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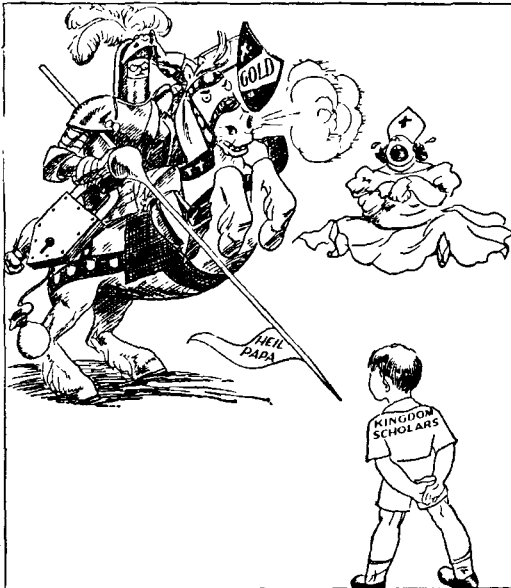
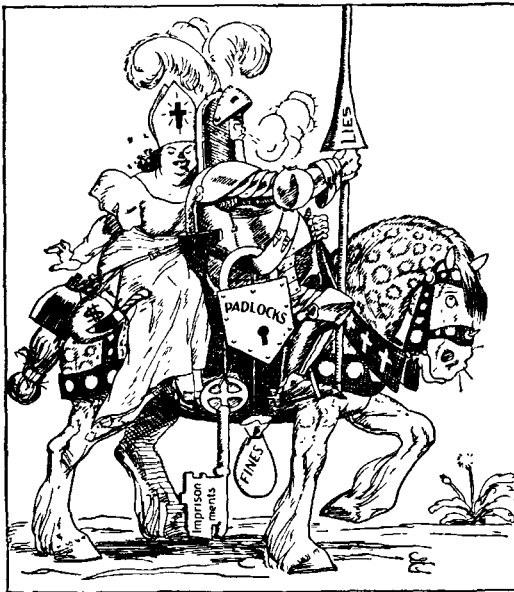
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## Condolences for Monessen

**M**ONESSEN (Pa.) is to be pitied. Any city that will permit itself to be browbeaten and intimidated by a person of the limited intelligence of Mayor James C. Gold should have its charter revoked and be placed in the hands of a guardian. The better element of that city hangs its head in shame and regret over the un-

or semblance of a trial, he found them "guilty" of some kind of offense and placed a fine of five dollars against each. Mayor Jimmy probably never read of Nero, the Roman tyrant, but is stepping right along in his footsteps.

May 31, 1936, Jehovah's witnesses again called upon the people of Monessen, leaving with



Romance ain't dead yet. Ye doughty crusader, Mayor Gold, with ye fair Roman Hierarchy riding pillion, fares forth on his dapple gray to make ye world safe for ye same cockeyed damsel. Anon, ye doughty crusader spies ye foe of fearful

aspect and smells ye smell of battle, and with flashing eye and quivering nostril girds himself for ye terrible combat, whilst ye damsel Hierarchy wringeth her hands and ye dapple gray pales to a clabber white.

American acts of the wooden spoon who bosses the town.

Once again *The Golden Age* brings to the attention of its readers the shameful acts permitted by the city of Monessen.

May 24, 1936, Jehovah's witnesses called on the people of Monessen with a petition for redress of grievances. It was a protest against the unlawful acts of the mayor and chief of police in locking up the Kingdom School and throwing the teacher into jail. Mayor Gold, being totally minus of information concerning the constitutional right of petition, had 146 arrested and jammed into prison cells. Without any trial,

them copies of *The Golden Age* No. 435. A radio program was broadcast from the bluff outside of the city. No arrests were made.

From July 20 to August 2, 1936, regular witness work was carried on in the city. Two carloads of witnesses per day were sent into town to present the Bible message and circulate a petition concerning the radio debate. The mayor and his police again got busy and arrested 41. Most of them were sentenced to thirty days in jail on a charge of "disorderly conduct".

The "disorderly conduct" ordinance under which they were charged defines disorderly conduct as drunkenness, fighting and brawling,

using profane and obscene language on the street, indecent conduct; congregating on the streets and inciting mobs. Not one of Jehovah's witnesses was guilty of disorderly conduct, but that made no difference to the Monessen dictator. "Your presence here constitutes disorderly conduct," was his decree. And the decent people of Monessen sat quietly by and let this vacuum-celled cacique put it over without a squawk.

Thirty-one cases were appealed from Mayor Gold's lawless decisions to the Quarter Sessions Court of Westmoreland County, presided over by Judge Charles D. Copeland, where they came up for trial on October 26. And then the dictator of Monessen found himself in a quandary.

He was now before a court where the rules of law and rules of evidence would prevail. It would be necessary to prove that Jehovah's witnesses were actually doing that which was disorderly. How could that be done without evidence thereof? A real problem for the mayor and his right-hand henchman, City Attorney V. R. Smith.

The defendants in these appeal cases were all arrested during a special campaign in Monessen from July 20 to August 31. In a desperate attempt to cover their tracks and make out a case against the defendants, the mayor and city attorney ignored the things done by the defendants and attempted to apply to them acts done at other times. On May 24 Jehovah's witnesses had circulated a petition in Monessen protesting against the unlawful acts of the mayor in closing the Kingdom School. At that time 146 were unlawfully arrested and thrown into jail. On May 31 a distribution of an issue of *The Golden Age* was made in Monessen. A lecture by sound equipment was given from a bluff near the city. During the period from July 20 to August 31, when the defendants were arrested, only a few

were in town at a time. There was no sound equipment used, and there was no distribution of *The Golden Age* with cartoons to offend the susceptibilities of the mayor. A few witnesses at a time called on the people of the city with the Gospel message. There was nothing done on which a charge of disorderly conduct could be based. The mayor said, "Your presence in Monessen constitutes disorderly conduct." That was enough to sustain a conviction in his so-

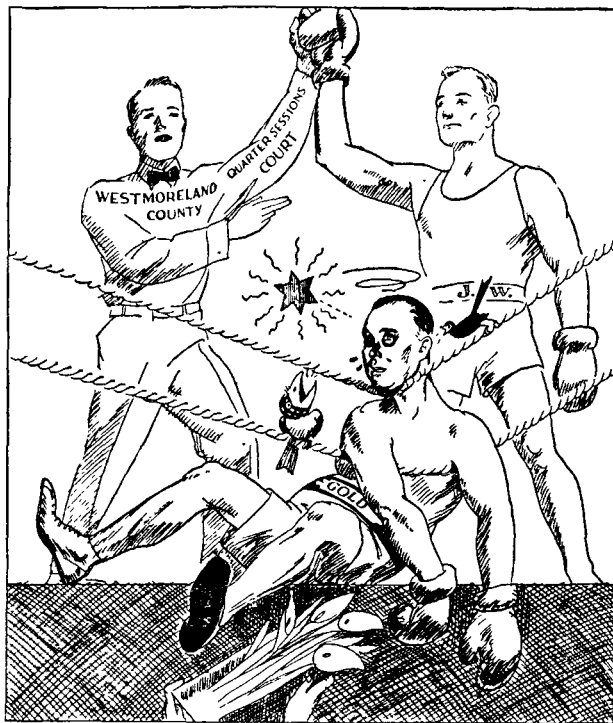
called "court". But they knew it wouldn't hold water in the Quarter Sessions Court of Westmoreland county.

