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## Demonism in Its Latest Aspects *(In Two Parts)*

### Part II

#### A DEMON-CRAZED WORLD

ONE of the first steps toward being entrapped in demonism is to place reliance upon "signs" and thus to stray away from reliance upon God and His Word and seek guidance otherwise, that is, from the demons. It is astonishing in what a variety of forms demon-worship has manifested itself. We mention some of the ancient and modern forms alphabetically, and we do not claim that the list is complete. It is not.

**Aeromancy:** Divination (invocation of the demons; prophesying) by the state of the air or from the atmospheric substances.

**Alectryomancy (or Alectoromancy):** Divination by means of a cock encircled by grains of corn placed on the letters of the alphabet, the letters being then put together in the order in which the grains were eaten.

**Aleuromancy, Alplitomancy:** Divination by flour or meal.

**Anthropomancy:** Divination by the entrails of a human sacrifice.

**Arithmancy:** Divination by numbers.

**Aruspiecy or Haruspiecy:** Divination by interpretation of lightning and natural prodigies.

**Astrology:** Divination by the stars and planets.

**Austromancy:** Divination by the observance of winds.

**Axinomancy:** Divination by a balanced ax or hatchet.

**Belomancy:** Divination by arrows.

**Bibliomancy:** Divination by passages of Scripture taken at random.

**Bletonism:** Divination by power of locating subterranean waters, as by sensation. Named after Bleton, a Frenchman, who early in the 19th century claimed this faculty.

**Botanomancy:** Divination by herbs.

**Capnomancy:** Divination by smoke from the altar.

**Cartomancy:** Divination by means of playing cards.

**Catoptromancy:** Divination by mirrors.

**Ceromancy:** Divination by dropping melted wax in water.

**Chaomancy:** Divination by appearances in the air.

**Chartomancy:** Divination by written paper.

**Chiromancy:** Divination by the hand.

**Cleromancy:** Divination by dice or throwing lots.

**Coscinomancy:** Divination by the balanced or suspended sieve.

**Crithomancy:** Divination by the dough of cakes offered in sacrifice.

**Crystallomancy:** Divination by crystal gazing.

**Dactyliomancy:** Divination by finger rings.

**Extispicy:** Divination by the entrails of animals sacrificed.

**Geloscropy:** Divination by the mode of laughing.

**Genethliacs:** Divination by the stars at birth.

**Geomancy:** Divination by aspects of the earth.

**Gyromancy:** Divination by walking in a circle.

This is performed by drawing a ring or circle and walking in or around it until the walker falls from dizziness, the prognostication being drawn from the place of the fall.

**Halomancy:** Divination by salt.

**Hieroscropy:** Divination by observing the objects offered in sacrifice.

**Hydromancy:** Divination by water.

**Hypnotism:** Control of one mind by another, probably by intentional or unintentional invocation of the aid of demons. The hypnotized person is put into a state resembling sleep, but hypnosis differs from

normal sleep and breaks down the human will.

**Ichthyomancy:** Divination by fishes' entrails.

**Lithomancy:** Divination by precious stones.

**Meteoromancy:** Divination by meteors.

**Myomancy:** Divination by movements of mice.

**Necromancy:** Divination by pretended talking with the dead.

**Nomancy:** Divination by letters.

**Numerology:** Divination by numbers, as by day of birth or month of birth, etc.

**Oenomancy:** Divination by the color and peculiarities of wine.

**Onieromancy:** Divination by dreams.

**Onomancy:** Divination by the letters forming the name of the person.

**Onychomancy:** Divination by the finger nails as reflecting the sun's rays.

**Ophiomancy:** Divination by observation of serpents.

**Orniscopy, Ornithomancy:** Divination by observation of the flight of birds.

**Palmistry:** Divination by the hand.

**Pegomancy:** Divination by springs and fountains.

**Pessomancy:** Divination by pebbles.

**Potiomancy:** Divination by the making of love potions.

**Psychoanalysis:** The Modern Confessional; an explanation of the mysteries of life resting on a sex basis. A so-called "scientific" method of polluting the minds of women and girls.

**Psychomancy:** Divination by "ghosts".

**Pyromancy:** Divination by the sacrificial fire.

**Rhabdomancy:** Divination by means of a wand or rod. It is interesting in this connection to note that divining rods are said to be always made of *witchhazel*; a curious thing, to say the least, if the demons have nothing to do with divining rods.

**Scapulimancy:** Divination by reading the cracks and burnt spots after scorching the animal's shoulder blades over coals of fire.

**Sciomancy:** Divination by consulting the shades of the dead.

**Sideromancy:** Divination by observing straws burning on red-hot iron.

**Sortilege:** Divination by drawing lots.

**Stichomancy:** Divination by lines or passages from books.

**Tephromancy:** Divination by the ashes of the

altar on which a victim has been consumed in sacrifice.

**Theomancy:** Divination by the responses of oracles.

**Voodooism:** A form of sorcery, which, in its worst forms, includes murder, human sacrifices and cannibalism.

### ***Felinomancy—Tunicomancy—Ichthyomancy***

In Burma and Siam cats in the heathen temples are believed to enshrine the spirits of the dead. In Japan they are credited with the power to bewitch humans. Chaliapin, the Russian singer, was unwilling to perform in any theater where he saw a black cat.

In ancient Sweden the demons kidded the old Vikings into thinking that in the place where they were going, Valhalla, they would need their best battle clothes, and so it is still the idea in some parts of Sweden that when a man dies after having been a faithful husband, the shirt in which he was married goes to heaven with him. What happens if he wears this shirt out in the strenuous battle of life is not stated. If his wife dies first and he is married again, he must destroy his first shirt on the eve of his second wedding.

In June, 1931, a woman, evidently laboring under a form of ichthyomancy brought into the State Hospital, Far Rockaway, a suburb of New York city, a four-month-old baby evidently choking to death. The doctor held the baby by the legs and shook her; a goldfish fell from her mouth, whereupon the mother said she had fed the child the goldfish as a cure for whooping cough. She expected that the cough would leave the child and enter the goldfish.

### ***Catoptromancy—Potiomancy—Voodooism***

In its issue of August 28, 1929, the New York Times gives the following interesting suggestion as to how people became involved in this particular form of deception:

When people came to use polished metal instead of a woodland pool for a mirror, you can be sure they treasured these as a very intimate part of their own personality. And when glass came into use, what more logical belief could they have than that when their precious mirrors were broken their ghost self too was destroyed? So, if you broke a mirror, you were out of luck with no kind friend working for you in the land of spirits, dreams and mystic hidden things. You would have to wait until a new self was created in the physical world so that there would be a corresponding new self in this world of reflection. In other words, you would have to wait seven years.

So generally did people come to believe that breaking a mirror brought bad luck that they forgot all the explanation lying back of their belief.

In its issue of April 19, 1931, the *New York Times* narrates the following which took place in Czechoslovakia:

The disinterment of the body of a child from a cemetery for the preparation of a love philter marked an almost unbelievable case of superstition in Zipser Neudorf. A widow named Andrejeak who had a love affair with a railroad employee, Joseph Koery, thought she detected signs that her admirer's affection was cooling. On the advice of a gypsy she went one night to the cemetery and disinterred the body of a child which had been buried the day before. A gendarme meeting her accidentally on her way home arrested her. On her confession that she intended to use the body for secret ceremonies incidental to the preparation of a love potion, both she and the gypsy who had advised her were committed for trial.

Referring to voodooism, in its issue of December 23, 1928, the *New York Times* says:

The so-called Leopard Society and the Society of the Tiger bear strong resemblance to the medieval werewolf superstition, which was the belief that witches had the power to change their forms into those of animals. The initiates dress themselves in the skins of animals when they are about to embark upon their mischief. Prominent among the voodoo rites is the inducement of trances and frenzies by the beating of tomtoms, by monotonous chanting, by rhythmic dancing, by fasting and by the use of drugs. So firm is the belief of the savagery in the efficacy of the witch doctors' power that the mere warning that he has been appointed to die at a certain time is said to be sometimes sufficient to kill him.

#### ***Epistolomancy—Capsulomancy—Biombomancy***

In its issue of April 26, 1931, the *Atlanta Journal* tells of the president of a department store as personally taking the time to forward a chain letter. This letter was in his own handwriting and contained the following sentences, and the other man in this case was simpleton enough and coward enough and enough under the influence of the demons that he did not dare say nay: "Send this letter to twelve friends within twenty-four hours. If you don't do this, serious trouble will follow. If you do send it, you may expect good luck."

The soothsayers of East India break eggs against a board and study the size of the bits of shell and the positions into which they fall to foretell events.

It is well known that the most beautiful screens sold throughout Christendom come from

China. In its issue of December 23, 1928, the *New York Times* says on this:

The original use of China's beautiful screens was to obstruct and confound devils. It seems that a Chinese devil can travel only in a straight line. It cannot turn a corner. So when it meets a screen across its path there is nothing for it to do but to retreat in confusion and embarrassment.

#### ***Mussolini a Cartomancer***

The *Atlanta Journal* of April 26, 1931, says: "It is well-known that Mussolini never makes an important move without first consulting the cards, which he deals himself." There are gamblers who refuse to play cards if a dealer is left-handed.

In addition to the foregoing, it is believed that Mussolini's reluctance at receiving guests is prompted by his fear of being cursed by the "evil eye" known in Italy as "la jettatura". The *Catholic Review* in its issue of December 8, 1928, says:

In Italy especially the evil eye has been believed in and guarded against for centuries. It is known as "la jettatura" and many persons were and still are known as "jettatori", or possessors of the evil eye, who have the quality of injuring all on whom they look, even against their own will. Those who meet them cross their fingers or make the sign of the cross or touch some charm against the evil eye.

#### ***Miscellaneous Superstitions***

Ancient contracts for the purchase of real estate have been brought to light which show upon their faces that the curse of the king of heaven and earth, the sun god, and other gods, were written into contracts.

There are some superstitions that seem to have a shred of common sense about them, as, for instance, the one against passing under a ladder. It stands to reason that one is less likely to be hit with something dropped from a ladder if he goes around it than if he goes under it.

The hot cross-bun has no reference to the cross of Christ, but dates back to offerings made to the gods in the days of Pharaoh.

In parts of Great Britain it is regarded as unlucky for a mine if a woman enters it or if a miner meets a woman when first leaving a mine or leaving his home to enter one.

Some people are superstitious about two-dollar bills; some think a hangman's rope is lucky; some actors think Shakespeare's play *Macbeth* is unlucky; some theater managers refuse to allow yellow costumes in their plays;

some think it is unlucky to open an umbrella in the house; some think iron is magical; some are careful to make no gifts of knives; some actors will not sit on a trunk; some dancers refuse to discard old shoes until completely worn out; some think the touch of a gold ring will cure a sty; some think that one who turns over a mattress on Christmas day will die in the ensuing year; some think a book placed at the head of a newly born child will make him quick at reading; some think toothache can be avoided by putting the right stocking on before the left; some gamblers think they change their luck by walking around their chair; some think the four-leaf clover is lucky; some old sailors think the sound of the waves foretells certain events; some persons in the coal mining regions think that when the clothing of a child is buried, the evil spirits go out of it; and some persons think that if a baby cries at its christening it wards off the Devil, but if a baby does not cry it will grow up wicked and cross-tempered.

#### ***All Kinds of Bait***

But now see what you can get when you are willing to go farther, for just one magazine offers to provide its readers with a training in the following subjects: crystals, ouija boards, yoga philosophy, clairvoyance, occult powers, seership, mediumship, sex regeneration science, dynamic thought, mind power, personal magnetism, mental science, psychoanalysis, metaphysics, "new thought," mental healing, suggestive therapeutics, constructive occultism, esoteric philosophy, Rosicrucian philosophy, psychic research, theosophy, astrology, numerology, etc.

But that isn't all. There is a widespread belief in charms of all kinds. Some of these are as follows: Garlic is used as a charm against vampire bats in Bolivia, where they really have vampire bats and where it is perhaps some protection to the people to have strings of it around their necks or the necks of cows, horses and mules; but the odd thing about it is that in Hungary, in the Middle Ages, the people hung garlic over their beds because they believed in *human* vampires. Quite likely the demons carried this information from the wilds of Hungary to the wilds of Bolivia before there was any visible connection between the two countries.

#### ***Widespread Belief in Charms***

The Romans, Greeks, Egyptians and Orientals believed that a precious stone, a piece of writing or a ring tied around the neck would

ward off all evil, and though they do not know it, that is probably the reason why to this day women wear wreaths and trinkets around their necks, and why every good Catholic is supposed to do so. In other words, this is a bid for demoniacal protection.

