that, showed a fracture.

The Stonework of Tiahuanacu

BOLIVIANS claim that Tiahuanacu, ten miles from Lake Titicaca, is the oldest city in the world. Its stonework would attract attention in any age. There are flights of steps each step in which is a single square-cut stone twenty feet in length, ten feet in width, and three feet in thickness. There are many building blocks that weigh more than 200 tons each. These blocks were bound together with silver staples. When the Spaniards overran the country they upset everything in order to get the staples. The cutting of the stones was done with absolute precision. How the cutting was done, in view of the fact that steel was unknown, cannot even be guessed.

The Dead Sea Very Much Alive

THE Dead sea, fifty minutes by asphalt road from Jerusalem, is now the city's favorite resort. A twin-screw boat carries 80 passengers around the Dead sea, or a speed-boat will take nine of them around in jig time. The increased barometric pressure causes a high oxygen content of the air, which has a wonderfully invigorating effect on human creatures.

The Capital of Manchuria

IN THE two years they have dominated Manchuria the Japanese have built a new capital, Hsinking, in the center of the country, in a location suitable for landscaping and the erection of large modern government buildings. The city already has a population of 150,000. It will be connected by modern highways with all the important centers of the country.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Golden Age is pleased to announce that a series of brief and illuminating talks by Judge Rutherford, covering a wide variety of Scriptural subjects, will appear in its columns, beginning with this issue. It is hardly needful for *The Golden Age* to express its conviction that these compact and worth-while lectures will be greatly appreciated by its readers. There is so much crowded into the compass of one of these articles that they will bear repeated reading and discussion.

Jehovah *By Judge Rutherford*

THE name JEHOVAH applies exclusively to the Supreme Being. He is the Most High, above all. His name Jehovah signifies His purpose toward His creatures. He is the Almighty God, which means that He is the Creator of all things in heaven and in earth, and that His power is almighty and nothing can successfully resist Him. God created man and created the earth as a place for man to live. All men who will ever gain life everlasting must know and obey Jehovah God.

Jehovah provides two primary ways for man to gain a knowledge of Him: (1) by man's observing the things created, which of themselves silently tell of a supreme power, and (2) by His revealed Word, which is the Bible, otherwise called the Holy Scriptures. Jehovah God long ago caused faithful men to write the Bible at His dictation, and this divine record is made for the purpose of giving man needed information. The Bible is the truth, and for centuries has successfully resisted all efforts to discredit it.

All the human race are the offspring of one man, whose name was Adam and who was created by Jehovah God a perfect man. That man disobeyed Jehovah and was sentenced to death, after which all of his children were born; and for that reason all the human race by inheritance are sinners. The Scriptures truly declare that Jehovah God is love, which means that He is unselfish and that He does good unto all creatures without any gain to himself. Every act of Jehovah is prompted by love or unselfishness; hence He is wholly devoted to righteousness. It is His will that His creatures be wholly devoted to righteousness. He has provided the means for all men to gain a knowledge of the truth in order that they may learn the way of righteousness and live for ever in happiness. We have now come to the time when men are given greater opportunities than ever before to learn the way of righteousness and life.

Jehovah God is the giver of life; hence it is properly said of Him He is the fountain of life. His beloved Son is Christ Jesus, whose position in the universe is next to that of Jehovah. The purpose of Jehovah is to give life to obedient men by and through the ministration of Christ Jesus when such men are fully obedient to Him. For this reason Jesus said of Jehovah and for the benefit of men: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3) No man can get everlasting life without knowing Jehovah and obeying Him.

A meek person is a teachable person, that is to say, a person who is willing to be taught. Jehovah's promise to man is that He will teach the meek in the way that he should go; hence if a man seeks knowledge, earnestly desiring the same, God will reward his efforts. Jehovah has now brought to pass conditions in the world that make it possible for man to understand His name and His purpose, and for this reason He has supplied the means for understanding.

Jehovah commands that all men shall love Him with a pure heart and must be obedient to His commandments in order to prove their love for Him. Such is not a selfish command, but is entirely unselfish and for the special benefit of man. There are mighty creatures that are called gods, because *god* means "mighty one", but there is but one Jehovah, the Almighty God. He is the Eternal One, and there is none other who can give life everlasting to man. It would be inconsistent for God to give everlasting life to anyone out of harmony with Him, and therefore He tells man that if he desires to have everlasting life he must be obedient. Jehovah also commands that man shall make no image and worship that. That requirement is for man's best interests. If a man devotes himself to an image or thing, that tends to turn his mind and his affections away from God and to lead him into destruction. All law and commandments of Je-

hovah are for man's good; and the more fully we understand them and obey them, the more we love Jehovah. That which is of greatest importance to man is to gain a knowledge of Jehovah as set forth in the Bible. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."—Psalm 19:7.

Since God created the first man perfect, and

all men are the offspring of that first man, why is there so much sickness, distress and sorrow and death amongst the human race? Is Jehovah responsible for all this sorrow and suffering amongst men, including death? Jehovah is not responsible at all therefor. The Bible answer to the question as to why these disagreeable things have come to pass will be answered in another speech called "Rebellion".

[The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society advises that the above lecture and others of the series are obtainable in the form of phonograph records, which may be run at the usual speed of 78 revolutions per minute on any phonograph that plays disc records.

There are times when one is not in the mood for reading. On such occasions a short talk on some helpful subject just meets the need and lifts the mind

from dwelling on troublesome things to inspiring and encouraging truths. Many of our readers will be eager to obtain a series of the lectures for their use at home and in discussing with friends and acquaintances the wonderful truths of God's Word as they apply to the time in which we live. For further particulars address Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y.]

The Twilight of Kings *By Annie Johnson Flint*

(Reprinted from the *Boston Globe*)

THREE kings there be, and one is mad,
And one is weak, and one is old,
And all are blind—they will not see
The Hand that writes a doom foretold;
And all are deaf—they will not hear
The Voice that speaks, the word it brings—
Voice of the people and of God:
"This is the twilight of the kings!"

From mountain pass, from fertile plain
Where harvests wait the reapers' tread,
From vineyards on the sunny slopes
Where dressers of the vines lie dead,
From homes where starving children wait
The father's coming—and in vain,
From pallid cheeks and voiceless lips
Of manhood wrecked and manhood slain,
From smold'ring roofs and blackened walls,
From idle wheels of labor stilled,
From ancient battlefields, and new,
That reek of blood unjustly spilled,
A solemn Voice that cries aloud,
Through all the world the portent rings:
"The Sword shall free us from the sword—
This is the twilight of the kings."