They made quite an effort. They endeavored to show to the court that a big mob of Jehovah's witnesses swooped down on the town; that they distributed "inflammatory literature" filled with scandalous cartoons; that they made a big noise with a bunch of sound cars; and that they annoyed all the people in town.

It was a nice theory, but it didn't work. The defendants who were on trial were not part of a "mob". Only a few were in town. They

had no "inflammatory literature" with them. They had no sound apparatus with them. The mayor and the city attorney tried to put one over on the court, but without success. They tried to deceive the judge, but weren't equal to the task.

Judge Copeland heard the whole story. He considered the testimony, found the defendants not guilty, and ordered, adjudged and decreed that they be discharged from custody. Pennsylvania has a peculiar statute which permits the court or jury to assess costs against the defendant, even though he has been found not guilty of the offense. The defendant can be vindicated, but must pay the court for the privilege. In these cases the court decided that the defendants, even though guilty of no wrongdoing, should pay the costs of the court of Quarter Sessions.



Mayor Gold "wins a great moral victory"

And that, sweet Jezebel, gave great comfort and solace to Mayor Gold. It gave him an alibi. He went before the city council of Monessen and loudly proclaimed, "The city has not lost in any of the [Jehovah's witnesses] cases, but has won a great moral victory." It was published through the newspapers that Gold still thought he had won a "great moral victory" in spite of the fact that thirty-one of his decisions were reversed.

This proves that in addition to being a minus quantity as far as general intelligence is concerned, he is still troubled with *deceptio visus*, that peculiar malady which causes one to see things as they are not. That is why he sees a Communist revolution growing among the little children in a Kingdom school; why he thinks the Bible and *The Harp of God* are Communist textbooks; why he thinks ringing a doorbell is disorderly conduct; and why he thinks he secured a "great moral victory" at the time he was given a walloping good trouncing.

Something ought to be done to aid this strabismic official, and if the witnesses of Jehovah who were unjustly compelled to spend many weary hours behind prison bars collect damages from the mayor and the city it may have a healing effect upon him.

City Attorney Vincent R. Smith added strong words of support to the mayor's squint-eyed alibi, and dug up for broadcasting the old familiar "Communist" bugaboo. Smith opened the floodgates and vomited forth a bunch of falsehoods to the effect that Jehovah's witnesses were Communists, were backed by Russian money, and had every aim against the American system of government.

The vaporings of Mayor Gold do great wrong to the city of Monessen, but, nevertheless, he is

funny. It's his dumbness that makes him that way. He doesn't know any better; so when he sees the "Communist" ghost rising over the Monessen Kingdom School and yells for help, everybody gets a good laugh.

But Attorney Smith is different. He has some intelligence—not an overly big supply, but enough to know what is a Communist. When he makes public claim that Jehovah's witnesses are

Communists his actions are contemptible. He knows better. He knows that they are not Communists, and that he is falsifying the matter just to stir up malice, anger and bitterness against them.

Boss Gold says it is so, and although Gold may be dumb enough to think that the Bible is a Communist textbook, his orders must be obeyed. Therefore this lawyer, who knows better, degrades his position as a counselor and joins in the chorus of hate against an inoffensive people.

Residents of Monessen: We sympathize with you for being required to live in a community where the American spirit of

freedom, tolerance, and justice has been so thoroughly demolished.

The people of Monessen should have intelligence enough and civic righteousness enough to protest against being bamboozled by a pair of purblind officials. They should have gumption and courage enough to insist that children be permitted to have religious freedom in the city. They should have Christianity enough to call a halt on the persecution of people, especially little children, because these obey God's law. They should have sufficient desire for cleanliness to climb out of the gutter of maggoty politics and putrescent city government. All these things they should have, and have in sufficient measure to take positive action.



The very learned Doctor Gold, mayor of Monessen, makes a comment on history, aided and abetted by the equally learned Dr. Vincent R. Smith

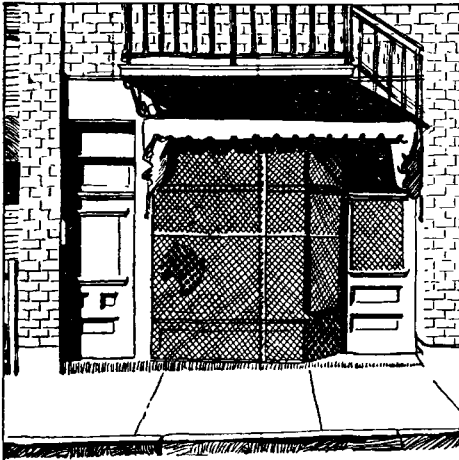


## Kingdom Schools in Western Pennsylvania

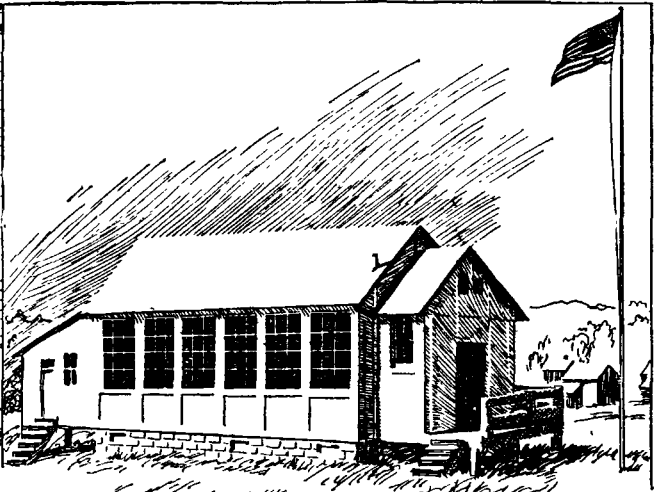
**T**HE GOLDEN AGE frequently receives beads, crosses, grocers' cord, and other cheap junk from ex-Roman Catholics who have had their eyes opened to the Italian racket operated from Vatican City. While this lasts, it will give a handful of this worthless hardware, cordage and other refuse to the person who can think up any more mean and inhuman acts than have been committed against little children of southwestern Pennsylvania.

ern Pennsylvania Division dug down into their pockets, purchased a schoolhouse and land, contributed labor and materials, and now a splendid school stands on a lofty eminence as a place of refuge for God-fearing children of the community. It is a monument to the faithfulness and courage of these youngsters.