In rural Denmark, before a new-born infant is put into its cradle, the women place amulets there to prevent evil spirits from hurting the child. Along with the amulets are placed bread, garlic and something made from steel. These are just so many recognitions of and just so many bids to the demons.

During the World War, hundreds of thousands of men went into battle carrying charms supplied by their friends and relatives. Some of these were written charms; all of them, in effect, bids to the demons, and therefore recognition of them.

In the occult magazines there are advertisements of talismanic jewelry. These talismans are made in accordance with old alchemic laws in which each metal is supposed to focus the rays of the beneficent planets. This point will be discussed under the heading of astrology when we get to it, shortly.

Gamblers are such believers in luck, that is, in the powers of the demons to control their affairs, that some of them have watch chains famous for their size, and for the charms depending from them. Some gamblers have been known to have a charm depending from every link. Tigers' claws, rabbits' feet, engagement rings, lucky stones, medicated rings, love charms and magic squares are all charms that have their devotees to this day.

A magic square is an arrangement of numbers in the form of a square so that in every column and in each of the two diagonals all the numbers add up alike; and this brings us to numerology, which will also be mentioned elsewhere.

#### ***Ouija Boards and Planchettes***

One of the first steps in the road to ruin by the evil angels is the use of the ouija board or planchette. These apparently innocent devices, freely advertised as games and sold everywhere, have led thousands of people into demonism. Husbands and wives working together over these things have both gone insane.

A woman who became a planchette medium and then a writing medium finally became obsessed. She experienced pains at the base of the brain, her sleep was interrupted, her health

began to fail, and the intelligence that had communicated with her took full command of her body so that she no longer was a free agent. Voices sounded in her head, sometimes as many as four at once, talking with one another and freely conversing about her. Some commended her conduct; others blamed her, swore at her, cursed her and called her names so vile that she could hardly bear them. At length they urged her to commit suicide.

In the London *Daily News* of January, 1929, a gentleman tells us about his experiences with the planchette. He says:

I did not believe all the planchette wrote, and one evening, shortly after I had found out that it did not always tell the truth, I told the company present that I had finished with it and that it was of the Devil and that I was going to tell it so. I did, and you may imagine our surprise when it bounded out of my hand, flew across the room, and bounded back again into the wall, as if it were in a temper. I consider spiritualism to be a serious menace to mind and body. For days after using the planchette I could scarcely use my arm, such power had gone out of it.

The Devil is always bringing out something new to help those who are willing to surrender to him. Thus *The Fellowship Forum* of September, 1930, describes the invention of a Belgian professor for receiving supposed messages from the dead, consisting of two glass prisms, a dry battery and an electric bell. This, of course, is merely a modified form of the ouija board.

### Automatic Writing

From using the mechanical devices of demonism, it is an easy step to spirit writing, but when a man whose own hand the demons used to produce a beautifully drawn picture of his mother became angry and took the picture and threw it into the flames, he was immediately subjected to torments and was also ordered to commit suicide.

*The Watchtower* tells us that there are two kinds of writing mediums: one in which the control is what is termed 'mechanical control', and then the connection between arm and brain is entirely severed and yet the manifestation is made through what is called the nervous fluids, a certain portion of which is retained in the arm for the purpose of action; but when the manifestation is what is called an 'impressional manifestation', then the brain and the entire nervous system is used.

Basil King, in the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, says of himself:

"In writing these articles, I am little more than an amanuensis, and I am at liberty to take a detached and appraising view of this presentation of a great topic for the sheer reason that the presentation is not mine."

He goes on to say, in effect, that these evil spirits are good Christian Scientists and that they are the ones really responsible for the silly chatter that "all is good, there is no evil"; for when asked why they never expressed themselves on what human creatures call 'faults', the demons said: "We do not know them. We look upon you and see all the good, never any evil. We cannot perceive evil and are conscious only of blanks when it is present." This shows that these are not from God; for God declares that His eyes are in every place "beholding the evil and the good".

The demons not only have produced writing and painted pictures, but have composed poetry and drawn architectural details. A woman in St. Paul, Minn., in March, 1928, who had never studied Egyptian mythology or had a lesson, revealed a definite knowledge of the days of the Pharaohs. She did not know whence the knowledge came, but we can tell her that it came from one of those old birds that were practicing this same game of deception in Egypt itself while Pharaoh was still alive and on the job.

Charles Hanson Towne, in a copyrighted article in the New York *American* of November 24, 1931, tells of his experiences in connection with automatic writing:

One Sunday afternoon I happened to be reading a book in my rooms and was quite alone. Suddenly, and for no reason which I have ever been able to explain, I was seized with an impulse to try automatic writing. I closed my novel and went solemnly to my desk. I remember feeling a little foolish as I picked up pencil and paper, for the sunlight was streaming in at the windows. My hand moved indolently across the paper, and the pencil made curlicues for a long time. Then, as if through some force beyond my will, words began to form; indeed, they raced across the page. The letters came faster than I have ever been able to write: "Do not be afraid. I am Cas [the nickname of one of my deceased friends]." I was naturally not a little frightened, but I kept on. "Do not be afraid," the writing continued, "your sister Minnie has just come through." Really alarmed now, I asked aloud: "Do you mean that my sister is dead?" "Yes," the paper revealed. "She had pneumonia." Then it was that I made note of the time, as I was sure I had something of importance for the Psychical Research Society. I had such a sister in the far West, from whom I had

not heard in a long time. So I put pencil and paper aside, rushed out of the house to the nearest telegraph office, and wired to my sister, inquiring how she was. The answer came in a short while, "Never better. What is the matter with you?" This happened in 1918 and my sister is still alive. Who can account for such a bewildering experience? I am sure now that Theodore Dreiser was right when he told all us younger people, so long ago, hearing of our "experiments", not to go on with them. "That way madness lies," he quoted. And yet, in the light of what occurred that sunny afternoon, one cannot help wondering. I am wondering still.

The cerebellum of the brain is the power house of the body, and it is from this center that the evil spirits seek control over the reasoning faculties located in the cerebrum, and over the whole body. Contact with these demons causes the victims to lose sleep, to become dizzy, and to have a constant headache in the base of the brain. A gentleman who got into the trap through a ouija board and became a writing medium said:

I was ashamed to go to a doctor, so I simply had to wear this uncanny spell off. In my sleep I was tortured by hot, strangling fumes, and a sensation as if something was pushing me headlong over a cliff, and would wake from the sound of pencils rattling. To abuse or bruise the mind or make it the tool of unknown and unscrupulous agents is unhealthy and dangerous business.

### ***Spirit Pictures and Levitation***

The demons have power to draw and paint pictures, and they can do this either through using the human hand or through making use of the ectoplasm exuded from the medium. They have directed the staging of a play, and they play musical instruments, such as guitars, harps and bells, and produce a variety of other sounds. They do various lifting feats, such as the elevation of tables and chairs off the floor. A mechanical engineer who attended a seance gives the following data:

Although a heavy man sits upon the table, it moves about the floor with great ease; or, the table being levitated, a strong man pushing from the top cannot depress it to the floor; or the table moves to the side of the circle farthest from the medium, and an experimenter is asked to lay hold of it and try to prevent its return to the center, but he is totally unable to do so; or the table's weight can be temporarily so much increased that it cannot be lifted, or, on the other hand, so much reduced that it can be raised by an upward force of an ounce or two; or the table, being turned upside down on the floor, cannot be raised by a strong pull on the legs, being apparently fastened to the floor.

The same writer, after recording a number of experiments seeming to show the use of levers and suckers of great power emanating from the body of the medium, said respecting the sitters at the seance:

The sitters supply most of the energy required for the manifestations, and this energy is taken in some unknown form from their bodies. If a person is in poor health the drain of vital energy may be disastrous.

After such an experience as above it is noted that the medium comes to himself with feeble, uncertain, scarcely perceptible pulse, a little deaf, extremities cold, sensationless, taking some time for recovery. Sometimes a medium has to cease from seances altogether for a period of weeks.

### ***Control of Voice and Sense of Smell***

Demons have power over the voices of those they obsess and have vocal powers of their own. A gentleman who had experience with them says:

They could imitate the manner of speech peculiar to my relatives and acquaintances, and so exactly did they give the particular intonation and inflections of voice that I would have been compelled to believe the imitation to be the real had they not also imitated the voices of some whom I knew to be living. Upon one occasion that occurs particularly to my mind, the voice, style of address, and intonation were so exactly personified that for the moment I felt positive that the gentleman and the lady represented had deceased, and that their disembodied spirits were before me. But when I knew by the evidence of my physical senses that it was not the case, I was then convinced that the spirits were presenting assumed characters. All my experiences with these creatures who surround us in the air sum up this distinct conclusion: that they delight in evil as their chief object, and especially that branch of evil called deception. If any one thing pleases them more than any other, it is to make those in the earth-life believe the most monstrous and absurd theories.

*The Watchtower* contains a story of a fine singer who was approached clairaudiently by evil spirits who promised that, if she would surrender her will to them, they would make her the finest singer in the world. Alarmed, she refused, and her voice shortly began to fail until now its beauty is all gone; but the Lord gave her the truth instead.

As the demons have the power to produce impressions on the organs of sight, hearing and touch, so they are also able to affect the sense



of smell, and there are several well authenticated instances where at seances and at time of death and even in insane asylums they did produce odors recognized as sandalwood, roses, violets, and what have been lyingly put as the "sweet, wild odors of the heaven land", but the truth of the business is that when the origin of these odors is known, the worst-kept barnyard would, to the nose of any honest person, be at- tar of roses by comparison.

### ***Demonism at the Capital***

In February, 1929, Washington, D.C., was said to have seventy-two astrologists, card readers, clairvoyants, cosmologists, crystal gazers, fortune tellers, letterologists, metaphysicians, palmists, tea leaf readers, trance mediums and witch doctors. The licenses cost \$25 apiece and are good for a year. Their offices are said to be well filled with prominent people much of the time. If they have only 100 clients apiece, that would still represent 7,200 families, or approximately 30,000 people, and shows the very large influence that the occult has in Washington.

The Washington *Star* of February 10, 1929, discussing the various occult (demonistic) practitioners then practicing in Washington, has the following to say about tea leaf reading:

Up-to-date tea rooms now have professional fortune tellers on their staffs and a reading of tea leaves is thrown in with a meal. This childish practice seems to have gripped the imagination of a part of the feminine public. It probably was not at first intended to be taken seriously, but the fact remains that many patrons in expensive fur coats do take it seriously and go back again and again. The claim is that the "vibrations" of the patron's hand in holding the teacup serve to arrange the leaves in symbolic designs which, interpreted by a specialist, are significant of the past and future. The tea-leaf reader usually is a clairvoyant, and if the curiosity of the customer is sufficiently whetted by the revelations of the leaves she will reveal more of the designs of the infinite at a private sitting.

### ***Crystal Gazing—Chiromancy—Halomancy***

There is in the National Museum at Washington a globe of glass fourteen inches in diameter and weighing 110 pounds, which it is known that several senators and representatives regularly visit on certain days of each week. What would you think of a "statesman" sent to Washington to safeguard the interests of the people who would spend any time looking in a glass ball trying to find which way he should jump when the party whip cracks?

In July, 1931, there were in New York city and vicinity 200 palm-reading gypsy camps, or groups of chiromancers.

The New York *Times* says that no one knows how Halloween originated, but it gives the following information as to how divination was originally practiced on Halloween night:

A man who put a spoonful of salt in his mouth, drank no water and walked away in silence to a place where three crossroads met and sat thereon on a three-legged stool, was rewarded at midnight by hearing a sepulchral voice announce the name of the neighbor who would die within the year. On his return to his home and the water bucket it was his privilege to make the news known, and with the victim's wife sewing on the shroud, the preacher asking him to prepare and the neighbors inquiring solicitously about his health, it often came to pass that the prophecy was fulfilled. In Scotland to this day the housewife empties a thimble of salt on every breakfast plate before going to bed, and if in the morning the salt has fallen out of shape on any plate it is believed that that individual might as well get ready, for the bell has rung for him.

### ***Astrology—Divination by the Stars***

The idea of the astrologer that Saturn and the moon are evil 'planets' and Jupiter and Venus are good ones is, of course, perfectly silly, as is also the theory that all the children born in a given area at a given time will have exactly the same conditions of life, death, love and disaster, yet to our day tens of thousands, perhaps millions, of people are interested in astrology.

There are a number of magazines devoted to it; some newspapers make references to it in every issue; and some of the so-called great financiers of Wall Street (who are responsible for getting the world into the jam in which it now is) will do nothing of consequence until they have consulted their astrologer to determine whether the move is going to be lucky or unlucky. Some astrologers charge \$50 a reading. Some clients are furnished with a daily service suggesting the exact hours which are lucky or unlucky for them. There are astrologers that make incomes of \$50,000 a year.