It is the twilight! Spent the day
Of splendor, tyranny, and crime.
The long, long day that had its birth
Within the far-off dawn of time—

The day of iron hand and heel,
Of bondage, cruelty, and woe,
The day of Babylon and Rome,
Of Louis, Herod, Pharaoh.
The night that follows on that day
Across the world its shadow flings;
The outworn dynasties shall pass—
It is the twilight of the kings!

Fast falls the night; beyond its gloom
There shines the dawn of better things—
The light of liberty and peace,
Of justice higher than the kings.
When breaks that dawn no more one man
Shall move a million at his will
Like pawns upon a chessboard played,
To vaunt his power and his skill;
No more one man, by "right divine",
On age-old wrongs his house shall build;
No more the slogan "Might makes right"
Shall serve his selfish greed to gild.
Their glory fades as fades the day;
In fire and blood their sun has set,
Though in the swiftly dark'ning skies
A smoky crimson lingers yet;
For hopeless, when the tide has turned,
To fight against the trend of things,
The thrones are rocking to their fall—
It is the twilight of the kings!

“Odium Theologicum”

Questionnaire of “The World Tomorrow”

THE magazine *The World Tomorrow* sent out 100,490 questionnaires to Protestant clergymen and theological seminary students, receiving 20,870 replies. Of the number replying, 17,023 were opposed to military training in public high schools and colleges and universities; 15,985 are in favor of substantial reductions in armaments; 15,598 believe that the policy of armed intervention should be abandoned; 13,997 believe the churches should go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war; 12,904 are prepared to state that it is not their present purpose to sanction any future war or participate as an armed combatant; and 8,014 could not conscientiously serve as army chaplain on active duty in wartime. That is considerable shrinkage, but is worth noting.

Among the expressions of those who said they believe the churches should go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war were the following, culled from a number of different replies:

“War is murder on a wholesale scale, and is incompatible with the teachings and spirit of Jesus Christ.”

“War is hell! It kills human [creatures], love and fellowship, destroys property and civilization, breeds hatred, leaves poverty and ruin in its wake—and the church of Christ must oppose these things or die.”

“For fourteen months I served as chaplain in France and Germany, and for the last fifteen years I have not been rid of the horrors of it for a full twenty-four hours. My position on war is unpopular, but the way I saw wholesale murder for several months has left me with no alternative but to curse the institution which has all but wrecked the world.”

“The church denies the name of its Founder and ceases to be Christian to the extent that it participates in war. Christ is unequivocally opposed to war. War is murder on a wholesale, glorified scale. No murderer is a Christian.”

“What part has the gospel of love with rapine, murder, slaughter and bloodshed? You can’t whip the Devil by acting like him.”

“The record of the clergy in the years of the World War was indeed a dismal one. As one commentator remarked, ‘The pulpits reeked with blood.’”

“If the churches have sincerely repented of their unchristian attitude and action during the World War, they can do no less than to put themselves on record as refusing to sanction or support a future war.”

“We have been a most blasphemous people, praying to God to aid us in murdering others of His creation.”

Pathetic Palestine Pastors

THE pathetic Palestine Pastors’ Association, Palestine, Texas, solemnly met and stated that “hearing that a petition was being circulated . . . for the purpose of preventing the ministers of the gospel from being denied the privilege of broadcasting their messages, the Palestine Pastors’ Association has asked the press to state that . . . The Pastors’ Association does not endorse the petition being circulated”. All of this is as we would expect, and all that it does is to help the people to see that the pastors are lined up squarely on the Devil’s side, and squarely against Jehovah and Jehovah’s witnesses.

The Merchants Ought to Pay

REVEREND E. MCAVOY, Geneva Presbyterian church, Chesley, Ontario, Canada, has a thrilling 2½-column sermon in the *Owen Sound Sun-Times*. The sermon is devoted to proving that furniture, sweaters, automobile accessories, groceries, drugs, tobacco, meat, hay, shoes and ladies’ wear are as cheap in Chesley as in Toronto. Not sure if the reverend gent speaks with authority on the last item, but probably so. No Scriptures are cited, but if those storekeepers don’t come across with the long green, then there is no such thing as gratitude in this world.

Reverend Sheridan Helps the Good Work

REVEREND E. M. SHERIDAN, Curtis Baptist church, Augusta, Georgia, broadcast over WRDW urging his listeners to burn all books having J. F. Rutherford’s name or that of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society printed upon them. Thanks, “Reverend”! Every knock is a boost. “Ye know not what ye do.” And the clergy never do know; they don’t find out what it is all about until after it is all over.

Putting the Clergy on Record

A QUESTIONNAIRE dated January 1, 1934, was sent out to the clergy of the United States. It was signed by S. Parkes Cadman, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Edward M. Israel, M. Ashby Jones, William P. King, F. H. Knubel, Francis J. McConnell, John McDowell, D. P. McGeachy, Kirby Page, Daniel A. Poling, and William Scarlett. Of fifteen questions put to them, the very first one was, “Do you favor the immediate entrance into the League of Nations?”

An Anemic's Place at the Table

A FIVE-YEAR survey of church organization and life in the United States, Alaska and the West Indies, presented at the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Home Missions Council, Fifth Avenue, New York, says:

"During the last decade, Christianity to many has seemed to present but a glorified social service program. We have compromised and qualified until what remains of Christianity is but an anemic member occupying a place at the table of world religions. It is neither vital nor vitalizing."

Elimination of Sectarianism

THE big fellows are all jumping into the new program whereby it is to be made to appear that there is no essential difference between the Catholic, Jew and Protestant faiths. All that the people have to do is to go along where the clergy direct. In every state the campaign is under way, and the most influential men in the state are put on the committees that have the drive in hand. The real object is to prevent the common people from hearing about and accepting God's truth and God's way, His King and His kingdom.

Warning to the Episcopal Church

REVEREND GEORGE A. BARTON, professor at the Philadelphia Divinity School, in an address given at the annual Protestant Church Congress in that city, said of the Episcopal church that it is in danger of being blotted out, and added: "The church is in danger of becoming one of the greatest obstacles in the realization of the kingdom of God. The so-called sects are in many ways doing more in reaching people and bringing them to God than we who sometimes think we have a pipe line to the holy spirit through the historical episcopacy."

"Strife on Earth, Ill Will to Men"

REVEREND ARTHUR E. MASSEY, Sussex, writing in the London weekly *Everyman*, thinks that in these days of soaring expenditures for armaments the consistent thing to do would be to recommend the worship of the inventors of poison gases instead of the Prince of Peace and a day should be set apart to celebrate "Strife on earth, ill will toward aliens". He also makes the sensible suggestion that it might be as well to close the churches.