On a busy street in Monessen is another Kingdom School. Its large front windows are covered with steel bars and wire screening. In this



ENTRANCE TO KINGDOM SCHOOL AT MONESSEN  
Gash in window was made with an axe in anarchistic attempt to drive Americans out of town. On three other occasions bricks were thrown through.



KINGDOM SCHOOL AT GATES, PENNSYLVANIA

Because they refuse to offer obeisance to the new idol, they have been whipped, choked, ridiculed, browbeaten, taunted and tortured. They have been kicked out of the public schools. They have been threatened with commitment to reform schools. Their parents have been prosecuted in the criminal courts.

Because he had the temerity to teach these children in a private school, a teacher was jailed and held two days without charge. The super-heated patriots thrust the children away from the public schools, and then object because they are taught in private schools. Threats and intimidation have been used to close such schools. Bricks have been thrown through the windows. Windows have been smashed with an axe in the dead hours of the night; and repeated padlockings of such private school have been made by police, on the orders of anarchists temporarily in official positions.

In this issue is presented a picture of the Kingdom School of Gates, Pennsylvania. Denied the privileges of education in the public schools, Jehovah's witnesses of the Southwest-

screen can be seen the ugly holes cut with an axe in the hands of a skulking, cowardly patriot, who thus dishonored the U.S. flag.

What can be back of all this diabolical and fiendish treatment but a conspiracy to break up families, and to railroad Christian children to public institutions where they can be beaten and choked and forced to violate the Lord's prohibitions against bowing down to images?

In the public schools of Monessen the pupils are taught the history of the battles for freedom of worship in this country. They are told of the flight of the Puritans to a land of freedom. They are informed of the settlement of their own state, Pennsylvania, as a refuge where there would be freedom for all. And while they are being inspired with the accounts of things gone by, in their midst is being waged a wicked and unprincipled campaign against children who believe and obey the commandments of Almighty God. Not one public school teacher of Monessen has made protest against such religious persecution. Why teach that which they are not willing to practice?

### Acts That Thrill

(From an old copy of the little magazine *Good Works*, published at Atlanta Penitentiary)

AFTER the recent tornado at Gainesville, Ga., the relief workers were attracted to the wreckage of a house where a dog was pitifully whining, and reaching the spot where he stood they found him, a large-sized bulldog, straddling over the body of a two-year-old baby girl. His body was literally a mass of torn flesh, and only a dog with his strength could have so long stood up under the strain of the weight of a timber that was lying across the center of his back. The child was covered with the blood of the dog, *but absolutely unharmed*. The dog died ten minutes after the timber was removed from his back, and he had fallen exhausted by the side of the child. It is reported that the relief workers, after they had rescued the child, and found it uninjured, then turned to the prostrate body of the dog that had saved the child's life, and finding him dead, they almost unconsciously took off their hats, in the hallowed atmosphere of one of those "Acts That Thrill."

At Memphis, Tenn., the Red Cross had an office open last month to receive contributions for the storm sufferers at Tupelo, Miss. The secretary looked up one morning from her desk to find an old darky, ragged and bent with age, standing respectfully before her desk.

"Is dis here where youse gives some money to help dem po folks down in Mississippi whar de tornado hit?"

"Why, yes, Uncle," said the young woman. "Any of your people down there need help?"

"No, Mam," said the old man. "I jes wanted to give a little bit of money to help dem folks out what got hit so bad," and so saying, he pulled out two worn and greasy ten-dollar bills and laid them on the desk. Tears came to the eyes of the young Red Cross worker. After she had composed herself she saw the old man was leaving, and calling to him she said:

"Wait a minute, Uncle. Let me give you a receipt."

He stopped for a moment, turned and looked at her, slowly shook his head, and said:

"Ise already got my receipt, Miss. God gave it to me, and I don't need yourn." And on his way he went.

The girl put her head on the desk and her whole body shook with sobs, as she paid homage to one of those "Acts That Thrill."

### Who Gets the Lion's Share?

SAYS Mrs. ———, of South Dakota:

The relief that the government is handing to us poor needy people lands in the hands of but a few. Their sewing and storage rooms where the government supplies are kept are full of dresses, sheets, pillow cases, shirts and cloth in the web, and mattresses stocked to ceiling, but when we poor folks want some they just shake their heads and say, "We can't do a thing for you." They look you up and down all over as if you were a fool for asking. We understood when this first started out that the government was to give this clothing free of charge. They put a price on it and we have to work it out. If the government doesn't receive any pay for this clothing, where does it go? They will not give us the cloth and let us mothers make our own clothing. They 'give that to women who are needing work', but it isn't always the woman that is needing work that gets it. They put women in there that have husbands with steady jobs. Oh, what an unfair world this is! . . . If we had to depend on the relief to clothe us we would be naked. I take all the old clothing I can get, and make it over. This relief is nothing but a graft. Our officers, and their friends and associates, are the ones that are reaping the benefits. How glad I will be when the King, whose right it is, takes office! Then we shall have peace, prosperity and happiness.

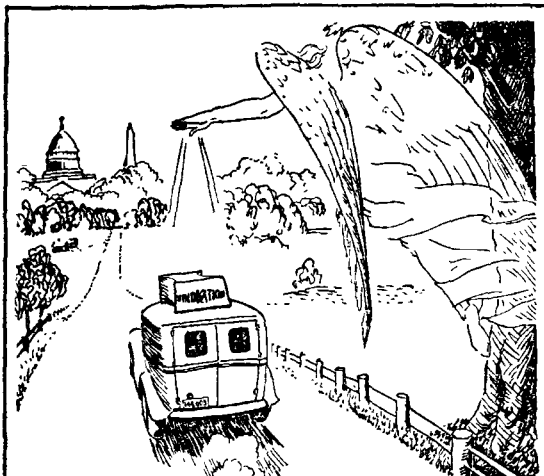
### Cruelties to the Poor

A COMMITTEE of ten in a poorhouse in Ohio writes of the savagery of the beast that runs the place. They were fed meat so rotten it made many ill. Though other workers on relief work but six hours a day, those at this poorhouse must work eight, and if they sit down or lie down on their beds between breakfast and supper they get three days in solitary confinement on bread and water. The butcher cut up a hog that smelled so he could barely finish the task. He pleaded that it be thrown away; the superintendent was adamant, and the hog was used for food. A poorhouse under a devilish superintendent is a bad place, far worse than a prison. None but a devil that believed in a flaming hell or a "purgatory" would ever wish to make a fortune by grafting off the poor; but many fortunes have been made in that way.