Throughout much of 1931 a tooth paste company employed a woman to broadcast lectures on this worse than nonsense over the Columbia network. A book from this woman went through four editions in two months. In the ten-cent stores, millions are invited to purchase little books and to "read the answer in the stars".

God, the Bible, Jesus, and everything else that

has any real hope for humanity, is missing from astrology. People look as they look and are what they are because they were or were not born under the influence of certain planets!

Early in 1928 a large department store in New York city featured astrological silk scarfs, each scarf having "your sign and birth mark hand-embroidered in the corner". One could also buy zodiacal hats, shoes, hosiery, belts, jewelry and handkerchiefs.

### ***Astrology in the White House***

One reason for the current interest in astrology is given by the Washington *Evening Star* in its issue of February 12, 1929:

Three strange ladies called at the home of an astrologer in the spring of 1920 and asked to have their horoscopes cast. They did not give their names. She told one of them that her husband would be the next president of the United States. This lady was the late Mrs. Warren G. Harding.

No doubt Harding had already been nominated at the time the above-mentioned interview took place, and, without a doubt in our minds, the astrologer either knew Mrs. Harding from her public photographs or was a spirit medium, and the demon in control of her identified Mrs. Harding and the guess that Harding would be elected turned out to be a good one.

The spiritists claim that Abraham Lincoln was a spiritist; that he frequently attended seances and that the Emancipation Proclamation was the result of advice received at a seance. We doubt this, and think it likely that this is merely another one of their lies.

However, we do know that today there are relatively few of the so-called great men of the world who have any real faith in Jehovah God or in the Bible as His Word. Practically the whole world has been led astray on this subject and is leaning for help upon the doctrines of demonism.

### ***Astrology a Bunk Science***

The modern science of astronomy had its rise in astrology. Long after the astronomers knew there is no truth in astrology they continued to make some recognition of it because only so could they obtain from wealthy patrons the means wherewith to continue their honest scientific investigations.

No one denies the potent influence of the sun and, to a lesser extent, of the moon, upon earth's affairs and that they pour down sufficient light to make a difference in respect to crops, tides,

weather, etc.; but all attempts to identify the stars or planets as having any appreciable influence on earth's affairs are futile.

There is a custom among foresters that timber cut while the moon is waning is less liable to rot than if cut at other times. It is doubtful if this custom rests on any scientific basis.

In July, 1927, the Astrologer's Guild undertook to prognosticate by the stars from day to day the weather for the month of August of that year. The result was a complete failure, as the guesses were right in only six out of a possible thirty-one.

The so-called "astrological tables" are entirely inaccurate, and, indeed, as the ancient astrologers were unfamiliar with the precession of the equinoxes, their months are now some ten days askew.

### ***Astrology Is Sun Worship***

The widespread buying of swastikas a few years ago was a recognition of the interest aroused in America by that branch of astrology commonly called "sun worship", inasmuch as the swastika is the Egyptian symbol of it.

In the Middle Ages astrologers were assistants to the doctors and surgeons. They studied the skies and fixed the hour when the patient could have his arm or leg chiseled or sawed off with the least danger. One of the ancient astrologers advised the faithful that the best time to take a bath is in May. We recommend this to present-day enthusiasts.

Mesmer, the hypnotist, was originally a student of astrology and naturally and gradually went over into that form of demonism with which his name is associated.

Traces of astrology are to be found in the unwillingness of certain actors to start a new play on Friday or of business men to start a trip on Friday or of certain people to call in a doctor on Friday.

Superstitions respecting the doing or not doing of certain things in certain phases of the moon rest upon a somewhat similar basis, but some of these it may be suspected have a moiety of truth in them.

The reason a horseshoe is considered lucky is that it bears a partial resemblance to the moon in the second quarter. The horseshoe stands for good luck everywhere, in Hindustan as well as in Europe and America.

We read the other day of a man's coming out of his own house where he had himself tacked a

horseshoe over the door. He slammed the door a little too hard; off came the horseshoe and hit him on the head, knocking him senseless. Just how that horseshoe brought him good luck, we leave it for others to explain.

### ***Witchcraft and Bug Worship***

The demons have distorted and misused everything in connection with God's wonderful creation. Thus they deceived many of the ancients into believing that the rainbow is a bridge or road by which the spirits of the departed reach their home in the heavens.

That the demons are back of witchcraft in its various forms is proven by the beliefs and rituals that are common to all who practice it, whether among the Negroes of Africa, the hill tribes of East India, the Devil worshipers of Tibet, the shamans of Siberia, or some of the German farmers of Pennsylvania. Concerning these practices the *New York Times* of February 23, 1928, says:

One practice invariably found in all centers of magic, despite the barriers of land, sea, language or race, is that of modeling in clay, wax or some other substance the effigy of the person whom the witch doctor wishes to destroy, and burning the image, sticking pins into it, or otherwise maltreating it. The idea is that the practice will cause the person to suffer and eventually to die.

As showing the meanness and smallness of soul of the demons, consider how they have deceived the poor Hindus into thinking that if they kill a bedbug they may have put out of business the reincarnated soul of an ancestor. A wealthy Hindu recently left \$100,000 for the building and endowment of bug houses in central India. Poor travelers are allowed to sleep over night in these bug houses and are even paid a small sum for doing so on condition that they let the bugs feed upon them, but if they retaliate by actually killing even one bug, they are at once ejected by the attendants and forfeit their sleep money. There are 200 such bug houses throughout India. The demons seem to have exhausted their ingenuity to see how unhappy they could make the poor people of India.

Nobody but the big Devil or the little devils or the big and little ones together could possibly be responsible for the hideous customs that prevail throughout Africa, where women distort their lips, noses and ears until they lose all semblance of humanity. Surely the demons responsible for this do it to reproach the Creator.

### ***Psychoanalysis Rottenness***

One of the most diabolical manifestations of demonism is the modern curse of psychoanalysis. It is well-known that in the Roman Catholic confessional something like 90 percent of all confessions deal with sexual subjects. The psychoanalysts outdo the confessional. They do not wait for confessions, but interpret everything in terms of sex. They have been instrumental in breaking up many happy homes, poisoning the minds of many poor girls, and even spoiling the minds of innocent children and adolescents. For a complete presentation of this phase of demonism, see *The Golden Age* No. 188.

Some of these psychoanalysts transfer to themselves the confidence and affections of both married and unmarried women, the same as often happens as a result of the supposed sacred but actually filthy confession. There are said to be in the United States about 1,000 practitioners of this peculiar system of metaphysics. There is nothing good that can be said for this system. It is wholly evil, and there is no end of harm it has done.

### ***Numerology—from Egypt's Ancient Mysteries***

At the present time, numerology is the form of demonism which has the greatest number of adherents. The practitioners frequently admit that this is a survival of the mysteries of ancient Egypt. In other words, it is demonism pure and simple. The patient is flattered, is shown a table in which each letter of the alphabet has a numerical value. From this table is obtained the key number which is supposed to show that certain definite characteristics influence such an individual's mind. There are said to be more than a thousand professional numerologists in the United States at present. Numerology is a branch of astrology, and both depend upon the foolish philosophy that everything on the earth is in some way tied up with the other planets and the stars.

A mere detail of the numerology swindle is the superstition regarding the number thirteen. Napoleon, Bismarck, and Victor Hugo were all afraid of the number thirteen. There are skyscrapers in New York city which have no thirteenth floor. There are no number thirteen berths on the London & Northeast Railway sleeping cars. The people on Thirteenth Street, Far Rockaway, asked to have the name of their street changed. At a state luncheon in Paris in June, as thirteen guests were about to take

their seats, the minister of finance rushed out and got an extra guest so that there would be fourteen at the table instead of thirteen.

### ***The Path to Insanity***

Observers who have paid attention to the experiences of others have noted that those who dally with demonism in any form always lose rather than gain by the process and are eventually left fit for nothing. Even after a disease is temporarily healed by these evil creatures, yet in the end the victims are driven to insanity. Human brains are not capable of withstanding continued contact with these superior and devilish intelligences.

Thousands of the insane hear voices of demons. They see faces, too, but the faces which they see are not the faces of their loved and lost ones, but, whatever they seem to be, are nothing less than the faces of devils. Surely none but a devil would stoop to harassing poor unfortunate humans who had landed in an insane asylum.

Having gotten the confidence of their victims, spirit mediums frequently show that they are in the control of devils by the unprincipled things which they do. They are frequently brought into court for inveigling property away from those who have fallen into their clutches.

In the *London News Chronicle* of July 8, 1930, Adrian Conan Doyle, referring to the death of his father, said:

We shall always know when he is speaking, but one has to be careful because there are practical jokers on the other side as there are here. It is quite possible that they may attempt to impersonate him. But there are tests which my mother knows, such as little mannerisms of speech, which cannot be impersonated and which will tell us that it is my father himself who is speaking.

The reason for our quoting the foregoing is that it provides the evidence that even those who are most fully committed to the practice of communication with the evil spirits have found from experience, as this young man has found, and as his father most certainly found, that nothing that comes from them is to be believed.

A spiritist hymn book contains a warning not to hold seances more than twice, or at the most, three times a week, as to do it oftener has a tendency to weaken the will. That statement is of itself a confession that demonism is the Devil's own business from start to finish.

### ***Malignancy of the Demons***

Some idea of the malignancy of the demons can be gathered from the fact that once a year at Puri, in Arissa, India, on the roadway leading to the great temple of Jagannath, scores of poor demonized creatures are buried alive as the barbaric car passes. Some remain buried for half an hour, some for a day or more, with their arms sticking out of the ground like so many rows of posts. Who but a devil could want to see any human put through such an experience?

These devils, both in the Catholic Church and out, make their victims sometimes sleep on beds of spikes. In India they go a step farther and make them pierce their cheeks with iron skewers. Who but the Devil would ever have put it into the hearts of the medicine men of Mexico to pull the heart out of their victim while he still breathed? This horrible thing is still done in Siberia to appease the spirits, but a horse is used instead of a human creature.

A man who ran amuck in a Polish village and killed six persons and wounded five stated when he was finally overpowered that a devil had placed in his hands the bayonet with which the killing was done. Quite likely he told the truth.

A Chicago sea captain who was convicted of murder gave as his excuse that in a dream the previous night he had seen his dead mother, his grandmother and God and had been told that if he went into the street and saw a desperate burglar he was to shoot to kill, which he did.

### ***Dishonesty and Incapacity***

The cures performed by demons are worthless. The *London Daily Express* of February 10, 1931, told about a medium pouring a stream of power into the body of Rev. G. Vale Owen, a spiritist preacher. A medium placed his hands on him and told him he was going to get well, and the *London News Chronicle* of March 9, 1931, showed that this preacher didn't live thirty days.

The German police have tried to use clairvoyance in the detection of criminals, but have been able to accomplish nothing, and it is good for the rest of us that they have not been able to accomplish anything. Imagine the conditions that would prevail if the common people, with all the other troubles they have, had to fight for their rights in the public courts against the testimony of these demons, whose word on anything is worse than nothing at all!

Despite the fact that he knew that the demons could not be trusted, the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (brought up a Catholic) wanted to see clairvoyance used in police work.

The legislators of New York state are so convinced of the dishonesty of the spirits and of their inability to prognosticate that there is now a fine of \$250 in that state for pretending to tell fortunes for profit or where lost or stolen goods may be found.

### **Abuses of Prayer**

The British have had to take steps to bring spiritism within bounds. *John Bull*, in its issue of January 18, 1930, said:

Next week the House of Commons will be asked to give a second reading to a Government bill compelling individuals and organizations who collect money from the public to register and to be accountable to the Charity Commission. A better opportunity has never been provided to put a stop to the money-making methods of a gang of pseudo-religious apostles of faith-healing who for years have obtained immense sums of money from the public, and have never divulged what happens to the revenue. They call themselves pastors, and their leaders are three brothers. These men were once miners at Maesteg, in South Wales, but they forsook the perils of the pit for the profits of the pulpit, and ever since have played and preyed upon humanity's wreck. . . . Sensitive and highly strung people are reduced to a state of psychic intoxication under the influence of the presiding pastor, whose every word and movement is white-hot with hypnotic suggestion. They are seized by a form of catalepsy and incoherent mutterings are heard from them during their shakings and convulsions. Then the pastor proceeds to interpret their mutterings, which he declares to have been uttered by a divine voice: "I am in the midst of thee. Thou shalt give my servant [here the name of the pastor is mentioned] the sum of £ —."