"Blessed Bible, Precious Word!"

THOSE who love the Word of God often sing "Blessed Bible, precious Word! boon most sacred from the Lord". It seems not to have been the attitude of mind of Reverend Robert Wesley Hanford, M.E. pastor of Lansdowne, Maryland, when, in his Easter sermon, he hurled his Bible across the room and said, "Cursed be the church and cursed be the Bible when used to enslave God's highest creation on earth, to enslave man created in the image of God." The "Reverend" seems to have been peeved about something. The account says that he was "denouncing the fellow who says he is a Bible student". Not certain, but it looks very much as if some Bible student had put something up to him, or at least to his congregation, that the dominie found not easy to explain.

Archbishop Athenagoras' Homely Words

ARCHBISHOP ATHENAGORAS, of the Greek Orthodox church, in a sermon at East Pittsburgh recently, said:

"We wanted money. We got it, and since we got it we've paid for it. The manufacturer poured metal into guns to kill youth; the government poured old rags into paper money and we were debauched in our own hypocrisy. The politician said the war was to unite the world, but it has done the opposite. We were all thankful when the butchery was over, but again the guns are ready to bark in the Far East. All the peace and economic conferences the nations have had, including the League of Nations, have been a failure. . . . The world is seeking a leader, and their leader is before them if they will only heed him. He is Jesus."

Devil-Heaven-Virgin Birth

FROM a questionnaire sent out to the clergy of Chicago by the Northwestern University, it is revealed that 44 percent of Congregationalists, 45 percent of Episcopalians, 70 percent of Methodists, 59 percent of Presbyterians, and 24 percent of Baptists do not believe there is a Devil; 44 percent of Congregationalists, 35 percent of Methodists, 28 percent of Presbyterians, and 22 percent of Baptists do not believe there is a heaven; 94 percent of Congregationalists, 89 percent of Episcopalians, 89 percent of Methodists, 95 percent of Presbyterians, 70 percent of Baptists, and 76 percent of Lutherans do not believe in the virgin birth of our Lord.

Pope Afraid of What Is Coming

THE pope issued a warning that a world-wide conflict may come, and wanted a world-wide spiritual revival to avoid Armageddon. Well, the thing that he fears is just the thing that is coming, and nothing can stop it or should do so. Armageddon is necessary; it is the Lord's method of cleaning up the earth and making it a fit place in which to live. When it is over, all the clergy will be for ever a thing of the past.

Eenie Meenie Minie Moe

POPE CLEMENT VII ruled that the "holy shroud" of Turin, Italy, could be displayed to the public only if the priests told them it was a copy of the original garment. But now the official organ of the pope speaks of it as genuine. Why not? Look at all the money it raked in during the "Holy Year"! Two papal commissions are now examining the shroud to determine if it is genuine, and a book will be published on the subject. The book will show that the shroud is genuine; that is why it is to be written. If confession is made that the shroud is a swindle, why write a book about it?

Ground Hog Superstitions

ODDLY enough, it was on so-called "Ground Hog Day" that the interview with the pope was published in which the pope urged world-wide prayer that Armageddon might be averted. Just why the alleged "vicar of Christ" in earth should want a postponement of the big fight that is going to put an end to all hypocrisy and Devil religion in the earth is something only the pope can explain.

Protestants May Have Part in the Tortures

THE pope recently said to the Dominicans that when he gets ready to put the Inquisition in active operation again he wants them to be back on the job as the inquisitors, as they were of yore. That is interesting. And it now transpires that the Protestants are in training for their part as fellow-inquisitors. An inquisitor who balks at torture is of no good, and so the Devil is training a large and enthusiastic army in the school of vivisection. Protestants are strong for this. The Right Reverend T. Albert Moore, D.D., S.T.D., LL.D., moderator of the United Church of Canada, in a letter boosting the work of "the Canadian Social Hygiene Council, for the prevention of diphtheria through toxoid inoculation", recently said: "It

might also be pointed out that in the province of Quebec diphtheria prevention through toxoid inoculation has the unqualified approval of the Catholic church. Announcements urging parents to protect their children with toxoid are frequently made from the pulpit by the parish priests." Toxoid is the new dope with which the vivisectionists are experimenting since they came to agreement that the toxin-antitoxin formerly recommended is really of no good. The Protestant churches in Canada recently issued an intermediate "Sunday School Quarterly" with a lesson in it on vivisection. Now wouldn't it be a good joke, when the Catholic and Protestant inquisitions both get to going, under the direction of trained vivisectionists, if they should suddenly take up the idea of using one another's officers as their subjects of experiment?

Willing to Pray, for Ten Bucks

AN ITEM comes to us from Lehighton, Pa., giving the following details: "The priest came to a miner by the name of Anthony Madarea, who met with an accident last Wednesday. Madarea fell down a slope 150 feet when a large weight of coal, rock and dirt, estimated at 40 tons, gave way. His back was broken at several places; also both legs were broken from the hips, and both paralyzed; and he suffered internal injuries. He was unconscious until the Saturday following, but regained consciousness. The priest stated to him that if he paid \$10 he would pray for him; he replied to the priest that he could not pay the \$10; then the priest left his bedside in the hospital without offering a prayer for his recovery. This is true. The patient has no faith in him any more."

Virtues of Self-Torturing Devices

MOST people of common sense would say there is no virtue in torturing oneself. Nevertheless, a dispatch from Vatican City states that Maria Micaela was made a saint, the outstanding reason being that when she attended balls and parties, in the middle of the nineteenth century, she had beneath her clothing self-torturing devices. Nobody but the Devil would imagine there was any virtue in a scheme of that kind. Recently, a Washington (D.C.) undertaker disclosed that he had cared for the body of a poor Catholic woman who wore a knotted rope about her hips until her entire abdomen was one mass of callouses.

Odd Use for the Missing Foot

IT SEEMS that in a church at Paris they had a foot of Saint Victor, said to be 1,600 years old. Recently somebody swiped it, and the priest in charge announces that in eternity the thief will be kicked by the foot which he stole unless he returns it. This raises interesting pictures in the mind. If you see a one-legged man in heaven or elsewhere bearing down on some luckless individual, and about to give him a swift kick, you will know that it is Saint Victor. If the kick lands all right an investigation will show that it was planted, not by the foot on which the one-legged man hobbles around, but by the one that was swiped from the priest. There doesn't seem to be any reason why Saint Victor should not kick him with both feet, except that it is rather inconvenient to have both feet off the ground at the same time. If the priest had not told us which foot would be used we would suggest that Vic sock the man with his spiritual crutch and let it go at that. How did the priest get the foot in the first place? Maybe Vic came back and got it on the sly and the priest is in for trouble in the spirit realm, when he lands there, if he ever does. By rights Vic ought to both kick him and sock him with the crutch for keeping his foot in the show case 1,600 years, making him hobble all over heaven and other places so long without it.