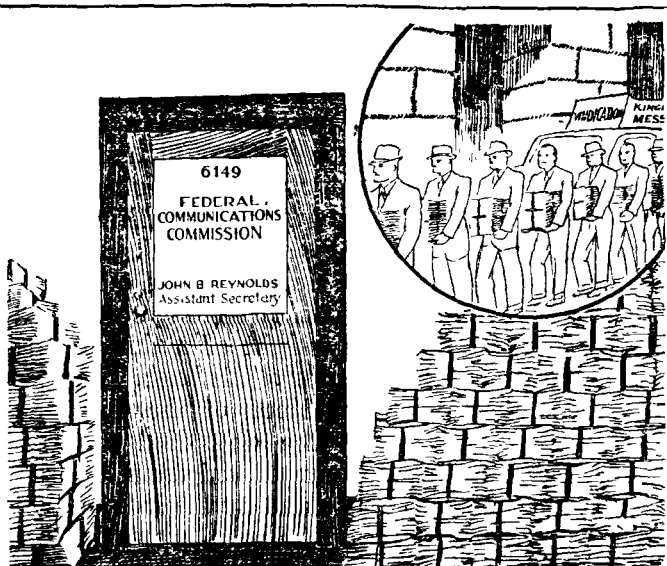
### Relief in California

SAYS John Y. Gooch, of Texas: "Under the New Deal cost of relief in California increased 65 percent, and the number of relieved in proportion, about 875,000 at a total cost of \$150,000,000 for the fiscal year."



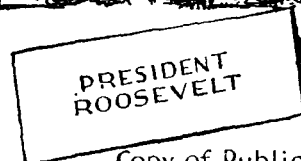


Jehovah's time having arrived to finish the work, the nation-wide petition signed by 2,630,000 persons seeking righteousness was duly filed with the Federal Communications Commission at Washington, D.C., November 2, 1936.



Forty of Jehovah's witnesses, bearing 75 twenty-pound packs of petitions, served notice on the Radio Commission of the desire of 2,630,000 to hear a debate on the salvation of the human race, Judge Rutherford taking one side, and a representative of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy the other.

Public notice of the filing of this petition permeated Washington by radio, press and sound car.



Copy of Public Notice and News Release was delivered at the White House for President Roosevelt.



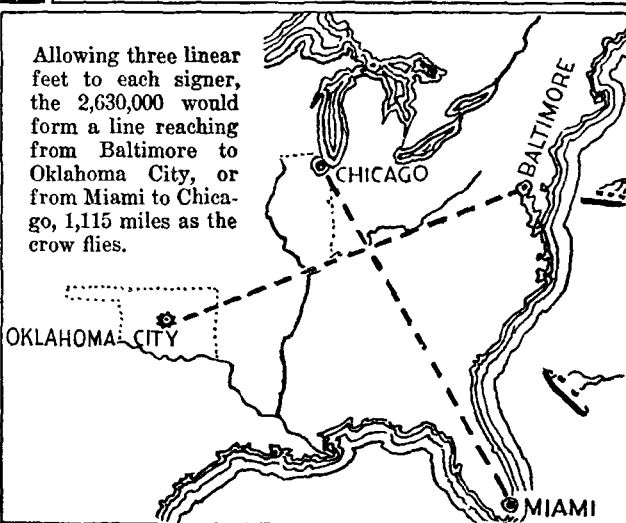
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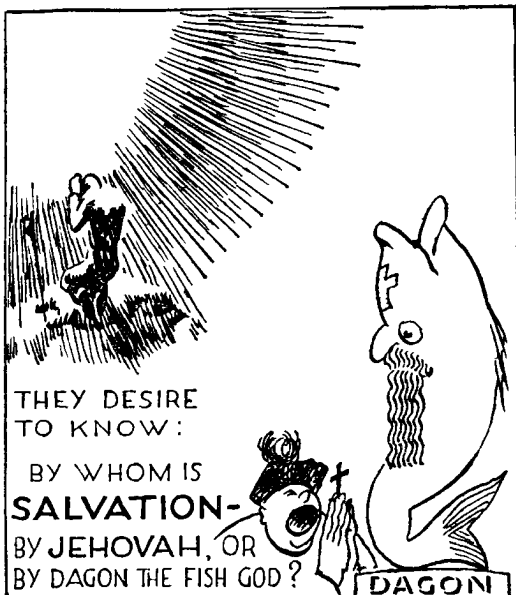
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If the Federal Communications Commission should give but a minute interview to each of the 2,630,000 signers it would require 15 years of 322 eight-hour days.

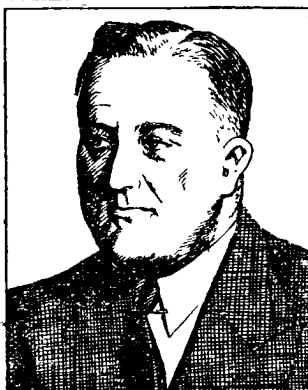
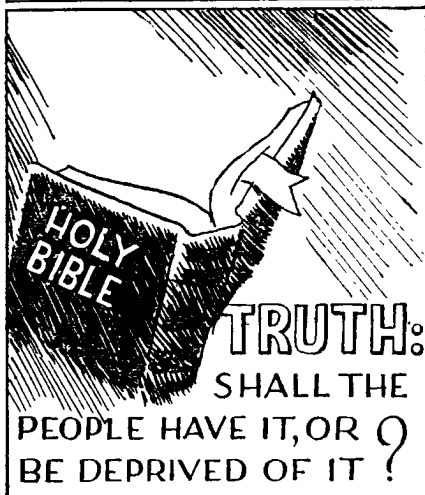


Allowing three linear feet to each signer, the 2,630,000 would form a line reaching from Baltimore to Oklahoma City, or from Miami to Chicago, 1,115 miles as the crow flies.