Prayer, unless it is addressed to Jehovah God and is presented in the name of Jesus Christ by one who has the right to use that name, may go to the demons instead of to God; for a certain London spiritist publication advises its readers that before commencing a seance they should always pray for protection and guidance.

In London, in January, 1931, the ministers of all denominations were discussing spiritism and had made arrangements for a future seance.

### **Impostors and Frauds**

The demons take a peculiar delight in making humans believe the most unreasonable and impossible doctrines. Conan Doyle and numerous

otherwise capable and intelligent men were deceived by these impostors into believing that everybody is in heaven. Among them, Jefferson, the friend of Tom Paine, the confessed atheist, Mark Twain, the confessed agnostic, and Napoleon I, the master murderer. Roosevelt and Washington, according to these demons, were in the same heaven with Jefferson, Mark Twain and Napoleon. The demon who represented Washington presented to mankind the following gem through a spirit medium whose cheeps were published in the *Wichita Eagle*:

Since that time the world has went forward in the arts and sciences by leaps and by bounds. You have bread up better statesmen, you have far greater advantages for education.

The thoughtful who are familiar with Washington's stately writings will at once sense that if this report is true then "St." Washington, not having been properly "bread up" in heaven's schools, has not "went forward" in grammar.

Conan Doyle and his colleagues in demonism were led on from one stage of foolishness to another until they acknowledged having been told the idiocy that heaven has among its attractions undulating hills and verdant slopes, purling streams and fragrant flowers; meandering rivulets and glassy lakes, with the wealth of field and forest, grotto and lawn; with sportive lambkins and paradisaical birds; with towns and cities, hamlets and villages, brotherhoods and associations, schools and sanatoria, colleges and laboratories, museums and observatories, newspapers and libraries, theaters and art galleries, temples and towers, chateaux and palaces, rural cottages and stately mansions.

### **Telepathic Achievements**

With their superior powers of observation and memory, the demons seem to some people to have very much greater powers than they actually possess. Thus there is on record the case of a father attending a seance who was told by a medium that at 11:25 a. m., when he supposed his daughter in a distant city was at school, she was instead playing a piano. He telegraphed home and found it true (though he might as well have found it false, because these liars are so absolutely untrustworthy), but he did as a matter of fact find that she was playing at just that hour, having been detained at home with a cold.

Acting upon this and other similar bits of information, Prof. Hyslop, investigator of psychic phenomena, came to the conclusion that telepathy is not a matter of thought waves, but that messages are carried from mind to mind by the spirits.

We do not know that it is true, but are informed by the *Manchester Guardian* that a telepathist, Gaston Ouvrieu, when completely blindfolded has driven a motor car through crowded streets with nothing to guide him except the mind of another person, a passenger in the car. We charge this up to demonism.

On one occasion we had a subscriber who desired to present to us evidence that he had discovered that telepathy is a true science. Drawing him out by inquiry we found that in his own case he could obtain telepathic results only when the experiments were carried on with those of the opposite sex. This looked fishy to us, and its having the general appearance of demonism made us conclude not to publish his article. If telepathy is a bona fide, legitimate achievement of man it ought to be operable between man and man as well as between man and woman.

Conan Doyle claims that he and his wife were told of the Japanese earthquake the night before it happened. The explanation is very simple. The demons without doubt have powers of penetration of solids and liquids and could readily discern the tottering condition of the submarine rock cliffs, the falling of which brought about the Japanese disaster.

An editorial writer in the *New York American* tells of a vivacious French lady at a dinner on upper Fifth Avenue, New York city, who suddenly stopped, looked behind her and said, "If I did not know my husband was in France, I could have sworn he called me." Within a few hours she received a cable from Nice that her husband had been killed in a motor crash. Again the explanation is simple. The demons saw the crash, knew where the man's wife was, and made a lightning trip to America to try to lead her off into demonism and to use the incident to misguide thousands or millions of others.

### ***Heat and Gravitation Phenomena***

It is evident that the demons understand something about heat and gravitation not yet understood by humans. It is well known that in many parts of the earth witch doctors and others walk across stones that are heated white-hot, and are even buried in white-hot ashes,

without being affected in any way. We do not know what the insulating powers are, and do not need to know, and do not care to know. We merely record the fact. It may be that all the senses of the observers are deceived by mass hypnosis, as elsewhere explained in this article. The holy angels also understand how to insulate against heat, for they did so in the case of the three Hebrew children that were cast into the fiery furnace.

We have recently published articles questioning the generally accepted theory of gravitation. Demons manifestly understand how to insulate against gravitation, if it exists. To the existence of this power we attribute the erection of the Great Pyramid, the handling of the great stones at Baalbek, the setting up of the statues at Easter Island, and the placement of blocks in the Peruvian fortress above Cuzco.

The demons have some powers of stanching the flow of blood that we do not comprehend. Thus there are numerous instances in which daggers, nails and knives have been thrust into the bodies of mediums without, at the moment, giving any indications of pain or producing a flow of blood. Just how this is done we do not know and do not care, but that such powers are demonistic and of no possible value to man is very apparent.

### ***Linguistic and Musical Achievements***

The demons have an intimate knowledge of how the human voice is produced, but can and do use some vocal organs more effectively than others, for the very good reason that some people naturally can imitate any sound which they may hear. Throughout the year 1927, an American 'direct-voice' medium, G. Valiantine, was used by the demons to record on phonograph records messages in old and modern Chinese, Hindustani and Italian, all of which languages were unknown to the medium.

A similar case of demonism is that of Joseph Schmidt of Austria. When demonized he speaks ancient Babylonian, old Hebrew, classical Greek and Arabian, but in his ordinary state he knows none of these languages, being familiar only with Roumanian and German.

Probably within the same category are to be included some of the musical prodigies that have recently attracted attention. Thus there is Sidney Sherrington, the four-year-old son of an English miner, who is said to have astonished music masters with his piano playing. His par-

ents are spiritists and claim that the spirit of Mozart is using their son as a medium. Mozart has nothing to do with it. If the child has any help from the unseen world (and he probably has), that help comes from the demons.

Quite probably in the same category is the prodigy mentioned in the *New York Times* of November 26, 1931. The dispatch from Berlin says:

A new phenomenon was added tonight to the contemporary roster of musical wonder children when six-year-old Ruth Slenzynski gave a piano recital in the Bachsaal and dumfounded a huge gathering with her almost unbelievable performances of numerous and exacting compositions of Bach, Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Searlatti, Chopin and Weber. . . . She never began a piece without first looking long and intently at her audience as if to command attention and silence. . . . The power which the child can summon at will seems altogether uncanny, coming from so slight a frame. Her rhythm, sharpness of accent, sense of phrase values as well as clarity, accuracy and velocity of finger work are matters to move even the most skeptical hearer to consternation.

### ***God's Curse on All These Things***

The Scriptures group all these forms of deviltry in two verses, in Deuteronomy 18:10, 11:

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a neeromancer.

Reviewing this passage we see that one who uses divination is one who receives information from the fallen angels by means of omens or oracles. The manner is immaterial. The fact is the important and evil thing recognized in the Scriptures. An observer of times is an astrologer, one who fixes lucky or unlucky days. An enchanter is a hypnotist. A witch is a medium or mouthpiece of the fallen angels or one claim-

ing to exercise power over the affairs of others. A charmer is one who claims to be able to put spells on people or animals; the newspapers contain frequent references to these as brought up in the courts from time to time, not only in France, Italy and other European countries, but occasionally even in America. A consulter with familiar spirits is a clairvoyant. A wizard is one claiming occult wisdom or occult power. And a neeromancer is one claiming to hold communication with the dead.

Spiritists are quite unable to understand why the churches should frown on the things that they do, because they claim to specially uphold one of the church's prominent doctrines, namely, that of the immortality of the soul. How very true! The Bible says the soul shall die. The churches say it does not die, and spiritism "proves" (?) that the churches are right and the Bible wrong.

It was Jehovah God that passed sentence of death upon rebellious man. Death is to be dreaded. But for divine power it would mark the complete end of its victim. Spiritism is the Devil's own religion; because it teaches men and women not to fear death, assuring them that life does not cease, that the soul is immortal, and that at the moment of death they go immediately to the spirit world which is to all intents and purposes as nearly like the earth they have just left as two peas in a pod are like each other. It is self-evident that in teaching the unscriptural doctrine of the inherent immortality of the soul, organized religion is in deed and in truth nothing but organized demonism. Organized religion, as we have clearly shown in the foregoing article, is one of the principal channels by which these evil spirits give expression to their doctrines and find opportunity to exercise their malignancy against Jehovah God, His Word and His witnesses in the earth.

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### **Those Peruvian Bonds**

ACCORDING to the testimony before the Senate Finance Committee those \$100,000,000 of Peruvian bonds are now worth about \$7,000,000, and the American people who invested in them will lose about 93 percent of the money they put into them. The bankers that floated the loans made \$5,475,000 gross profit

on the deal, and got entirely out from under, thus letting the people who purchased the bonds hold the bag. The New York bankers paid \$415,000 rake-off to the son of President Leguia for the privilege of shoving these Peruvian bonds over onto the American people. Some people call that a bribe.

## Raindrops

### *Snowfall in Southern California*

ON JANUARY 15, for the first time in fifty years, Los Angeles and all adjacent parts of the orange belt of California were treated to a fall of snow.

### *Less Noise Delivering Milk*

HEREAFTER there will be less noise in delivering milk in New York city. Wagons will be equipped with rubber tires instead of iron; milk carriers will be rubber-lined and drivers will wear rubber heels and refrain from loud and unnecessary talking.

### *Sense of Smell of the Ant*

THE ant has such a remarkable sense of smell that when, in pitch darkness, beneath the ground, it meets another ant it can tell at once the species, caste, sex and approximate age of the individual about to be encountered. At least, that is what students of ant life claim.

### *Turken Has Possibilities*

IT IS believed that the turken, a cross between an Austrian white turkey and a Rhode Island red hen, has some possibilities. The turken has three or four times as much meat as an ordinary chicken and is said to be a more tasty dish than either chicken or turkey.

### *Utility Bills Paid Under Protest*

TIRED of the service charges and general hoggishness of the public utility companies, the citizens of many Pennsylvania towns are now attaching stickers to their utility bills, the stickers reading, "Paid under protest, until rates are reduced to conform with conditions."

### *A New Use for Aluminum Sheets*

ALUMINUM sheets will cover one-sixth of the outer surface of ten of the great buildings now being constructed in the Rockefeller development in midtown New York, generally known as Radio City. Three million pounds of the metal will be used on the job.

### *Pasadena's Municipal Light and Power Plant*

PRODUCING electric light and power at the figure of a trifle over one cent per kilowatt hour, the city of Pasadena charges its patrons four cents, with the result that its annual profits are now around \$700,000. These profits are being used to erect new civic buildings.

### *Death Valley No Longer Exists*

DEATH VALLEY, California, once one of the most dreaded spots in America, now no longer exists as what it once was. A highway traverses the territory, and in the heart of the valley a comfortable and attractive hotel, the Furnace Creek Inn, provides accommodation for the wayfarer.

### *Prohibition Industry in New York State*

IN THE year 1931 the prohibition administrators of New York state, 330 in number, raided 455 stills, 6,217 speakeasies, 386 night clubs, 171 breweries, 94 cutting plants and 64 drug stores. They seized 122,510 gallons of wine, 1,482,192 gallons of beer and 399,564 gallons of liquor, and took in 17,513 prisoners.

### *A Demon's Act of Malice*

AT BRIDGEPORT, early in February, a colored man seventy years of age was ordered by invisible voices to cut his arm and throat and go to police headquarters. He obeyed this voice of demoniacal origin so thoroughly that it was necessary to take thirteen stitches to close the wound.

### *Oil Concessions in Colombia*

THE American people now hold about \$100,000,000 of bonds of Colombian states and municipalities, expected soon to be in default. In June, 1931, so the Patman impeachment charges against Secretary Mellon have brought to light, Colombia approved the Barco concession, an oil company in which the Mellons have a controlling interest, and twelve days later the National City Bank advanced the last \$4,000,000 installment of the big loan. Now the American people hold the bonds and Mellon has the oil.

### *Let's Get Somebody from Canada*

SINCE the year 1923 there have been 7,805 bank failures in the United States, of which 2,290 occurred during the year 1931. During those same eight years there was a grand total in Canada of just one bank failure. Now that America's greatest financial minds have been shown to belong to a bunch of incompetent and dishonest ninecompoops not fit to run a peanut stand, wonder if we couldn't send over to Canada and get a few honest bankers that would show us how to do something in the banking business in a straightforward, upright, honorable manner. Might be worth trying, anyway.