Will Take Money and Assume Responsibility

"TRUTH," 412 Eighth Avenue, New York, is willing to take \$2 for a couple of masses. It seems, according to the circular, that "one mass heard by you during life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after death; you shorten your purgatory by every mass; you are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs". The circular then adds, thoughtfully, "Inclose the amount in the small envelope, place it in the larger envelope, mail it to us, and we shall assume all responsibility in the transaction." This all sounds very reasonable on the basis that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and the mass-purveyors would rather have your \$2 now than trust to getting some from somebody else saying masses for you later. We can also see why they are willing to assume the responsibility. They evidently think they will never be called to account. But that is where they are wrong.

Studies in Art

THE Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Clyde, Missouri, has a list of 31 booklets, priced at 10c each. Some of the titles are: "God Himself Our Sacrifice," "Wonders of the Miraculous Crucifix," "Devotion to the Holy Wounds," "Devotion to Mary," "Mary, Mother of God," "Mary, Our Mother," "Under Mary's Mantle," "De Montfort's Devotion to Mary," and "The Rosary, My Treasure". The cover of the booklet or price list is entitled "Devotion to the Most Holy Trinity". It contains a picture of a hard-faced old gentleman in a white beard. He has a triple crown upon his head. His head is connected with the head of a younger man by a design which has as its central feature a dove with wings outspread. The younger man is exhibiting two hands and one foot in which may be seen great gaping wounds. Both of them, or all three of them, if we count the connecting dove as one, are supported by a platform resting upon the shoulders of twelve angels. Above their heads are twenty-four more angels looking down upon the scene. The hard-faced old gentleman has in one hand a trident, and in the other a sphere surmounted by a small cross. The younger man is reclining against and is partly supporting a huge cross. And that's all for now.

A Little Late for the Tombola

READERS are a little late for the annual tombola, which, it seems, is pulled off once a year by the Monastery of the Precious Blood, 2161 Cameron Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. The original offer came on a strip of five tickets at 25c a ticket, total \$1.25 for the piece of paper. In return the holder was to get either a wrist watch, a ton of coal, a luncheon set, a rosary, or a crucifix; awards under the lottery were to be made January 15, 1934. Lotteries are illegal in the United States, and even if you had won the ton of coal it would have been bothersome to send it by parcel post across the border. But there is nothing to hinder your parting with the \$1.25. Not sure if the "Sisters of the Precious Blood", as they call themselves, would accept it, but you might try them and see. It must be all O.K.; for they do business under the protection of Saints Joseph, Anthony and Brigid of Ireland, and surely a saint ought to be on the level, anyway. Come to think of it, you can't sent lottery money through the mails.

Barefaced Lottery in Canada

THE Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish, P. F. Hughes, 2140 Cameron Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, is operating a barefaced lottery under the name of "Spring Fair" "Grand Charity Drive". A book of five tickets is \$1.00; single tickets, 25c. Each ticket is numbered; prizes are 35 in number, ranging from \$25 in cash down. Lotteries are illegal in the United States and should be illegal everywhere. We wonder how this matter goes through the Canadian mails, and if the lottery is worked through the United States mails also. The return envelope for the lottery tickets and remittances is cleverly masked. It reads "Salve Regina Fund, Archdiocese of Regina, 2140 Cameron Street, Regina, Sask., Canada". Nobody would be likely to identify such an envelope as carrying either lottery tickets or lottery remittances.

The Slow-Baking Department

SOME one sent in a picture of the slow-baking department put out by The Purgatorian Society, St. Peter's church, 1019 North 5th street, Philadelphia. At the bottom are ten writhing in the flames; to the left are six either in the slow-baking department or just being released from it. In the center is a priest holding up a goblet of wine, with two altar boys kneeling behind him. At the top and down one side are thirty angels that belong to the rescue or fire squad, and in the center of the top is the Devil, with outstretched hands, blessing the whole scheme for the dishonoring of the name of Jehovah, the true and living God.

Raised Up for Veneration

HERE is a letter from Cardinal Dougherty to a priest in his own city in which he says: ". . . before long a bishop of this diocese of Philadelphia will be raised to the altars of our churches for veneration of the faithful." The lady who sends in the item, once a Catholic, very properly designates this as "stark idolatry, man deified, pure paganism".

1,000,000 Persons Swindled

AS A RESULT of centuries of propaganda 1,000,000 persons were swindled recently at Trier, Germany, where they paid to see the alleged robe of Christ worn just prior to His crucifixion. The exhibition lasted five weeks.

A Suggestion to Reverend Gould

A NEWSPAPER in the west of Ireland says in an advertisement: "The first thought of a Catholic in the month of November is for his dead. Patiently in the cleansing flames they await the help of their dear ones to enable them to pass to their eternal reward. . . . Send all names and petitions (sealed) to me, Reverend B. Gould, St. John's, Gravelly Hill, Birmingham. I will send the Novena Prayer and a mortuary card. When sending your petition I beg of you to send me a mite to help me to build a church and pay for a school in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. These are hard days for me." Our suggestion to the "Reverend" is that he give up this crooked way of making a living and do some kind of honest work. Another suggestion would be that he persuade the Devil, who he acknowledges is his partner, to turn the gas down a little, and not make the climate of this purgatory place so hot. He could also explain to the Devil that suckers are fewer and farther between than they used to be. Not sure if any of these will be acceptable.

Checking Up on the Bones

THEY have been having a grand time checking up on the old bones down at Georgetown University, Washington. When they got through with the audit they had three boxes of old bones more than they figured on, and now believe these boxes contain some of the earthly material in which certain saints walked around in Rome or elsewhere sixteen centuries ago. Of course, they may not be the identical bones of the saints in question; or even if they are it is not certain which is which; and they may even be sheep bones, or calf bones; but they are valuable for exhibition purposes.

The Holy House of Loretto

THE reason that Our Lady of Loretto is the patroness of aviators, if you will believe it, is that in 1291 the angels carried the house in Nazareth where Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived all the way from Nazareth to Loretto, Italy, where they parked it on a hillside and the Roman Catholic priests built a church around it. It seems that the angels shifted the house twice within four years after the airplane trip from Palestine, but finally left it in a place where business would be good.