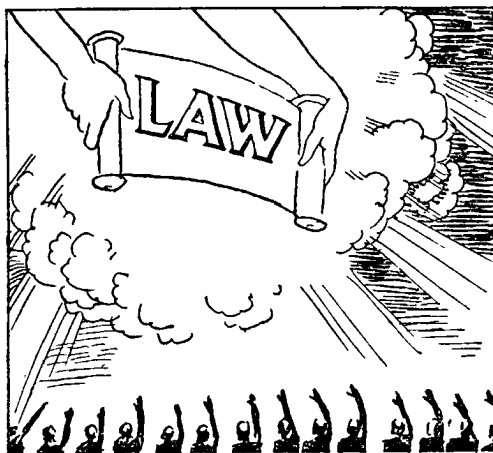




IS THE HIERARCHY AFRAID TO MEET  
JUDGE RUTHERFORD IN DEBATE ?



WILL PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT  
USE HIS INFLUENCE TO PROMOTE  
THE PUBLIC WELFARE ?



They realize that the welfare of this country, eternal and immediate, hangs upon the action taken. Will their government acknowledge Jehovah's law, hail the King Christ Jesus, and receive prosperity, peace and happiness? or will it choose to acknowledge the Roman Hierarchy and Dagon, and be destroyed?



### *Great Prosperity at Summit*

**G**OLDEN AGE readers know something of Summit, N. J., one of the most aristocratic suburbs of New York. Some of Jehovah's witnesses were, in the past, jailed there for bringing the good news of God's kingdom to the people. There are some streets in Summit, however, where the people do not live on their dividends. Thus, a reporter for the Newark *Ledger* found a home on Shunpike Road where five workers strung 6,000 Christmas tags in three days and received \$1.45 for it. Asked why it took so long to do the work, the answer was that the packages were supposed to contain 100 tags each, but when one of them was counted it actually contained 250. That is why the five workers earned 3c an hour each. It will add much to the happiness of "Christmas" for those who make much of it to remember these facts.

### *Many Millions Still Unemployed*

**A**LTHOUGH in a certain month recently 264,000 people went back to work, yet in the twelve months ending with that month more than 1,000,000 young people became of working age and 450,000 of these really wanted jobs. It thus came to pass that though conditions were actually better as respects the number of people at work, yet the number out of work was 100,000 more than it was a year earlier. The manufacturing output possible with 10,000,000 workers in 1929 now requires but 7,000,000 workers. As a matter of fact, there were 3,000,000 out of work in the U.S. in the banner year of 1929.

### *The Cities Hardest Hit*

**T**WO-THIRDS of the urban unemployed are in twenty-three cities. In the worst condition is New York city. Then follow, in order, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Birmingham, San Francisco, Washington, Atlanta, Indianapolis, New Orleans, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Newark, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Toledo, Wilkes-Barre, and Milwaukee.

### *More Unemployed in U.S.A.*

**S**INCE the beginning of the year 1933 there have continuously been more persons unemployed in the United States than in Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, Japan, France, The Netherlands, Canada, Belgium and Switzerland combined.

### *Kellogg's Six-Hour Day*

**P**ROBABLY every American has at some time eaten some of Kellogg's corn flakes or all-bran or other variety. They will be interested to know that Kellogg operates his factories on the six-hour-day basis. He says:

"We shall never solve the problem by made work, by the dole or appeals to patriotism. The six-hour day with wages raised to compensate for the shorter working period is the only solution."

The Kellogg Company shifted from an eight-hour day to a six-hour day five years ago. Results were so satisfactory that a general wage increase was granted employees lately, making the minimum wages \$27 per week.

### *Greenhouse Workers of Ashtabula*

**A** REPORT comes in that in Ashtabula, Ohio, there are vast fields of hothouses where tomatoes are raised. In 1932 the workers in these greenhouses received \$5.00 per day for nine hours' work. Then the employer started the plan of cutting and cutting and cutting the wages until they reached the \$1.25 mark, in 1934. Meantime he had cut the size of the baskets from 12 pounds to 8 pounds. The workmen were *forced* into unionizing, when they obtained an eight-hour day, with wages of \$2.80 per day. One firm continued to pay \$5.00 per day all during the depression.

### *Anna Took It Out on the Dishes*

**A**NNA TUSICK worked four months in a New York restaurant, averaging eight hours a day, with more on Sundays. Her biggest pay check was \$2.29, the rest being deducted for food, uniforms and broken dishes. Then, one time, the restaurant proprietor overplayed his hand. For a week of 52 hours' work he tendered Anna 51 cents. She went into the kitchen and smashed all the crockery in sight. It was a good thing for the crockery business, but not so good for the restaurant, and still less for Anna, but maybe she got a sufficient kick out of it to partially pay the bill she had to pay, for the delft.

### *Shoeing Horses at the Curb*

**A** WASHINGTON (D.C.) horseshoer fitted up a horseshoeing equipment on a truck and takes the truck out looking for horses, with fair results in a business way. He has a wife and ten children to support, and finds this an honest way to make ends meet.

### *Proposed Huge Rain-making Device*

**B**ERNARD J. DUBOS, French meteorological expert, claims to have spent many years studying tropical waterspouts. On a visit to America he advocated the erection in dry areas of huge concrete funnels, large at the top, small at the bottom, 450 feet in diameter and 2,000 feet high. He is of the opinion that one of these will control the rainfall in an area of several hundred square miles, by forcing water vapor into the upper air, and that such a structure would be quite as feasible as the Empire State Building.

### *The Ashes of Coal*

**T**HE ashes of coal have been examined by German chemists, with the discovery that they contain a score of minerals, some valuable. The average barrel of ashes contains gold of the value of about two cents, and it is thought possible to recover it, at a profit. It is also well known that there is gold in sea water; but attempts to recover it commercially have been unsuccessful.

### *An Electric Machine Gun*

**O**NE of Jehovah's witnesses reports having seen at San Augustine, Texas, a working model of an electric machine gun. Patented in the United States and foreign countries, this gun is faster than a powder-fired gun, and is noiseless and heatless. It operates on a 110-volt current. One foreign government is alleged to have offered \$3,000,000 for the patent, which was refused.

### *The Grand Fountain at Chicago*

**T**HE grand fountain at the Chicago exposition was 670 feet long, with a dome 200 feet in diameter and 40 feet high, being more than five times the size of its nearest rival. To keep this gigantic fountain in operation required eleven great Worthington pumps, supplying 68,000 gallons every minute—enough to service a city of 1,000,000 population.

### *Pacific Carpet Washer*

**T**HE Pacific carpet washer propels itself over a carpet of any size, pumping a regulated flow of automatically heated cleaning solution through the nap, immediately picking it up again by suction. The washing does not wet the sizing or back of the carpet; it removes even microscopic particles of dust and dirt.