**1931 the Warmest Year**

**T**HE year 1931, at least in the vicinity of New York city, was the warmest that most of us have ever seen, and yet there were no really scorching-hot days in it. In 63 years there has not been such uniformly pleasant weather. Every month was warmer than usual, and the sun was visible more than half of the possible time.

**Crops Grown near Arctic Circle**

**A**T THE Matanuska (Alaska) Agricultural Experiment Station, only a short distance from the Arctic Circle, the following crops have been raised: oats, barley, wheat, potatoes, asparagus, beets, cabbage, carrots, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, onions, lettuce, parsley, spinach, peas, forage crops and berries. The Alaska Railroad, serving the district, wants settlers.

**Alabama Will Raise Alfalfa**

**A**LABAMA has 42 to 60 inches of rainfall a year, and that has been too much hitherto to enable it to harvest alfalfa and other hay crops. This handicap will now be overcome by the artificial drying of alfalfa. In two hours after cutting the alfalfa, chopped to lengths of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", is ready for the sack. The drier has a capacity of one ton of dry hay an hour.

**Willing to Take the Cotton**

**T**HE Mississippi Synod of the Presbyterian Church has agreed to take the cotton of their church members at the fictitious price of 20c per pound, provided the proceeds are used to liquidate their unpaid church pledges. The idea is, anyway, that the church member loses the cotton and the church gets something it can turn into money.

**The Financial Dictatorship**

**I**N A SPEECH broadcast over the Columbia network Senator Royal S. Copeland, referring to the hysteria controlling the banking world, made the following statement: "But there is one place in the banking system where there is no hysteria. The men at the top were never more calm, deliberated and resourceful. They have seized upon their long-awaited opportunity. This is their day. Already they are exercising despotic rule. Unless the people are aroused there is no length to which the super-bankers may not go. We are in danger of a financial dictatorship."

**Uncle Sam Will Raise Nobody's Pay**

**F**OR one year, except with presidential consent, nobody in Uncle Sam's employ will receive a raise of pay or promotion to a better position. This special rule, attached to every appropriation bill, stops all appointments and interferes with contracts already made with apprentices who have waited for years for regular appointments in the postal service.

**Detroit Grew Too Fast**

**T**HE present hard times find Detroit with the largest per capita debt in the United States, due to the fact that during the past twenty years Detroit has tripled in population and increased in area beyond all expectation. Had the growth been slower, and had so many things not been needed all at once, the present financial condition of the city would be much better.

**Aviation Industry in the United States**

**O**N JANUARY 1 the number of aircraft in the United States was 10,780, of which 6,881 were in the transport grade. There were 17,739 licensed pilots, of whom 532 were women. There were 9,016 mechanics, of whom 5 were women. California has the greatest number of pilots and mechanics of any state in the Union, but New York has the most planes.

**2% Own 60% of the Wealth**

**T**HE Industrial Relations Committee says that at present in America 2 percent own 60 percent of the wealth of the nation; 33 percent own 35 percent of the wealth of the nation; and 65 percent own 5 percent of the wealth of the nation. The thing they did not explain is what happens when the 2 percent take over the relatively small balance that the rest of the people now have. And it couldn't be long now.

**Mrs. Roosevelt a Spiritist**

**M**RS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, wife of the governor of New York state, and a candidate for the democratic nomination for president, has let it be known that she consulted a spirit medium to ascertain if her hubby would be nominated. The spirits were said to be confident he would be nominated and elected. This means that if Roosevelt should be elected there would again be demonistic influence in the White House as there was in the days of Harding and the Ohio Gang.

### ***An Electrified Cucumber Bed***

**I**N TWO adjacent cucumber beds in California an experiment was tried. In one of the beds insulated wires, four feet apart, were strung eight inches below the surface. Then, by means of a thermostat, a temperature of 70 degrees was maintained and the current was on about two hours out of five. One-half of the crop in the wired section was ripened and marketed before the first cucumber ripened in the other bed.

### ***Agricultural Prices Cut in Half***

**T**HE index of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics shows farm products were only slightly more than half in price in 1931 compared with 1929. With the farmers getting only half price for what they raise, it follows, as a matter of course, that they cannot buy the things they need, and the factories that normally supply them what they want can run only part time.

### ***Hawaii's Polyglot Population***

**H**AWAII has one of the greatest mixtures of races in the world. Not including the United States military forces, there are on the islands a total population of 370,000, of whom 190,000 are Japanese, 28,000 are Portuguese, 23,000 are Hawaiians, 27,000 are Chinese, 7,000 are Porto Ricans, 7,000 are Koreans, 3,000 are Filipinos, 50,000 are Americans, and 35,000 are of mixed parentage.

### ***National Wealth of United States***

**T**HE total national wealth of the United States in 1930 was \$320,700,000,000, and the total national income for the same year was \$71,000,000,000. The National Industrial Conference Board estimates that if these sums could have been distributed equally among all the families in the nation, each family would have had \$10,961 of capital and \$2,366 of income.

### ***Bombmaker Dies in Horror***

**D**URING the World War more than 75,000,000 Mills bombs were used. For this invention Mr. Mills was knighted and received a fortune of \$138,000. He has just died in horror that the child of his brain should have been used to hurl so many of his fellow men into eternity. During the last years of his life he sought in every way to forget what he had done, but all to no avail.

### ***Churches Collect Eggs and Pigs***

**T**HE Charleston (S.C.) *Evening Post* tells of several churches in rural sections of the state where the pastors are accepting eggs and pigs in lieu of cash? Why not? It only requires a little work to turn these valuables of the people into money, and a little work some time in a week of absolute rest is good for the digestion. In Jesus' day the clergy were willing to take anything they could get their hands on, even widows' houses.

### ***The Buildings on the Moon***

**I**F THE man in the moon has constructed any buildings it is expected that they will be observable when the new 200-inch telescope is in place at Mount Wilson. This telescope will magnify distant objects ten thousand times, so that the surface of the moon, which is actually 240,000 miles away, will seem to be but twenty-four miles distant. This would enable objects on its surface thirty feet apart to be separately distinguished.

### ***Return to Customs of a Generation Ago***

**T**HE slump in prices of farm products has brought about a return to many of the customs of a generation ago. Farmers are doing their own butchering, and taking their own grist to the mill. They are getting their own fuel out of the woodlots, and their wives are making their own butter and doing their own baking. There is even talk, in some quarters, of a revival of home tanning, home spinning and home weaving. The farmer is a hard man to completely lick.

### ***New York's Spiritual Food***

**E**VERY Monday morning New York newspapers give readers a digest of some of the previous day's sermons. In a recent digest Bishop Manning says the world needs more religion; we would say it needs more Christianity. Reverend Lynch thinks that indiscriminate and unscientific thinking is the cause of the misery of the world; we would say it is because it worships the wrong 'God'. Rev. Lon Ray Call says, "I would place intelligence above conscientiousness"; and we think this means he has a call to Japan, where this particular form of religion is most popular. Rabbi Katz says that he believes in telling the children the truth that "this is a world based on greed". And so endeth the food for the soul.

### ***When the Flowers Open***

THE swamp rose opens at 4:30 in the morning, the day lily at 5:30, the black nightshade at 6:30, and the morning glory at 7:30. The fig marigold opens at 8:30 a.m., the purslane at 10:30, the thistle at 11:30, and the potato flower at 1:30 in the afternoon. The four-o'clock is true to its name: it does not open until four in the afternoon; the evening primrose opens at 6:30 p.m., the Jimson weed at 7:30 p.m., and the queen of the night waits until 9:30 before it condescends to say good morning, just as the rest of us are getting ready to go to bed.

### ***Too Many Crooks in Chicago***

JUDGE JARECKI, in ruling that the assessment rolls of Chicago for the years 1928 and 1929 were fraudulent, and that taxpayers might tender what they considered a reasonable amount and file objections to the balance, called attention to the fact that the Board of Assessors arbitrarily omitted \$15,000,000,000 of personalty from the rolls for 1928 and 1929 and many years prior thereto. The city is now owing \$20,000,000 in salaries to its school teachers and other school employees. And it has 650,000 jobless.

### ***Five Small Boys in a Dark Attic***

FIVE small boys climbed the fire escape of an East Side (New York) theater and let themselves down from a skylight into the attic, whence they expected a trapdoor in the ceiling would enable them to see a movie without the customary admission charge, which they did not happen to possess. Everything worked all right except the trapdoor in the ceiling, which unfortunately did not exist. The boys got into the attic and could not get out. Finally the proprietor of the show found them and lifted them out, one at a time, but he missed the chance of a lifetime when he failed to take them in and give them the best seats in the house. Instead, he turned them over to a policeman, and the cop scolded them gently and sent them home. Probably he was a boy once himself.

### ***Justice in Philadelphia***

THE *Journal of the American Judicature Society* states in so many words that "Philadelphia appears to have the worst system of administering justice, so far as the smaller civil and criminal cases are concerned, of any place

in the civilized world". The reason assigned for this is that nearly all misdemeanor cases, and all civil cases involving not more than \$100, are handled by 28 political magistrates whose usual qualification for the position is merely that they were elected to fill it. It is said that the incumbents are mostly politicians and that justice is therefore administered politically, which means it is not administered at all.

### ***Fifteen Years for an Apple***

IN HUGE headlines the Halifax *Daily Star* makes much of the fact that in New York city a man who entered a kitchen and ate an apple was given fifteen years in prison, because he was a third offender. The man claims that he was driven to it by hunger. The judge who sentenced him says that he will approve freedom for him *after five years*. Contrast this happening with the mild and belated "justice" meted out to Daugherty, Sinclair and Fall.

### ***Only a Life Sentence for Stealing Shoes***

FOR the benefit of our British readers we wish to explain that John Moore is not to be put to death for stealing a pair of shoes at Winston-Salem, N.C. That was the original sentence, but the governor of North Carolina has commuted it to life imprisonment. We do not like to have our British readers think we would do such a thing in this country as to put a man to death for stealing a pair of shoes. All we do is to imprison him for life.

Besides, we have at times made reflections upon the severe sentences which British judges in South Africa have inflicted upon some of the poor colored men that have come before them, and we do not like to have any Britisher who has read such articles think that we would officially murder a colored man for swiping a pair of shoes when all we intended to do to him was to lock him up *for life*. If the British want to be severe against the poor blacks under their control in South Africa let them do so, but we mean to advertise to the world that here in America we are more merciful.

Of course, we showed neither justice nor mercy to Sacco or Vanzetti, and we have shown none to Mooney, and thousands of others, but now at last, here in North Carolina, we can show a case to which we can point with—with—with something or other, whatever it is that nations point with at such times.

### ***Sharp Decline in New York State Employment***

**A**T THE first of February the New York state department of labor reported the sharpest decline in employment since 1921. Reports furnished monthly by New York state employers showed employment only 65 percent of normal and pay rolls only 55 percent of normal. In other words, a third of the workers are idle, and the total money in circulation, as payment for wages, is only 55 percent of normal.

### ***Europe Buying More Bibles***

**A**TTENTION is called to the fact that in the last ten years the circulation of the Bible in western Europe has almost doubled. The dispatch from Paris which contains this information adds the interesting remark that "the clergy and ministers are the most surprised by this information because the empty spaces in their church pews have not received increased patronage". Apparently the people are trying to learn at home what the Bible really teaches. Can you guess what books they have to help them in that?

### ***Proposed Rededication of Tomb***

**T**HE statement has been made that there will be a rededication of the tomb of the unknown soldier at Washington, D.C., on November 11, 1932. We do not just see the need of it, and make a suggestion. The Standard Oil Co. has large interests in China and at the present look of things we might be able to make good use of the money the rededication would cost to have a fresh tomb built to some unknown soldier somewhere in Asia. Big Business that is always so forward to, as they put it, "hallow the soldier dead" may want to do some hallowing on the other side of the Pacific.

### ***The Two-Billion-Dollar Relief Corporation***

**T**HE two-billion-dollar relief corporation is merely a plan for taking two billion dollars from the common people and using it as a revolving fund to help the big and little banks that at the present time are crushed under their load of frozen assets.

Bonds of the new corporation will be sold to the bankers. And how will the bankers get money enough to pay for them? Easy enough. The Government will print the money and give it to the Federal Reserve at a cost of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 percent, plus only 65c per \$1,000 for printing cost.

The net result is that the common people will pay the interest on these bonds, and pay the losses on the liquidation of the frozen assets which the new corporation will take over from the money lenders. And if any of this money of the people ever gets back to some of them in the form of loans they will have to pay interest on it again to get the use of it.