Home and Health

Remedy for Constipation

SAYS Lydia G. Wentworth, of Massachusetts: "Remembering the interest which your magazine has taken in past years in the subject of health, I send to you the following prescription, by a distinguished physician, which is a sure remedy for constipation, the precursor of so many different diseases. A great advantage is that it can be made in any household. It is not an emergency measure, but a positive remedy. Even difficult cases yield with less than the four glasses per day prescribed:

"Take a bunch of carrots and a bunch of celery. Wash and cut into pieces. Put in kettle with about three pints of water and boil briskly for twenty minutes. Then add a handful of spinach, carefully washed, and boil for ten minutes more; strain all through a sieve and add enough water to make two quarts. For a stubborn case take four glasses daily, at intervals. This is unfailing and can be continued until complete relief is effected. A person in normal health should have two, or even three, bowel movements every day. This prescription is a great help in high blood pressure, arthritis, diabetes and nervousness. It should not be prepared in an aluminum utensil; nothing should."

A Tea Made of Apples

JAMES A. WILLIAMS, of Lithuania, offers the following for those who he thinks will soon be giving up the caffeine drinks: "Slice some apples (washed but not peeled) into about one-sixth-inch slices. Dry slowly in a pan lined with white paper, by placing in an oven, which, of course, must not be shut. When thoroughly dry, roast until a dark-brown color (closing the oven door, of course). Store in a dry place. Infuse as needed, in the same manner as tea, but do not throw away until the brew is thoroughly weak. Dilute with boiled water and sweeten to taste. Use glasses for preference (a la russe). The tea has a most appetizing flavor and color and is not spoiled by standing a day or longer."

A Way to Make Use of Garlic

J A. WILLIAMS, of Lithuania, finds that he can get all the benefits of garlic, without its unpleasant after-effects, by cutting the bulb in two, lengthwise and crosswise, and swallowing the small particles with a large draught of water from a good-sized spoon. He takes this each morning, followed by the juice of a lemon, and after an hour no odor is discernible.

A Good Word for Ginseng

A SUBSCRIBER in the Bronx says: "You certainly know how to turn out a perfectly consistent paper, and an inspirational one. I hope the time arrives when *The Golden Age* makes its appearance on every news stand in the United States. I would like to see you take another crack at aluminum pots; it is time the folks knew enough to throw the aluminum pots into the Hudson before the aluminum pots throw them into the Hudson. Also, you cannot really say too much for ginseng. It has an awkward, feeble taste, appears like the shadow of a shade, yet it causes the sick to rise and run about, full of vim, vigor and vitality. I believe soy beans have a tendency to prevent appendicitis."

Life at 320 Degrees Below Zero

IN THE University of Pittsburgh a doctor and another man immersed a turtle in liquid air and kept it there, at 320 degrees below zero, for ten minutes, just to see how long it could live. A subscriber says animatedly: "The quicker this lousy bunch is exterminated, the better for the world."

Smallpox a Dirt Disease

IN THE four years 1928 to 1931 inclusive, the deaths from smallpox in Madras, India, were 307 times as great per million of population as in London. In Bombay they were 551 times as great, and in Calcutta they were 597 times as great. Vaccination is compulsory in all three of the British Indian cities.

Gallstone Remedy Works O.K.

WORD from several subscribers establishes the fact that a tumblerful of olive oil, followed by lying on the right side for the night, causes gallstones to be passed off in a natural manner, with no danger, and almost no expense.

People to Avoid

A SPEAKER at the Chicago Executives' Club who says that everybody will be insane by the year 2139 recommends that to keep a level head the people to be avoided are gossips, critics, chisellers, the timid, the despondent, the parasitical, the arrogant, the fanatical, the obstinate, the melancholy, self-piteous, jealous, envious, angry, pessimists, and the painfully good.

Teeth and Turnips*By a Farmer's Wife*

IN JUNE of 1928 I went to my dentist for a dental examination and to make arrangements to have necessary work done on my teeth. Among other things, the dentist declared that my teeth were badly in need of cleaning. Sickness prevented my returning to him on the date set; and when I did go back for the work it was November.

During the interval I had not taken any better care of my teeth than previously; so you may imagine my surprise when he exclaimed, "How nice and clean your teeth are!" He said that my teeth did not need cleaning at all. This puzzled me for a while, and then a light began to dawn on me.

That autumn had brought us an abundance of very sweet, crisp turnips, and I had been eating them raw almost every day for several weeks. We served great slices of them at our meals, and ate them with bread, butter and a little salt. We seemed never to tire of them. I reasoned that the act of masticating the turnips not only scoured and exercised the teeth, but also liberated mineral-laden juices which both tended to correct unhealthy mouth conditions and served to nourish and harden the teeth.

I had also been eating raw apples. Later the dentist suggested that these might have been responsible for the improved conditions. But I had eaten apples plentifully before, when turnips were not available, but without the same gratifying results, although there is no doubt that the apple is very beneficial.

Here is a salad of which we do not tire, and which guests soon come to like as well as we do:

Five or six large, crisp, sweet turnips
Two or three medium-sized carrots
One pulverized onion
One-half cupful raisins

Run all but the raisins through a food chopper, mix, and add this dressing:

One cup sweet milk
Two teaspoonfuls salt
Two dashes red pepper
One-half cup vinegar
or juice of one lemon
One tablespoonful cornstarch
Two-thirds teaspoonful mustard
Two eggs
One tablespoonful butter or olive oil
One-fourth teaspoonful celery salt

Sugar added improves the taste of this salad, for some. It may be varied by adding nuts or apples. This dressing is cooked; but all the vegetables in the salad are used in the raw state.

A combination of cream, salt, sugar, and lemon juice may be used instead of the cooked dressing.

Vaccination Persecutions

AT CARLISLE, Pa., William Marsh, South Middleton farmer, was sent to jail for five days for refusal to have his two children vaccinated. Two years ago two other of his daughters went blind because of vaccination; so says the *Philadelphia Record*. At Greenwich, Conn., Mrs. Maria J. Brought was fined \$5 and costs for each of five weeks her child was not in school. At the trial it was brought out that every school day for the five weeks the mother had brought the child to school, but every day the child had been refused admittance because not vaccinated. Mrs. Brought objects to vaccination on the ground that a person's life is in the blood and should not be defiled; also, another child became ill when vaccinated.

Six Thousand Paralytics Treated

IN THE past four years six thousand sufferers of infantile paralysis have been treated, most of them free of charge, in the violet ray swimming pool of Israel Zion hospital, New York city. The children sit in floating baskets, kicking their sick legs in the water, while nurses, trained for the work, help them to exercise their weak muscles.