### *Planes Detected 720 Miles Away*

**T**WO Americans, Hixon and Wheeler, reversing the principle of radio-beam guidance, invented apparatus for detecting airplanes 720 miles away. The apparatus locates the distance, direction, altitude, speed and approximate strength of the advancing force. Although the men made every effort to keep their invention secret, until after it had been demonstrated to the British Government, they have found themselves objects of great interest on the part of representatives of France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Italy, and other nations, and marvel at the efficiency of the world's espionage systems.

### *An Efficient Homemade Ear Trumpet*

**S**AYS Mrs. Joseph Levens, of Indiana: Recently in my pioneer work I came across a barber and commenced to talk to him. He took up a piece of pasteboard of about the same quality as shoe boxes are made of, about 9 by 12 inches in size, placed it between his teeth, with a slight curve upwards, and heard me perfectly. He had a small piece of tin over the edge on one side at the center, where it came in contact with his mouth, to prevent moistening the pasteboard. He had expended much time and money seeking a cure for his deafness, without result, but this homemade ear trumpet of his own invention had given full satisfaction.

### *Paints from Cows' Milk*

**S**OMEBODY remarked that a black cow eats green grass and gives white milk. But that isn't the half of it; for the milk contains pigments of every color. In seven years the manufacture of casein paints in the United States has gone up from less than \$10,000 worth to more than \$867,000 worth per year.

### *Progressiveness of the Ford Management*

**I**T IS claimed that twenty percent of the up-to-the-minute machines and processes exhibited at the Century of Progress Exhibition by the Ford Company were obsolete before the Fair was over. In the Ford factories the moment something better is devised the old machines are at once replaced.

### *Rayon Strong as Steel*

**I**T IS claimed that a new rayon resists heat, and is as strong as structural steel. It doubled or tripled the life of tires in which it was used as cords. Some may have noticed that certain transparent package covers are extremely difficult to tear.

### *Miners Forced into Bootlegging Coal*

**I**T LOOKS easy for a dozen financiers to get together and agree among themselves to limit the output of anthracite coal so as to get sky-high prices for what they see fit to sell. They close the mines, nail up or tear down the breakers, and leave thousands of miners to starve. And then what? Oh, nothing, except that now there are said to be not less than 15,000 men openly mining coal on abandoned coal properties and are selling it at good prices 100 miles away from home, and are making as much money as they did when the company mines were operating. They admit that the work now is more dangerous than formerly.

### *Desperate Fight of British Miners*

**B** RITISH miners are in a desperate fight to add so little as 50c per week to their wages. In the fight, and to keep non-union miners out of the mines, they have in some instances remained in the mine—the miner's last desperate act of protest. British mines are getting harder and harder to work as they get deeper and deeper. Occasionally waters from old workings break through and the miners have to flee for their lives; on a recent occasion fifty men had to wade through waters neck-deep in order to save their lives.

### *Terrible Heat in Some British Mines*

**A** S THE British coal mines get deeper and deeper the strain on the miners gets harder and harder. In Lancashire some mines are now down 4,000 feet and the miners work stark naked, except for clogs on their feet. In a single shift, on account of excessive perspiration, men have been known to lose up to 18½ pounds weight. The lungs are affected by a disease called emphysema, which breaks up the cell system of the lungs. Vomiting is frequent. Cramps are common.

### *Some Things of Glass*

**S** OME things of glass that are coming are razor blades, shoes, hats, clothing, lingerie, buildings, and pavements. Some glass now being made may be rolled up in a coil.

### *Looking for Permanent Guests*

**A** CURRENT advertisement states that St. Vincent Hospital, Los Angeles, uses aluminum cooking utensils. It seems quite likely.

### *New Uses for Aluminum*

**I**T HAS been discovered that vaporized aluminum makes the best coating for mirrors, and it will hereafter be used by astronomers, instead of silver, to provide coatings for the mirrors of the largest telescopes. It has also been discovered that a diaphragm of aluminum foil placed in an enclosed air space has the heat-insulating equivalent of one inch of cork.

### *Oil to Last Thirty-one Years*

**K** NOWN petroleum reserves in the United States are about 13,250,000,000 barrels. Every year there is an addition of approximately 600,000,000 barrels. Every year the consumption is about 1,000,000,000 barrels. On this basis the present reserves will last 31 years, after which the remaining 400,000,000 barrels will have to come from elsewhere.

### *A Poor Man Rich for Thirty Years*

**N** EAR Prescott, Arizona, lives a prospector, Robert M. Hanson, who was rich for thirty years and all the time believed himself to be poor. He spent all that time searching for silver ore and just discovered that one of the tunnels which he dug a generation ago runs through a deposit of very rich gold ore.

### *Palladium, the New White Metal*

**P** ALLADIUM, the new white metal, is now being much used for purposes for which gold leaf was formerly used, such as book edges and the coating of leather to make silver slippers, etc. It is well liked by jewelers and dentists, as it is tough and tarnish-resisting. It is found in small quantities in nickel ore.

### *Co-operative Mining at Pinckneyville*

**A** T Pinckneyville, Illinois, when soft coal mine Briar Hill No. 5 failed, 75 miners leased it, purchased mules, batteries and other equipment, and are keeping it in operation, thus saving their jobs. They are paying royalties on the coal mined, and make something for themselves.

### *Not Such a Bad Bear*

**T** HAT was not such a bad bear that chased Findlay McCallum, Winnipeg prospector. McCallum had been working for months trying to locate nickel ore. The bear chased him into a locality now known to have a vein of nickel ore 2,000 feet long and 200 feet wide.

## Automobile Transportation

### *More Automobile Wrecks Coming Soon*

**M**ORE automobile wrecks will be coming soon in Nassau county, New York. "High money, high mass; low money, low mass; no money, no mass," was celebrated at the feast of St. Christopher, Baldwin, N. Y., July 25. The Nassau county police force and the State constabulary were invited. You know why they were invited; so does everybody else with a grain of sense. St. Christopher is, so it is said, the patron "saint" of Roman Catholic travelers; but he slips up every time there is a Catholic wreck, and there are plenty of them. But maybe the wrecks occur because the automobile owners did not come across quick enough or often enough with the main consideration, the long green, without which there is no mass, and hence no "blessing". Wonder what share St. Christopher has in the 30,000 automobile deaths a year, and why, if he is such a good "saint", and not a narrow-minded, cockeyed bigot, he doesn't stop the killings altogether, Catholic as well as Protestant.