### ***One Reason for Beckley's Riches***

**S**OMEBODY has sent us Vol. 1, No. 14, of the little church paper published by the First Baptist Church of Beckley, West Va. The article on the first page is entitled "I Am Rich", and as it is in quotation marks we presume that it refers to Revelation 3:17, which please see. At the conclusion of the article, which has gone the rounds of the press, appear the words, "None of my wealth depends upon business conditions or market reports." In this particular instance we suggest a reason why this is true. The back page of the little paper contains what is said to be the "Honor Roll", being a list of those who "have pledged and paid this year's pledge to date". We do not know what it is they pledged, but we can guess. The poor saints of that community that are not on that Honor Roll are about as popular in the congregation as a civet cat at a debutante's ball.

### ***Burgling Not What It Used to Be***

**B**URGLARS complain that burgling is not what it used to be. A Brooklyn woman came home and found a burglar busy at his trade of tying up all her best things in a bundle. She handed one brick to a neighbor and told her to sock the burglar with it if he tried to come out the front way. Then she took another one and ran around to the back door to hit him if he tried to get out that way. On her way she asked a third lady to call the police, which was done. When the police came and rescued the poor man he said he was glad to be in safe hands once more and away from those angry females. He sees now that his life has been misspent and he should have hired out to the Power Trust in his youth. Then he would be able to rob every home, and do it every month, and would be welcomed in the most exclusive financial circles. As it is, as a penalty for making a bad start, he must now go back to Sing Sing, there to live with the little burglars, the ones that don't know how to do it and get away with it.

**Wise Professor Patten**

**W**ISE Professor Patten, of Dartmouth College, after forty years of search, has found the skeleton of the original sea scorpion to which all college professors may now trace their ancestry. Professor Patten says that this skeleton is between 500,000,000 and 1,000,000,000 years old. He knew this, we may be sure, because he found one of these dates stamped at the nose of the scorpion and the other stamped at its tail. That would be the only possible way he could have told. He tells us that there has been no essential change in 1,000,000,000 years, or, in other words, that the sea scorpion of so long ago had about as much sense as a college professor has now; and maybe he is right, at that. Who knows?

**Missouri Legislators in a Bad Business**

**M**ISSOURI is a great state. The population on April 1, 1930, was 3,629,367. Just at present a good many of those inhabitants are good and mad at their legislators at Jefferson City. And they seem to have some reason to be so.

It seems that to help them in their arduous duties the legislators have gradually put on clerks and more clerks until they have a grand total of 904 helping them in the two houses. Every time one of the legislators wanted to help a friend he made him a legislative clerk; he went on the payroll of the state and thereafter everybody lived happy.

But now the judgment day has come and somebody has dug up the facts that the great states of California, Illinois, Massachusetts and Ohio have a combined population of 24,204,216, or more than six times that of Missouri, and yet somehow they manage, collectively, to get along with only 480 clerks all told. That is a little more than half as many clerks to do more than six times as much work.

You have probably heard about the people from Missouri: that before they spend their good money they have to be shown what it is they are going to get for it. Well, here is a case where their good money was first spent for them by their own Solons, and now the people want to know just why they dipped in their pockets about twelve times as deep as they should have.

The Missouri legislators have been in a bad business.

**No Man's Land in Colorado**

**B**Y THE Louisiana Purchase and by the acquisition of Texas the United States came into possession of most of Colorado, but there are 1,500 square miles in the state which technically do not belong to the United States or to any other country. They were merely overlooked when treaties were made. Actually Colorado, every foot of it, belongs to Jehovah God, for, as the Scriptures well declare, "The earth is [Jehovah's], and the fulness thereof." No man owns a foot of it; all men are merely God's tenants at His will.

**Getting Ready for Trouble in India**

**T**HE British Army in India is being brought up to its full strength of 68,900 white officers and men and 155,300 Indian troops and officers. In the British equipment in India there are eleven armored car companies each of which is equipped with twenty armored cars of the latest type.

Present indications are that before the Indian trouble is settled Britain may have use for all her troops. It is hard to fight millions of people that are willing to die for an idea and that will not resist except passively. Reprisals against such people operate in the reverse direction from that intended, for so is human nature put together.

Mahatma Gandhi claims to find the greatest joy in his voluntary poverty, and after a struggle his wife and children have all come to share his views and are expecting imprisonment with him, as are some millions of his fellow Hindus. He was arrested at three o'clock in the morning and hustled off to prison for advising a renewal of the campaign of civil disobedience. Not unlikely he will now be sent to a penal island, perhaps for years. The charge against him is treasonable activity.

He has urged his followers to discard liquor and narcotics, to do no violence, to protect English people of all classes and to withdraw from the government all cooperation, individually or collectively. His program embraces boycott of the courts and legislatures, the surrender of all public offices and the withdrawal of all children from government schools. We understand also that it includes nonpayment of taxes and the boycott of all things British, as far as that is possible. Upon his arrest the merchants of Bombay declared a strike of one month.

**B**EYOND question the year 1931 witnessed the greatest depression and privation for the people of Canada in history. Hope, however, has remained strong and 1932 was looked forward to as the year for the return of prosperity. As 1932 opens up conditions are anything but bright and the people are becoming restless with discontent.

The railways, with their enormous debts and rapidly falling revenues, are a problem of first importance. The government has appointed a commission to investigate the whole situation and report as to how best to deal with it. While the report is not yet completed, some idea of the seriousness of the problem may be gathered from the following editorial appearing in the *Toronto Telegram*:

In recent issues there have appeared in these columns articles considering different angles of the transportation problem in Canada and what is at this time of some importance the shape of public opinion on the subject. W. A. Irwin has an informative article in *MacLean's Magazine* on certain phases of the problem and particularly the decline in passenger traffic and earnings in the past two years.

The fact is brought out that the railways of Canada actually carried fewer passengers in 1930 than they did twenty years earlier, in 1910. The total of passengers annually carried in the ten years 1910-20 increased from over thirty-five millions to over fifty-one millions, but by 1930 had declined to a little over thirty-four millions, a lower figure than twenty years before, although there was an increase of 2,800,000 in population. Mr. Irwin gives it in table form:

Passengers Carried—All Railroads in Canada

1910 .....	35,894,000
1920 .....	51,318,000
1928 .....	40,592,000
1929 .....	39,070,000
1930 .....	34,699,000

**Automobiles Versus Railways**

It will be observed that even in the boom year, 1928, there was a heavy falling off from 1920 in passenger carrying. The revenue lost to the railways from passenger carrying is greater than the loss of annual revenue from freights and express. Motor competition is primarily responsible for it: good roads, built at enormous cost, are competing seriously with the railroads, which, too, were built at enormous cost. Most people, when they speak of motor competition injuring the railways, have the motor bus and the motor truck in mind, but Mr. Irwin says, and quite truly, that as regards passenger traffic the motor bus is a relatively minor factor, as the competition is largely

from the privately-owned automobile. People think nothing of motoring to Hamilton, Oshawa, Orillia, Midland, Cobourg, Peterboro, Kingston, Owen Sound; people even motor to Florida, and in the summer to Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver. Almost any day one may see cars in Toronto bearing number plates from New York, Michigan, New Jersey or any of several states, some of whose inhabitants love to roam afar.

Not only the steam railways suffer from the private automobile. The suburban radials have been nearly put out of business everywhere by them, and the street cars suffer heavily. A few years ago one could stand on a corner up town in the morning and see a stream of automobiles go by, most of them driven by owners who rode alone. This year on the same corner one will observe that nearly every car has three or four, sometimes six, persons in it, and the same cars will be seen morning after morning going by at the same time with the same passengers. It is possible that people living in apartment houses and due to arrive down town at a stated time are offered lifts by one of them who is driving. This may have helped establish the present practice. And persons employed in the same office, residing in the same quarter of the city, may be given a chance lift by one of them who is driving, and a habit becomes established. Sometimes one man takes his car one day and his neighbor the next. The effect on street railway earnings in Toronto is serious, but there is nothing that can be done about it.

**Government Railways in Distress**

Speaking further upon the same matter the *Telegram* says:

These be strenuous times with the railways. Coupled with the industrial depression comes truck competition. And as if that were not enough, the short crop in the west, running in part to famine areas, cuts down freight tonnage.

Already the two big systems have made drastic cuts in expenditures. But the end is not yet. The matter of cooperation between the systems is being considered by the Government at Ottawa and the railway executives and the near future promises some rather sensational announcements. Just what they will comprise is at present only guesswork, but one thing is assured, and that is that competition in fast trains between commercial centers will go into the discard.

Passenger service has never paid, according to railwaymen. In some quarters it is estimated that the loss on this arm of the service runs as high as \$20,000,000 a year. And much of this loss is chargeable to the craze to give business men an extra hour in some city, an hour the business man probably sits around a hotel and wastes.

All this frill and fad stuff is to go in the name of economy and is just one indication of how the boom spirit is to be worked out of the railways.

In passenger trains as in other walks of life, men are going to move more slowly. And the result will probably be that they will enjoy life a little more and live a little longer.

### ***Cutting Down the Service***

The railways, according to Sir Henry Thornton, are considering carrying freight on passenger trains in order to combat the competition of the motor truck.

This can only mean a return to the mixed trains of long ago. It also means that passengers will have to sit and gaze at box cars, water tanks and rural depots while the locomotives do their shunting and remake the train.

But what of it? The de luxe passenger trains to rural points have become a habit, and a very extravagant habit for the railways.

Railroads, and passengers as well, will have to get back to a less luxurious mode of living or go broke. And in these days when every other man has an automobile it may be that the railways could, instead of carrying freight on passenger trains, work a further economy by carrying passengers on freight trains.

### ***Second Gold-Producing Country***

While the mineral wealth of this vast country has only been scratched, the results thus far obtained have been most gratifying and the year 1931 made Canada the second largest gold-producing country in the world. The following item from the *Mail and Empire* of Toronto may be found of interest in this respect:

The gold mines of the Dominion, and particularly those of Ontario, ended the year with many new records chalked up to their credit. Actual mining operations were proceeded with at a record-breaking pace and most of the producers carried their development to new low levels and in almost every instance the mineral zones, where opened up at depth, proved to run higher in gold per ton than on the upper horizons and generally there was favorable enlargement of the mineralized sections. While all companies are engaged in mine development on an expanding scale, the majority have merely started their big programs and there is no doubt that the present year will see even greater improvement, both in development and production of precious metal, than was reached in the record year 1931.

The year 1931 closed with Canada secure in her position as the second largest gold-producing country of the world. According to figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, total production from all mines in this country amounted to 2,679,728 fine ounces of gold, with a value of \$55,394,892. The above figures not only make a new all-time record for the Dominion, but indicate an increase in production of gold of over half a million ounces when compared

with the record made in the year immediately preceding. The production figures here referred to do not include the premium received by the gold-mining companies, due to the current rate of exchange. With the exception of British Columbia and Nova Scotia, all the gold-producing provinces of Canada registered substantial gains in output of precious metal. At this time there is every reason to believe that the present year will show even greater improvement in yellow metal production than that recorded in 1931.

### ***The Cigarette Curse***

The *Ottawa Journal* gives us the following illuminating item concerning the hold cigarette smoking has upon the people of this land. It says:

Remember way back when a man smoking a cigarette was all but suspect by his friends? Well, last year, according to a bulletin of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Canadians smoked 5,000,000,000 cigarettes, paid \$50,000,000 for them. Or thereabouts.

In 1913 our total cigarette consumption was less than 1,000,000,000. By the end of the war we were smoking 2,000,000,000; by 1926 we were close to the 3,000,000,000 mark; in 1928 we had got to 4,000,000,000, and now we are up to 5,000,000,000.

As a matter of fact, we are probably consuming many more than that. The figures given by the Bureau of Statistics include only those cigarettes which are manufactured in Canada; takes no account of the imports of British and American brands; takes no account of smuggling. Actual imports are likely light, but, if we are to believe Canadian manufacturers who appeared last year before the Tariff Board, nearly a billion American cigarettes are smuggled across the border.

If there are 6,000,000 persons in Canada over fifteen years of age, then they are averaging, smokers and non-smokers, over 800 cigarettes apiece per year. About forty packages per head.

Fifty million dollars looks like a lot of money to spend on cigarettes, yet it is not as bad as it looks. For the money, really, doesn't go up in smoke. A lot of it goes to our tobacco growers, a lot more of it goes to thousands of workers in tobacco factories, some of it goes to wholesalers and retailers, a share of it to advertising mediums, a goodly share of it into a hard-pressed treasury.