Smallest Known Death Rate

THE year 1933 was distinguished for having the smallest known death rate among the millions of industrial policyholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The vitality of the American people seems unimpaired in spite of all they have passed through since the end of the boom in the year 1929.

Corpse Objects to Ride in Hearse

A GIRL in Lorient, Lower California, state of Mexico, died of a heart attack, according to the doctors who examined her. On the way to the cemetery she inquired where she was being taken. There did not seem to be any good reason for burying her, and so she was returned home as well as before the attack took place.

What Is Real Baptism?

DEFINED according to the inspired Word of God, "baptism" (from the Greek word *baptein*, meaning *to dip, to dip in or under*) means 'to be buried; to be interred; to be hid away, out of sight'. It means the consecration of oneself; the full and unconditional devoting of oneself, and acceptance by the Lord. Romans 6:4 says: "We are buried with him by baptism into death." A thing cannot be buried, interred, or hidden, by sprinkling a few drops of water upon it from some religious font.

Israel Baptized

Some sixteen hundred years before Christ the Hebrews, or Israelites, were sojourning in Egypt, where they were oppressed by the monarch, Pharaoh. Egypt was a type of the world, Satan's organization; while Pharaoh was a type of the Devil, the god of this evil world. (2 Corinthians 4:4) Then Jehovah God sent His prophet, Moses, to Egypt primarily to make a name for Himself, and secondarily to redeem the Israelites. "Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, . . . And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name?" (2 Samuel 7: 22, 23) Before Moses could become the deliverer of the nation of Israel that people must agree to obey and follow Moses as the one sent of Jehovah God. Their full and unconditional agreement to follow Moses meant that they had fully committed themselves to Moses. This constituted their baptism *unto* Moses.

Then Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. When they reached the Red sea they were closely pursued by the Egyptians. God caused a cloud to stand between His people and the enemy, burying His people out of sight of the Egyptians; also, He caused the sea to divide and to stand on each side of them as they passed through to safety. By this means they were buried in the cloud and in the sea; and thus was symbolized their baptism unto Moses. Concerning this the apostle Paul wrote: "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our [Hebrew] fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea."—1 Corinthians 10:1, 2.

On the night preceding their deliverance from Egypt the Israelites held their first passover feast, by slaying the passover lamb and feasting

upon it. This was according to God's law. There Jehovah God made the law covenant by Moses as the mediator for Israel while in Egypt and at the time of the slaying of the paschal lamb. The inauguration of this law covenant took place in the season of Pentecost, or about fifty days after the Israelites were brought out of Egypt and had come to Mount Sinai (Mount Horeb). (Exodus 19:1-25; 20:1-21) At that time God made promise of the coming of One greater than Moses and of whom Moses was a type; to Moses God said: "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth." (Deuteronomy 18:15-19) The apostle Peter identified this Greater Prophet to come as being Christ Jesus. (Acts 3:20-23) The law was made a schoolmaster to lead Israel unto Christ, that great Deliverer. (Galatians 3:23, 24) But the Jews lost confidence in the promises made by Jehovah; and when the time drew near for the coming of Jesus, the antitype of Moses, there was only a remnant in the proper heart condition to receive the Lord.

The purpose of the law covenant with the Jews was to get for Jehovah a "people for his name"; but that covenant failed because of the imperfection of the Jews. When Christ Jesus, the Greater Moses, came, He was the "seed" according to Jehovah's promise to Abraham, "the friend of God," and those Jews who were then found faithful were transferred from Moses to Christ and thereby were made a part of the "people for his name". The faithful disciples of Jesus Christ were striking examples of this fact. They were already consecrated to do the will of God and had been baptized into Moses "in the cloud and in the sea", and now it was not necessary for them to again undergo baptism. Moses was the mediator for all of God's chosen people, the nation of Israel. They "were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea". Moses was therefore the mediator for all such and none other; hence the Jews that were found faithful at the coming of Christ Jesus were transferred from Moses to Christ. Christ was made the mediator for all such and for all Gentiles who covenant to do the will of God.

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. . . . Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all

Judæa, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." (Matthew 3:1-6) "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for [margin: unto] the remission of sins." (Mark 1:4) John was announcing Jesus, the antitype of Moses, who had come to do the work that Moses could not do. The Jews had not been living up to the terms of their covenant, even to the best of their ability. They were commanded, therefore, to repent of their sins against God's arrangement with them under the law covenant; and by being baptized they thus testified that they acknowledged their sins and repented of them, preparatory to the washing away of their sins by the blood of Christ. (Hebrews 9:14, 15; Revelation 1:5) Of course, this baptism applied to the Jews only; for no other people was a party to the law covenant, and this baptism by John could apply to none other than God's covenant people.—Acts 19:1-7.

Some professing Christians have for a long time practiced and yet practice "John's baptism". Without doubt they do it ignorantly. One powerful religious church system practicing water immersion claims it was founded by John the Baptist. But since no Gentile or non-Jew was a party to the law covenant, and since John's baptism was exclusively for Jews, it follows that the practicing of John's baptism is without any avail to Gentiles at any time. The water immersion of the Jews by John only testified that they had repented of their sins and were looking to Jehovah God's provision to wash them away. Long centuries ago God's special favor to the Jews under the law covenant ceased because of their rejection of Christ Jesus.

The sin of the world which affects all men is the sin resulting from Adam's disobedience. (Romans 5:12) Every one of the human race has been born imperfect, and every imperfect creature before God is a sinner. The provision for the remission of such sin is only through the blood of Jesus. "Without shedding of blood is no remission." (Hebrews 9:22) John the baptizer did not say that to repent and be baptized would take away *the sin* of the world. On the contrary, after he had practiced this baptism for six months, Jesus appeared and John pointed to Jesus and said: "Behold the *Lamb of God*, which taketh away *the sin* of the world." (John 1:29) It is only by exercise of faith in the shed blood of Jesus and by the imputation of the

merit of His sacrifice that the great sin of man can be taken away. It is clear, then, that mere water immersion at any time does not remit the sin and that such water immersion does not constitute real baptism.

Real Baptism

Real baptism can therefore be understood only by understanding why Jesus was baptized. Jesus was born after the flesh a Jew; therefore in harmony with the law covenant. (Galatians 4:4, 5) He was at all times perfect and without sin. Therefore His baptism could have nothing whatsoever to do with remission of sins, for He had none. It will be observed also that He was not baptized as a babe (Luke 2:21-39), nor as a child of twelve years of age when His parents lost Him in Jerusalem and later "found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions". (Luke 2:41-51) Hence there could be no authority for infant immersion.