### *A Texas Automobile Thief*

**I**N New York city a man drove up to a high-class restaurant and went in with his wife to get a meal. When he came out his brand-new car was standing upon trestles. The wheels and tires had been removed. A Texas thief got still more: Police recovered the car, but the thief had removed two bumpers, four bumper guards, radiator cap, two sun visors, sun mirror, electric fan, mirror, clock, terminals, spark plugs, speedometer, gear shift knob, accelerator pedal, windshield lift, floor cushion, battery and box, two horns, two headlights, five tires, tubes and wheels, metal tire cover, radiator grill, two windshield wipers, windshield, generator, motor heads, carburetor, oil cap, radio, front seat, steering gear, cigar lighter, foot rest, rear cushion, gas cap, and all the tools.

### *The Triborough Bridge*

**T**HE Triborough bridge, New York city, connecting Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx is 17½ miles long, cost \$60,300,000, and took seven years to build. It absorbed 83,500 tons of steel, and enough concrete to build a four-lane highway from New York to Philadelphia. In places the bridge is eight lanes wide, and in every respect is one of the engineering wonders of the world.

### *Conspiracies Against Automobilists*

**A**UTOMOBILISTS are warned that in certain districts in New York state and Connecticut there are conspiracies between police officials and automobile repairmen resulting in outrageous overcharges and inconveniences to persons, including women, who chance to meet with even the slightest ill fortune. Some of these have been written up in New York papers. The innocent suffer along with the guilty, and the ones to whom they would naturally appeal are in conspiracy against them.

### *In the City of Evanston*

**I**N THE city of Evanston, Illinois, when an automobile accident occurs nothing is left to guesswork, as seems to be the case everywhere else. The injured may be removed to a hospital, but nothing else is done until the traffic enforcement officers have done their work. They photograph the cars, photograph the skid marks, if there are any, test the brakes and determine how fast the car was going when the brakes were applied.

### *Old-fashioned Winter in Ohio in 1936*

**I**T SEEMED like old times in Ohio in January, a year ago, when school buses got stalled in snow drifts fifteen or sixteen feet deep, snow plows would not work, and the children had to be rescued by men on horseback. Two of the buses, each containing thirty children, were so completely covered that they could not be seen, yet they were found.

### *A Disguised Armored Car*

**T**HE Buick Company has designed and built a disguised armored car, weighing 550 pounds more than a car of the same appearance unarmored. All glass is bulletproof, with protected firing ports. The body of the car is lined with chain mail; the radiator is protected; the tires have special inner tubes that make them almost puncture proof. The car is intended for police use.

### *Coast to Coast for \$7.63*

**T**HE fuel cost between New York and Los Angeles, 3,774 miles, for the Auburn car equipped with a Diesel engine, was \$7.63. The car was driven by the inventor of the engine, C. L. Cummins, president of the Cummins Engine Company. The car went from New York to Chicago on a fuel cost of \$2.21.

## Steamship Transportation

### *The Normandie's Great Record*

ON ACCOUNT of the fact that the westbound day, from noon to noon, is 25 hours, while the eastbound day, from noon to noon, is 23 hours, the Normandie made her best day of 748 miles when she was running 29.92 knots, despite the fact that on the eastbound trip she made a day of 711 miles at the faster average of 30.91 knots per hour.

### *Greatest Nickel Trip in the World*

THE greatest nickel trip in the world is the five-mile ride between the Battery and Staten Island, across New York harbor. Twenty-one million passengers take this ride every year, at a yearly deficit to the city of New York of about \$500,000. On a 7½c fare the city would make money on the line, but sentiment and other considerations prevent a raise of fares.

### *Morro Castle Lives Worth \$75 Each*

THE owners of the Morro Castle must pay a fine of \$10,000 for criminal negligence in the fire which cost 134 lives. The brilliant statesmen at Washington made the law so that this was the total amount that could be collected. If the fine could have been \$10,050 it would have been \$75 for each life lost. The persons burned to death were not congressmen.

### *School Adoption of Ships*

FOUR London schools adopted tramp steamers and carry on a regular correspondence with the captains, who write one or two letters a month from wherever in the world they chance to be. The plan works so well, and the students learn such valuable things, that 450 British schools now wish to have ships assigned.

### *The Ship Canal Across Florida*

THE 200-mile sea-level ship canal across Florida, work on which had already begun, would have given employment to 25,000 workers for six years. It was estimated the total cost would be \$146,000,000, and that ships would save 2½ days sailing time between Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean ports.

### *Invisible Salvage of a Steamer*

CAUGHT in an ice pack in the North Atlantic the steamer Towerbridge signaled for help. The steamer Newfoundland answered by radio and directed the Towerbridge to safety, receiving a reward of \$10,000.

### *The Queen Mary's Telephone Facilities*

PASSENGERS on the Queen Mary may pick up a telephone in any of the 500 state rooms (or in any of numerous other places on the boat) and talk with friends in any other part of the world. Moreover, the speech is scrambled and then unscrambled ashore, so that there can be no eavesdropping.

### *Some Facts About the Queen Mary*

SOME facts about the Queen Mary are that over 10,000,000 rivets were used on the hull; there are over 2,000 portholes and windows; the diameter of each stack is 30 feet (or larger than a good-sized house); and the rudder weighs 140 tons.

### *Queen Mary's Wonderful Speed*

ON A certain day the French liner Normandie set a world's record of 711 miles. Within a few weeks thereafter the Queen Mary distinguished herself by 713 miles one day and 712 miles the next, crossing the Atlantic from west to east in 3 days 23 hours 57 minutes.

### *Swordfish Sends a Ship to the Bottom*

IN THE Gulf of Aden a 300-pound swordfish rammed a boat in the dead of night and sent it to the bottom. The crew and passengers aboard, 15 in all, were saved. The captain wanted to go down with his ship but was forcibly rescued.

### *Carbon Dioxide Refrigeration*

CARBON dioxide, sometimes called "dry ice", sometimes called "gas storage", is being installed rapidly on British freighters in the Australia-England trade, with the confident expectation that fruits of all kinds and fresh meats also will be available in Britain the year around.

### *Suez Canal Made One Foot Deeper*

THE Suez canal, 100 miles long, has been made one foot deeper, so as to take vessels of 34-foot draft. This sea-level canal is kept open only by the constant employment of suction dredges, piling the shifting sands back upon the edges of the ditch.

### *Panama Canal 21 Years of Age*

THE Panama canal, now 21 years of age, cost \$500,000,000 to build. It has passed 82,000 ships and taken in about \$394,000,000 in tolls.