### ***Babies Have a Right to Cry***

That babies have a perfect right to cry has been wisely determined by a very learned judge, according to a Canadian Press Despatch which reads:

Crying is a normal occupation for a normal baby, and is not ground for canceling an apartment lease, it has been decided by Mr. Justice Archambault in the

Circuit Court, in dismissing an action taken by Credit General, Inc., against H. H. Lewis, father of the baby. The plaintiff said that the baby, aged 1½ years, was continually crying and disturbing adjoining tenants. Under the terms of the lease, the tenant was bound to see that no such annoyance should emanate from his apartment, it was claimed. The father suggested that to put such an interpretation on the lease would be contrary to the essential principles of humanity.

### Overgovernment

The Canadian press has much to say today, and properly so, concerning the fact that Canadians are much overgoverned. The following item is culled from the *Brantford Expositor*:

The legislatures of the various provinces are entirely too large for the population, and the axe could be used in the provincial fields with good effect. It is just a question of how long business can prosper and carry the enormous burdens of taxation imposed upon it in this country. This, in the end, comes out of the people. The present depression has afforded a splendid opportunity for a thorough investigation of this whole question, but little attention has been paid to it. It remains, therefore, for the people of Canada, through sheer force of public opinion, to demand of their rulers, both federal and provincial, that they take action to reduce the cost of government throughout the country. If government in the Dominion costs \$1,000,000,000, it means that every man, woman and child is taxed \$100 for this purpose. This is an appalling sum, and out of all proportion to the services rendered.

### A Mixed Family

The Millennium is surely here, for the time has come when kittens and little chicks lie down together, if the following news item from *Sarnia* is true. It reads:

A hen owned by Russell German of Mooretown, which, in addition to mothering a brood of eleven little chicks, is attracting unusual attention since she has taken five small kittens under her wing.

The mother of the kittens died a few days ago and every night the chicks and kittens nestle up under the wings of the hen. During the day it is a common sight to see the little chicks and kittens drinking milk together from the same dish while the old hen sits contentedly by clucking to her unusual family.

### Mixed Farming

Speaking of the development of mixed farming in the Canadian West the *Ottawa Journal* says:

So much has been heard about western wheat, most of us have an idea that wheat is the West's sole product. The idea is profoundly wrong. We pick up an official bulletin, and we find:

"That Saskatchewan last year produced 30,000,000 eggs, had a poultry production of \$30,000,000.

"That Manitoba produces one-third of the annual honey crop of Canada, ranking second only to Ontario; and that Alberta and Saskatchewan are coming along.

"That most western cities are now surrounded by extensive market gardens, grow most of their own vegetables.

"That the west is now producing some of the finest of Canadian strawberries.

"That sugar beets are now grown extensively on irrigated land in southern Alberta.

"That the sugar beet factory at Raymond, Alberta, is now the largest in Canada, having turned out 25,000,000 pounds of refined sugar from last year's beet crop.

"People are forever advising the prairies to go in for mixed farming. Perhaps it is because they don't realize how much mixed farming has been gone in for."

However, mixed farming does not appear to be the solution to the present distress, although it will help the farmer to better feed himself and family, as the following item from the *Toronto Globe* reveals:

Vegetable farming is having its gloomy days in the Port Credit district. R. Hill, a farmer on Indian Road, speaking to the *Globe*, reported that some days ago he shipped 72 eleven-quart baskets of mixed vegetables to Toronto. The baskets cost him eight cents each, or a total of \$5.76. Yesterday he received word from the commission agent at Toronto that he owed the sum of \$3.56 on the shipment, as his consignment had, according to the card received, been "dumped", and not sold. The baskets are now being returned to him, but before he can have them he must pay the express company another \$3.60 for carriage. Hill already this season has shipped some 1,500 baskets of fruit and vegetables to Toronto, and his receipts for the lot are less than \$100.

### A Drought Commission

The government of Saskatchewan has appointed a commission to investigate the causes of drought during the past three years in southern Saskatchewan. The *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix*, speaking editorially thereof, says:

A wonderful opportunity lies before the drought commission recently appointed by the provincial government to study the causes of drought in southern Saskatchewan and the possibility of preventing the continuance or recurrence of that misfortune. Their efforts may result in action which will restore that district to a condition of fertility and prosperity and bring happiness and contentment to the thousands of



farmers who have occupied it for so many years. The government action will meet with public approval, and the commissioners, who are undertaking the task without remuneration, will receive the thanks of the people of this province for the public-spiritedness which they are showing.

Time was when an overabundance or a lack of rain was considered as being 'an act of nature', the changing of which it was useless to attempt. The study of climatic conditions and weather along scientific lines has revealed some of the causes and that those causes may in part be controlled. Thus the absence of trees allows the too rapid evaporation of moisture from the soil. The absence of lakes, sloughs and other bodies of water means that there is no reserve supply from which nature can draw the rain so necessary for crop growth. Continuous tilling removes fiber from the soil, allowing it to drift before the wind. These are only a few of the known causes. There are many others. These can be controlled. Trees and shrubs can be planted. Sloughs which have been drained can be restored, and the flow of rivers may be arrested to form lakes which will constitute a reserve supply of water; and in some cases it is possible that water courses may be partly diverted to provide irrigation. All these matters will come under the attention of the commission.

The districts of southern Saskatchewan now burned out have not always been dry. For 20 years or more they produced some of the best crops in the west. Then came three dry years. Possibly the climate will normally return to its former state, but if nature can be aided by the arts and sciences of man, so much the better. And if a recurrence of the dry conditions can be prevented, a wonderful work will have been performed.

### **Mixed Religionists**

At a recent meeting of the Saskatoon Ministerial Association the question of having passages from the Bible read, without comment, by the teacher as an opening exercise was considered. The Saskatoon *Star* reports the matter in much detail and we quote therefrom in part as follows:

In Ontario a similar plan has been adopted by a number of cities, and a series of consecutive readings drawn up, said Canon Armitage. If Catholic school boards preferred, he could see no objection to these passages' being read from the version authorized by the Roman Catholic church.

Rev. James Strahan of the First Baptist church preferred that such readings should contain passages from the writings of Buddha and Confucius. Rev. J. A. Donnell agreed, urging that every religion was seeking after God and that Christianity should not be treated as the only religion. They should be careful

not to try to force the children of the conscientious atheist to listen to instruction in religious belief.

While the Christian churches were making converts more rapidly in Africa than in any other mission field, the Mohammedans were making converts even more rapidly, reported Rev. A. W. Banfield, of the British and Foreign Bible Society. To the mind of the African, Mohammedanism, with its allowance of plurality of wives and its charms and amulets had a special appeal. A man with only one wife had no social standing in an African village.

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### **Milwaukee Not Hard Up**

MILWAUKEE, where they have a socialist administration of the city, reports that all city bills are paid and there is a surplus of \$2,234,000 in the municipal treasury. It is still easy to remember when several newly elected members of the New York legislature were deliberately thrown out of the chamber to which they had been chosen, and the only reason assigned was that they were socialists. Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., was a member of the legislature that performed this feat of statesmanship.

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### **Prayers for the Creative Spirit**

THE Federal Council of Churches in its appeal for prayer for the Arms Conference asks, "Let us pray that the creative spirit may move among the peoples." America has an amphibian tank, bombproof and gasproof, that will go ten miles an hour in the water, fifty miles on a rough road, and seventy miles an hour on a smooth road. It has the Akron, able to carry a flock of airplanes around the world. Russia has 20,000,000 men and women well militarized. Italy has offered to blacken the skies with planes. Japan has 32 airplane squadrons. The German Junkers project a plane that will fly from Berlin to New York between breakfast and dinner. The Big Bertha can shoot 75 miles. In America the influential are given stock in munition plants. There are varieties of poison gas against which no mask is any protection. Our latest machine guns will shoot 800 bullets a minute and all the bullets will go nine miles. We can guide our bombing planes by wireless. Creative spirit? Creative spirit? What more do we want? If war comes we can create thousands of chaplains over night ready to bless it all.

**T**HE poisoning of the American public goes constantly on. Reports come in daily from some part of America, showing same symptoms, even though the best foods have been carefully selected and prepared by the most careful process. Manufacturers of aluminum kitchenware continue to advertise that those opposed to the manufacture of aluminum cooking utensils are wrong, in spite of the fact that the reports show that such ware is used previous to 99 percent of all group poisoning cases.

We find it very difficult to ascertain the exact facts in most of these cases, but here is one which took very little time.

The Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette* reported on January 2, 1932, the group poisoning of Mrs. Frank Reyas, 109 Lyrieway, McKeesport, Pa.

#### HOLIDAY DINNER POISONS FAMILY

Parents and Two Children at McKeesport Made Ill  
Are Taken to Hospital

The New Year's dinner at the home of Frank Reyas of 119 Lyrieway, McKeesport, resulted in the poisoning of Reyas, his wife and their two children. Physicians at the McKeesport Hospital said the illness was caused by eating either vegetable soup or fruit cake. None are believed to be in a serious condition, according to hospital authorities.

The following letter was at once forwarded to Mrs. Reyas:

One of your friends forwarded us the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette* which contains the report of your food poisoning.

We are interested in determining the cause of the plague upon our people at this time. Reports of this kind are coming in from every section of America, showing thousands of persons being poisoned. And in no case have the authorities found the cause.

We believe that we know the exact cause in many instances, but are continuing our investigation of all poisoning cases coming before us, so we desire a report from you personally.

Kindly advise us by return mail on the back of this letter what kind of cooking utensils were used, what

kind of food, and how long the food was stored or prepared and cooked.

The following answer was written on January 7:

We received your letter, and you are asking us to make a report of how it happened.

Well, here it is. It was the first day of the year. My mother sent us some soup in an aluminum dinner pail. The time was about 11:30 a. m.

I put the pail with the soup out in a little hallway to keep cool, and did not use it till 5:30 p. m. Then I warmed it for dinner, and the family sat down to eat it. Just as soon as we were through eating, we became ill. We were then taken to the hospital, and I don't remember anything else.

The vegetables used were fresh. My mother raises her own. The meat that was used was also fresh, having been butchered for New Year. That is all.

So, dear reader, the story has been told here as in hundreds of other cases which we investigate. Last week extensive group poisoning was reported in Overbrook Hospital of Cedar Grove, N. J., where more than 200 were severely affected by food contamination. A large number were poisoned at the Hall where the law students live, at the University of Michigan. One hundred nineteen students were taken to hospitals recently, at Purdue University, all of whom recovered.

Our people will put up with this kind of condition until our authorities act for the benefit of all. A strenuous effort is being made by the aluminum interests to maintain their sales of aluminum culinary ware.

In December, 1931, a series of articles was begun in a national magazine attempting to prove that aluminum kitchenware is harmless. The wrath of the American public will be brought down upon the heads of such persons, in due time, because it is evident that they know and are familiar with the physiological effects of aluminum compounds produced by their wares.

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### What Villard Would Do

**O**SWALD GARRISON VILLARD, editor of *The Nation*, says that if he were dictator of America he would muster out the fleet, reduce the army to 25,000 men, send all the generals and admirals to Guam, abolish all tariffs, boycott

Japan, recognize Russia, put all lawless officials on prison farms, and transfer Mr. Hoover and his cabinet to the island of Yap. He thinks these steps would restore sanity to America; and they might help, at that.

## Another Rooster Heard From

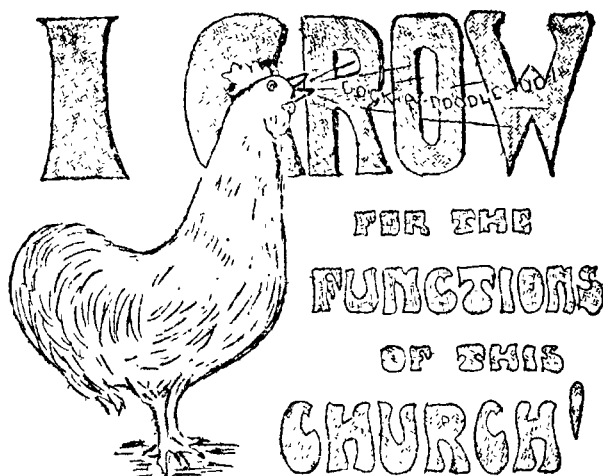
**J**UDGE RUTHERFORD frequently refers to the dominies as "roosters", and it seems a particularly good sobriquet. Their usefulness is about on a par. The loud voice, the strut, the quarrelsomeness, the special headgear, the fine feathers and the empty head all fit nicely into the likeness.

In writing to Timothy the apostle said of the dominies that they "lead captive silly women"; and doesn't a rooster do that? And then the Revelator speaks of Babylon as a henhouse of unclean birds, and he must have meant that if we looked around a little we should find one of them was a rooster, one for each pen.