When Jesus was about thirty years of age, being then of legal majority under the terms of God's law covenant with Israel, He presented himself to John the baptizer to be baptized. John knew that Jesus was not a sinner; therefore he protested, saying, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering, said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness."—Matthew 3:14, 15.

According to Numbers 4 those who ministered in the house of God, the Levites, were numbered from thirty years old upward. Jesus had reached that age. Immediately upon reaching that age He entered upon the performance of the work for which He had come to the earth. He came to exercise His own will in full harmony with God's will. Therefore He gladly devoted himself to Jehovah. That constituted the consecration of himself as a perfect man to do the will of God, whatever that might be concerning Him. Here it was that He entered into a covenant with His Father. A *covenant* means a solemn agreement or contract. Unconditionally giving himself to God constituted His part of entering into that covenant. That covenant led to His death as a man.

At the Jordan river, when baptized, Jesus presented himself without spot or blemish unto God in fulfilment of the prophecy previously written concerning Him: "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book [the Bible] it

is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:7,8; Hebrews 10:5-9) That was the "covenant with me by sacrifice" between God and Christ Jesus, since it was the will of God that He should be a sacrifice. (Psalm 50:5) There Jesus unconditionally offered himself to do whatsoever was the will of God, and it was then the will of God that Christ Jesus should be the Vindicator of His holy name and word; and that to qualify for such He must maintain His integrity toward God under the most severe test even unto an ignominious death, and that His lifeblood poured out should be and is the redemptive price for man. 'And for this cause He is made the mediator of the new covenant.' (Hebrews 9:15, *A.R.V.*) Jehovah God gave to Jesus the ministry of the new covenant, that is, the work of taking out a "people for his name"; and this ministry is more excellent than that committed to Moses. (Hebrews 8:6) When the apostles believed on the Lord Jesus as the Christ and left all to follow Him, that marked the time of their entering into a covenant by sacrifice. (Luke 18:28-30; Matthew 16:24,25) The covenant by sacrifice means to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as the ransom and, based on this faith, to exercise such faith by unconditionally agreeing to do the will of God. Three and one-half years after Jesus entered the covenant by sacrifice God made the new covenant with Him. (Matthew 26:27,28; Jeremiah 31:31-34) This seems clearly to fix the rule that no one can be taken into the new covenant until after having entered into a covenant with Jehovah by sacrifice.

At His baptism in the Jordan Jesus made and began the performance of His covenant by sacrifice and which performance was finished at Calvary. Because of His covenant by sacrifice, which sacrifice was holy and acceptable unto God, Jesus is made the mediator of the new covenant. (Hebrews 8:6; 9:14,15) The new covenant is a means of providing a people to bear testimony to the name of Jehovah, and who may have a part in the vindication of His name. The mere fact that a mediator is provided shows that others would be joined with Christ Jesus in the vindication of Jehovah's name. These "others" are those taken into the new covenant after it is made with Christ Jesus, and after they have made a covenant with Jehovah God by sacrifice and have been accepted by Jehovah as His sons.

From the divine standpoint Jesus was counted dead *as a man* from the time of His baptism in Jordan forward. There began His baptism. That real baptism was completed when He died upon the tree. As proof that it began at Jordan and progressed and ended at Calvary, we have His own words. "Can ye . . . be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" He asked those who requested a position of special favor in His kingdom. (Mark 10:38) Thereafter He again said: "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" (Luke 12:50) The covenant He made with Jehovah at the time of the complete offering of himself at the Jordan was executory, that is, in process of being carried into effect from that time forward. That same covenant was completed on the tree at Calvary, and hence there became fully executed. God *counted* His baptism as completed at the Jordan. His real baptism was *actually* completed when, on the tree, He cried: "It is finished."

The water immersion of Jesus was an open testimony to the effect that He had entered into a covenant with Jehovah to do the Father's will, which covenant was entered into by the full offering of himself to the Father. His being buried in the water was proof of His complete immersion into the will of His Father. His being raised out of the water testified that He had entered upon a new course of higher life and action, which the Father had provided for Him. From that time forward He was carrying out His covenant as the Father willed it. He learned His Father's will after His immersion in Jordan. In proof of this it is recorded: 'When Jesus was baptized, he went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him.'—Matthew 3:16.

From there He went to the wilderness, where for forty days and nights He studied the Word of God, properly applying the "shadows" (types) and prophecies thereof to himself. (Matthew 4:1-11) By this means and by sweet communion with the Father He ascertained the Father's will. To carry out His Father's arrangement meant that He must be broken in body and must pour out His lifeblood to provide the ransom price for man and qualify as Jehovah's vindicator. It was the completion of His covenant in actual death that He had in mind when He said: "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" It was finished at Calvary.

Baptism of Footstep Followers

Addressing himself to the followers of Jesus, the apostle Peter wrote: "Even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (1 Peter 2:21) The baptism of Christ's disciples, therefore, must be in the same manner and for the same reason that Jesus was baptized. The apostle Paul corroborates this view when he says: "We are buried with him by baptism into death."—Romans 6:4.

The real baptism for a true Christian, one of Jehovah's witnesses, is therefore, as the apostle Paul states, being buried with Christ into death, a sacrificial death. This sacrificial death takes place (so far as the man is concerned) at the time he is justified by God through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, and is accepted for sacrifice and is begotten by the spirit of Jehovah as a son of God. Such being then taken into the new covenant to be of the "people for his name" and proving faithful thereto under test, he is baptized into Jesus Christ, the Mediator of the new covenant. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection." (Romans 6:3-5) Paul states that the nation of Israel was baptized unto (into) Moses and that Christians are baptized into Christ. The baptism of the nation of Israel showed the full consecration of that nation to follow Moses as Jehovah's representative and their deliverer. The baptism into Christ shows that the Christians are fully consecrated to do the will of God, following Christ Jesus as their deliverer. These are baptized into Christ's death; that is to say, their real baptism consists in being joint-sacrificers with Christ Jesus.