Here is further evidence that the word seems to fit the mental likeness. When the ladies of the Reformed Church at Marion wanted to advertise their bargain in noodles and apple sauce they inserted a picture of a rooster as a matter of course; so here he is, showing off. And if you study the picture closely you can see that he looks very big and very beautiful and, by comparison, the world down in the corner looks very small and insignificant.

It all depends on the eyes with which one looks at a dominie, whether he is very big and important or whether he is just what he usually is, and that is so small we would not attempt to describe it. To the ladies, the boss of the barn-

yard seems very big and very beautiful; and so he seems to himself; but to nobody else.



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## Radio Witness Work

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**BAY CITY, MICH.** "I would be very much pleased to receive a free copy of a book showing that the kingdom of God is at hand. I know it is at hand, even at the door; these perilous times we live in prove it. I am a listener over the air each Sunday at 10:30 through the Bay City chain. You are telling the truth; the kingdom of God is at hand. I will sincerely appreciate the little book; you shall receive your reward in the kingdom of God."

**AQUILLA, TEX.** "Please mail me the little book entitled *The Kingdom*. I have been studying some of Judge Rutherford's books and find them the most interesting of any Bible studies I have ever had. I also heard his lecture over the radio Sunday evening, while visiting, and enjoyed it very much. I feel sure that he must really be inspired of God."

**PALISADE, MINN.** "I received my set of books and pamphlets. Thanks for the extra ones sent. They are a revelation to us. Please send price list of German and Swedish books; I wish to get some of the books and pamphlets in those languages to give to my friends who cannot read English. If they get as much comfort reading these books as I, then I will be well repaid. I keep my radio almost exclusively to hear Judge Rutherford's broadcasts each Sunday morning."

**T**HE prospects for world peace, from the standpoint of human accomplishment, were never so hopeless as they are today. For every agency in the world endeavoring to establish peace, there seem to be a thousand agencies opposed to it. The world is in a turmoil from a political, financial and ecclesiastical standpoint. The various conferences, whose objectives have been the establishment of some permanent arrangement whereby peace may be assured, have all come to naught.

At the time of the London Naval Conference, which was also a failure, *Current Affairs*, a monthly magazine of gratifying brevity, had this to say on the subject:

The London Naval Conference was a "dud". The hopes of the peace-loving people of the world for a radical reduction in naval armament and the creation of a temperate atmosphere of peace throughout the nations—these hopes have been wrecked. All the high words pronounced by the delegates and all the purple rhetoric uttered by the politicians are only a smoke screen. One is reminded of the dispatch which the Russian general, Brusiloff, sent to the czar when he was being routed from the Masurian swamps by Hindenburg's army: "We advance—backwards." The conflicting patriotisms of the various nations which were members of the conference wrecked everything. Patriotism is rooted in fear; and fear is a primal instinct difficult to overcome. England fears that by reducing her navy her food supply may be cut off and her population starved in a week. France is afraid of everything on all sides. Italy is afraid of France. Japan is afraid of the white man's prejudice against "the yellow peril", and we, ourselves, are afraid of the slightest infringement upon our Americanism. Thus crash the hopes of the world.

Many other magazines and periodicals echo the sentiment of *Current Affairs*. That effort in the direction of world peace, like the preceding ones and those which have since taken place, has been an entire flop. They can scarcely be called a gesture, and few people are any more deceived by them.

But have the world's hopes indeed crashed? Is the proposition hopeless? Is there no certain prospect for world peace? To these questions we answer, It depends upon from which quarter peace is expected. Certainly the various nations which have so far ostensibly made efforts to further the object of peace have demonstrated that this was not indeed their first concern. Selfishness, greed and hatred were the predominating spirit. Each one was desirous of peace

based upon his own particular terms, with little or no consideration for others. It must be increasingly apparent that no human agency can bring about peace. What seems to be the difficulty? The greatest obstacle is in human nature itself, as it is at present constituted.

The Scriptures establish that the whole world lies in the wicked one; that Satan, the adversary, is the god of this world and that he is blinding the minds or the reasoning faculties of the people so that the purposes of God may not be understood by them. Consequently, the reasoning of all the nations and people is based upon selfishness, a desire to take advantage of everything to advance their own particular interests, and, as a consequence, distrust and fear of one another is in evidence to all. There are altogether too many people in the world who are still willing to take advantage of others for their own profit; and where that is true, certainly no fault can be found with nations or people who do the same thing to them.

The Lord described the condition in the earth today in these words: "There is no peace to the wicked." Those who ignore the most fundamental laws of righteousness are wicked, and such cannot, by any manner of means, expect peace, for they do not know the way of peace. Jesus laid down the fundamental principle which would always result in peace, in these words: "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you." That seems simple enough, easily applied, but this rule cannot be even appreciated by the wrongly disposed, much less practiced by them. It presupposes a foundation of righteousness which would not expect unreasonable things of others but with clear-sighted justice sees the necessity of dealing fairly and generously with one another. To this end the Bible counsels, "Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates." Peace between nation and nation is impossible as long as dominant warlike elements exist within the nations themselves which deliberately and willingly foment strife and have no concern whatever for the welfare of others. There is here a very great difficulty which is perhaps better appreciated by the leaders than by people in general. The lust for supremacy, power and wealth is so great in this class, and their power and influence over the political and financial phases of their own na-

tion are so impelling, that they can usually have what they want.

Idealists may call for peace and for the disarming of the nations, but it must be immediately apparent that as long as there is even one nation that is dominated by those who believe in resorting to force, for reasons which they may deem adequate, as long as there is a single nation that refuses to sincerely and completely disarm, there can be no world peace; for the peace-loving nations, if there were any of such, would have no assurance that they would not sooner or later become the victims of the warlike nations. History is replete with records of instances where peacefully disposed people who were quite content to go about their own peaceful ways were attacked by others not at all peacefully disposed, and thus they were obliged either to resort to arms themselves or become the servants of their foes.

Thus is manifested the hopelessness of human efforts to bring world peace. No individual or human agency has sufficient power or authority to force all nations into a condition where peace would be assured to all. Nor is it altogether a question of nation preying upon nation or people upon people. Within the nations themselves there is a conflict between groups and classes which, although it is carried on in a less spectacular manner than by armed combat, is nevertheless essentially the same in its ultimate effect upon the victor and the vanquished.

Today every large city in the United States has innumerable groups of racketeers which take advantage of the people in general and by every conceivable lawless means prey upon the people. The less fortunately situated are oppressed by the more powerful and better endowed. Thus, life seems to present but one aspect, the aspect of continual conflict in every sphere of human activity. And this is in no sense exaggerated; it is actually the case. This conflict is a much more momentous issue than appears to most people. It boils itself down to a conflict between the forces of righteousness and the forces of evil, a struggle which seems to have, and actually has, continued for ages, and which, in this our day, has reached a magnitude never before attained.

We are approaching the climax of this issue. It is not a question of France against Germany or England against some other nation, nor is it simply a conflict between the yellow and the

white race or the black and the white. All of these animosities are but side issues in the great struggle between truth and righteousness on one hand and falsehood and evil on the other. More than that, it is a conflict between God and the opponent of God, Satan the Devil. Although the Bible is very explicit in its statements of the activity of Satan and his organization, yet a great many people do not believe in the existence of Satan as a powerful spirit creature, or that he has a powerful organization deliberately planning to keep the people away from God and His benevolent purposes for them.

This problem of world peace is something that is entirely beyond the ability of any human agency to accomplish. It is an issue that must be considered, not from an earthly standpoint, but from a heavenly viewpoint. Realizing that human resources are entirely inadequate to meet the necessities of the situation, as must be apparent to every thinking man and woman, we should turn our minds to some superhuman agency for the deliverance of the world or else be reconciled to continue indefinitely in this condition of misery and distress.

In turning our minds to some superhuman agency for deliverance, the question naturally arises, To whom should we turn? Whence shall come our hope? There should not be any doubt in the minds of those who claim to be Christians, in this respect. Nineteen hundred years ago Jehovah God gave assurance that it was His ultimate purpose to establish peace on earth, good will among men, and glory to God in the highest, as a result of the work He would perform through Him who was then the babe of Bethlehem. Jesus assures us, in the model prayer which He left for His disciples, that God's will shall be done on earth as in heaven; that that will will be perfect and acceptable and that it shall be the desire of every living creature. With these assurances given by the Lord, each one should now reverently turn to His Word for a serious consideration of what He has to offer in respect to world peace. The theories of men should be laid aside, whether those men claim to be representatives of God or not. If their statements are not in harmony with His Word, they are valueless. Through the prophet of old Jehovah laid down the rule: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no [truth] in them."

Until the people commence to realize this and turn to the Lord, they must and will flounder about and be the prey of scheming and unscrupulous men and systems. We may safely assume that the majority of the people, though imperfect and sinful, are not in harmony with or content with their present condition. They are longing for something better, and they realize that there must be changes everywhere, not only in themselves, but in the affairs of men and nations. No schedule for the conversion of the world by evangelistic efforts will meet the requirements. All these efforts have proved to be not only painfully slow but pitifully fruitless. Humanity has tried every scheme, not once, but repeatedly, and in many different ways, and every one has left them disillusioned and disappointed, yet forever turning again to some human leader or scheme for fresh disappointment; and unless the Lord comes to the rescue it seems as though this would go on indefinitely.

The time is approaching, however, when the Lord assures us through the prophet, in these words: "Wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: [and] . . . then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent."

The time is approaching, and that in the near future, when Jehovah God will wipe out the condition of selfishness, greed and oppression, the time when the efforts of puny men, who with fatuous selfishness seek to establish for themselves a kingdom of righteousness, will end in a debacle so tremendous that they will at last be driven to a full realization of their folly. Jehovah will manifest that He alone is God and that only as He is recognized will the longed for goal of peace be attained. There is no other power that can accomplish this for the human family. The Lord through His Word says that those who come to Jehovah will receive His blessing and peace, in these words: "The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."—Isa. 32:17.

There can be no peace without righteousness, and there can be no righteousness without God. The certain prospect for world peace, therefore, lies in God's assurance that He has purposed

it and that He, too, has purposed the means by which it shall be brought about, and that means is the kingdom of His Son, Christ Jesus, who as God's representative will rule the earth in righteousness and establish judgment and justice henceforth even forever.

Only a government having divine authority, and exercising that authority without interference for the benefit of man, can bring "peace on earth". And it is just such a government that God has purposed. For He has put all things under Christ's feet, and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be. Then shall the nations dwell together in amity and peace, and no longer shall nation lift up sword against nation. But they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks. The paraphernalia of war will be transmuted into the equipment of peace. The very thought of war will be repugnant to the people then, for they shall not learn war any more. There is divine comfort in these words. Now the nations are bending every effort to perfect themselves in the art of war and to train ever increasing forces of war. But then they shall learn war no more. The time and effort, the wealth and material, wasted in the present insane programs of preparedness, will then be turned to better use, and the nations be immeasurably benefited.

But the peace that God's Word envisages means more, much more, than mere cessation of hostilities between nations. That is only one aspect of the matter, though an important one. The animosities that now stir the breasts of men, the dislike for the foreign, the strange, or for that which is not familiar, will give place to a broad tolerance; for love will, more and more, take the place of unreasoning hatreds, and helpfulness and kindness will replace envy and jealousy. Does this seem too much to expect? Does not God's Word assure us that 'he will take away the stony heart and give them hearts of flesh'? God says, "I will . . . reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth."—Jer. 33:6.

But someone will perhaps object that what I have quoted consists only of fragmentary selections from the Old Testament prophecies which have no direct bearing upon the situation. However, remember that what things were written aforetime do have a very special application for us upon whom the ends of the age are come. Also call to mind the words of Peter, who said,

"Times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." (Acts 3:19-21) Again, someone may say that the times of reconstruction apply only to the nation of Israel, and not to other nations. Let such remember that the Lord tells us through His prophet that the nations shall go up to the house of the Lord, "to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."—Mic. 4:2, 3.

When the judgments of the Lord are in the earth the inhabitants of the world shall learn

righteousness. And, learning righteousness, they shall have the effect and result of righteousness, which is peace, quietness and assurance forever.

What has been said is only a very small part of the abundant testimony in God's Word on the subject of world peace. As already stated, all the prophets bear witness to its coming. And not only they, but Jesus Christ, the faithful and true witness himself, confirms the assurance that there is a certain prospect for world peace which shall not fail of accomplishment, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

### A Commendable Pastoral

THOMAS CLAGETT SKINNER, leading Baptist clergyman of Lynchburg, Va., in a printed "Pastoral" says in part: "As dark misery settles down on us and our refuges of lies fall in pieces one after one, may the hearts of men, now at last serious, turn to refuges of truth."

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