Symbol and Necessity

Symbolic baptism, that is, baptism in water, is performed for the purpose of showing that one has made a full and unconditional consecration to do Jehovah God's will through faith in Christ Jesus. The one who administers the water immersion for that particular purpose pictures the Lord Jehovah. The one being immersed, completely submitting himself to the

administrator as Jesus did to John, illustrates how he has consecrated himself wholly, submitting himself completely to another; thus showing the complete submission to the Lord. The administrator raising the immersed one up out of the water beautifully pictures how the Lord raises up those immersed to walk in newness of life. *Complete immersion in water is the Scriptural symbolic baptism.*

The proper and Scriptural time to perform the symbol is within a reasonable time after one has consecrated himself to the Lord. In fact, the one who appreciates the privilege of following the Lord will give diligence to follow His course in the performance of the symbol. One inquires: "When I became a member of a denominational church I was immersed in water, which immersion I understood to be for the remission of sins. Was that immersion correct and sufficient?" The proper answer is that it was of no avail, because not performed for the Scriptural purpose.

Another says: "When I united with the Baptist church I was immersed in water. Since that organization practices the proper symbol, should I be immersed again after having come to a knowledge of the present truth?" The proper answer is: If, when immersed in the water, the one so immersed had prior thereto fully consecrated himself to Jehovah God by Christ Jesus, then there would be no necessity for repeating the symbol after coming to a knowledge of the "present truth". (2 Peter 1:12) On the other hand, if at the time of water immersion he had not previously fully consecrated to the Lord, then the water immersion was of no value. The controlling question is, Had the person so immersed fully consecrated before the performance of the symbol? If in doubt as to that, the doubt should be resolved in one's own favor and all doubt be removed from the mind by performing the symbol again.

Is there any real virtue in water immersion? There is no virtue in the water itself, but the real virtue arises from obedience to the Lord's arrangement. If we see that Jesus was immersed in water in order to fulfil all righteousness and that He left us an example, then we see what a privilege it is to take the step He took in symbolizing the real consecration by water immersion. It would seem that if after one came to a knowledge of the reality and the purpose of the symbol such person would then fail or refuse to perform the water symbol, such

a one would show a disregard of the Lord's provisions and probably would be greatly retarded in gaining a knowledge of the truth and the great issue. 'It is better to obey than to sacrifice.' It is the obedience in performing the symbol when it is seen and appreciated that is really pleasing to the Lord.

Jonadab Class (2 Kings 10: 15-23)

There is today a class of people of good will toward Jehovah God and toward His witnesses, and who correspond to Jonadab the supporter of King Jehu. In a parable (Matthew 25: 31-46) Jesus pictured such class as sheep because they have endeavored to do good to the Lord Jesus by doing good unto the least of His brethren on earth today, Jehovah's witnesses.

Those of this class realize that they are not anointed with Jehovah's spirit as His witnesses and hence are not Christians called to the heavenly calling nor taken into the covenant for the heavenly kingdom with Christ Jesus. Hence they inquire: "What can I do?" To such question the Scriptural response is: Have you taken your stand on the side of Jehovah? If so, that means that you are trusting in the precious blood of Christ Jesus shed for the remission of sins and that you have made a consecration or agreement to do the will of Jehovah God. It would be proper for you to symbolize that agreement or consecration by water immersion in the presence of witnesses. Anyone who trusts

in Jehovah and Christ Jesus could administer or perform the baptismal service.

Such should then diligently study the Word of God together with His provided helps that they may learn meekness and righteousness. (Zephaniah 2: 2, 3) If in their community there are others interested, so that four or five of them (or more) can get together for Bible study, that would be a good thing. The time has come when the words of Jesus are being fulfilled (Revelation 22: 17): "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come: and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." The Jonadab class have heard the good news. They should then tell it to others. Let them take advantage of such opportunities and time as they have to call on other persons and tell them of the kingdom of Jehovah by Christ Jesus and of His gracious provision for the human family.

The Lord is now separating the "sheep" from the "goats" (the disobedient ones). This He is doing by bringing to their attention the great truths of His Word. The "sheep" must do their part to get the truth to the people. This means that you are joining no earthly organization, religious or otherwise, but that you are joining yourself to the Lord, as Jonadab did to Jehu, and are joyfully serving Him, appreciating the fact that His kingdom under Christ is the hope of the human race.—Matthew 12: 21.

"The River of the Water of Life"

THE effect of the "pure river of water of life" when it comes in contact with the God-fearing and the sincere is well illustrated by the following letter.

In publishing this letter, we warn Mr. C—that *The Golden Age* is scanned critically, not only by its friends, but by its enemies. We warn him to be on the lookout for these enemies and to remember that the worst of all enemies are those who claim to be friends but who are not true and faithful at heart.

Nor are we, in printing this letter, assuming any responsibility concerning Mr. C's use of his property in any manner that seems to him good, and we desire no correspondence, now or later, with any who may interest themselves in the same.

My dear Brethren:

Beg to advise you on last Sunday, March 11, '34, a Christian lady stopped at my home with literature and I was a very sick man at the time she was talking to me. Nevertheless I received two small books, one named *Intolerance*; and I have read and reread this book, which is very interesting to me, owing to the fact it certainly tells the Truth. When it comes to the Roman Catholic church, I can and will confirm all statements contained in this little book pertaining to Romanism. I am sorry to say I was born and raised a Roman Catholic and studied three years for a priest and lived a Catholic for almost thirty years. On July 14, 1919, at Cedar Lake, Ind., Moody Conference Grounds, under preaching of Paul Rader I found "Jesus the Christ". Amen, it happened to me. Thank God for His power to change a man's life; praise God for ever; I have read a great many of Judge Rutherford's books; he certainly puts out the Truth.

From the little *Intolerance* book, page 40, which I now have before me, I quote or read as follows: "The head of the Roman Catholic hierarchy announced that the year 1933 is a holy year, made so by his own personal declaration. . . . The Catholic press throughout the land denounced me for making that speech, and made many false statements against me. I replied in a letter addressed to them, and, they having failed to publish it, the *Golden Age* magazine has published it [Thank God for that. Amen.], and each of you may have a copy of that letter, together with the speech."

Now my dear good brethren, I am asking you for a copy of this letter, also copy of *Golden Age* magazine containing the speech, thanking you very kindly in advance for same. May God bless you all in your work. I would not part with this little book *Intolerance* for any set amount, say ten dollars, knowing I could not get another one.

I have been in the Lord's service since my conversion July 14, 1919, up to 1930, when I took sick with sugar diabetes, and have been under care of several physicians during the past five years. The last three doctors have given up my case and pronounced it incurable. So here I am, trusting for a cure from the great Physician, "Jesus the Christ," the same yesterday, today and for ever. Amen. I believe He is able to heal and will do it when I obey and meet conditions. Praise the Lord for ever.

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Thanking you in advance for an early reply, beg to remain

Your humble servant in the King's service,

T. C. C—.

The Way to Come Out Ahead

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