## Crops and Soils

### *Balsa the Lightest Wood*

**B**ALSA, the lightest wood, only half as heavy as cork, comes from Costa Rica. It is so soft that one can dent it with his fingernail. It sometimes grows 36 feet a year, but must have soil free of weeds, as it is so tender that even a vine can choke it to death. As soon as cut, which should be when four to six years old, Balsa timbers are treated to a coat of paraffin, to keep them from swift decay. Balsa is used for hat-molds, theatrical scenery, life preservers, life-boats, aquaplanes, fireless cookers, for sound-proofing and for lining refrigerators and cold storage rooms.

### *Soil Erosion in Maine and New Jersey*

**A**LTHOUGH Maine and New Jersey are both well watered, more than 1,800,000 acres of land in Maine have been damaged by soil erosion, while in New Jersey 900,000 acres, or one-fifth of the state, have been similarly damaged and a soil survey shows that 25 percent to 75 percent of the topsoil is gone. It is believed that quick action must be taken in New Jersey to correct this serious situation; the contour of the land must be followed in plowing and planting, and planted areas should be surrounded by sod borders.

### *Flowers Grown in the Sand*

**A**MERICAN horticulturists report great success growing flowers in sand, the secret being in the use of chemical manures. Roses develop better roots, and sweet peas suffer less from shedding buds. In a beautiful park in Topeka, Kans., in season, there are fifteen thousand rose-bushes, covering nine acres, and open to the public night and day. At night the gardens are flood-lighted. The only guard is a notice cut in the stone at the entrance, "The honest need no watchman."

### *Information About Japanese Magnolias*

**L**AST winter a group of relief workers cut down a dwarf tree and used it for a bonfire somewhere within the confines of New York city. It turned out to be a Japanese magnolia, worth \$3,000. It was a male tree, and when it died its companion tree pined away and died at loss of her mate. As a consequence the city of New York was sued for \$6,000, all because a group of relief workers did not have enough actual work to keep their blood warm.

### *How Can the Surplus Wood Be Used?*

**B**UT a few years ago men were wondering what the world would shortly do for timber. Then came the general use of cement in building operations, and now there has been held in London the first convention of leaders of the world's timber industry, and the burden of their discussions was, "How can the world's surplus wood be used?" Some of the solutions are that it can be made edible, and that the derivable gases can be used for motor fuel.

### *Tung Oil Industry in Florida*

**I**T IS predicted that the tung oil industry in Florida will not be overdone for many years. Centering around Gainesville, there are now some 30,000 acres of tung trees, producing the tung oil so essential for good paints and varnishes. The United States uses ninety percent of the world's tung oil production. The tung trees are grown chiefly in China.

### *Radio Waves and Vegetation*

**A** PHOTOGRAPH at hand shows that in the immediate vicinity of a radio station the influence of the radio waves on vegetation is so strong that plants grown on the shady side of the transmitting building grow sharply toward the building instead of toward the light.

### *To Get Rid of Weeds*

**I**T IS claimed that sowing a farm completely to alfalfa will kill off all the weeds. The weeds get discouraged with the crowding and the frequent cutting and finally give up the fight.

### *The Versatile Soybean*

**C**HEMISTS have discovered more than 300 uses for the versatile soybean. One of its uses is as a partial substitute for linseed oil in the manufacture and application of paint.

### *Bombarding Seeds with Sound Waves*

**R**USSIANS discovered that by "bombarding the seeds" of peas and other vegetables with sound waves the crops were greatly increased, and matured earlier.

### *Largest Mushroom Ever Harvested*

**W**HAT was probably the largest mushroom ever gathered was harvested at Bath, England, in August. It weighed 2 pounds 12 ounces and was over 18 inches in diameter.

## Birds, Bees, Fishes

### *California's Industrious Woodpecker*

**I**N California woodpeckers have found that electric light and power poles are just the thing for storing their winter supply of food. They drill them full of chisel-like holes, not more than an inch or two apart, and into these holes they force acorns so tightly that a squirrel cannot get them out. In the spring, when worms have formed in the acorns, the woodpeckers return and get these delicacies for their young, unless the linemen, in the meantime, have heartedly put up new poles in stead of the ones pecked full of holes. No matter what protective preparations are used on the poles, the woodpeckers laugh at them and go right ahead and drill holes in the poles to their hearts' content. After all, the electric light and power companies should know that woodpeckers have to have poles to drill full of holes to store their acorns to feed their young'uns in the spring.

### *"The Little Busy Bee"*

**T**ALK about industry. If a hen lays two eggs in a day she wants a prominent place in the public press, besides blowing about it all over the barnyard. But a queen bee will lay 1,500 eggs in a day and will supervise a colony of 50,000 to 60,000 bees. The bees in a colony, besides gathering in enough honey to feed themselves, will rustle around and pick up forty pounds of honey for the one who is clever enough to get it away from them, and do it every year.

### *Feed Kelp to Chickens*

**A**KAPOWSIN (Wash.) poultryman feeds kelp to his chickens, with the result that the eggs which they lay contain 150 times as much organic iodine as usual, and constitute a very probable means of correcting iodine deficiencies in human diet. Persons having a tendency to develop goiter will be interested in this discovery. Kelp (seaweed) can be had anywhere on the seaboard.

### *Many Pelicans Die in Salt Lake*

**D**UE to lessened rainfall, the salt content of the waters of Great Salt Lake has so increased that pelicans that come to the waters are unable to rise. The salt clogs their wings, and they are dying of thirst and starvation in large numbers.

### *Volcanic Gas Kills Gulf Fish*

**S**UBMARINE volcanic gas caused the death of millions of fish in the Gulf of Mexico. Sulphur dioxide gas, coming in contact with the water, created sulphurous and sulphuric acid in immense quantities. Persons living near the gulf noticed the gas, which made them cough all night, and caused a burning sensation in the throat.

### *Sea Gulls Getting Careless*

**S**INCE sea gulls discovered that they could obtain choice sea food by dropping clams on hard objects, they have become careless. Some automobiles were hit, in which cases the birds were aiming at the pavement, and one man was hit on the head, which was not so much fun, so he says, and he wonders just what that particular gull had in mind when he picked on him.

### *Honeycomb Twelve Feet Long*

**W**HEN honey began dripping through the plaster of an attic bedroom Dr. Kenneth Saunders, of Berkeley, California, had an investigation made which resulted in the discovery of a honeycomb twelve feet long, two feet wide and six inches thick. It is believed to have been in formation for eight years.

### *In Pennsylvania's Fishermen's Paradises*

**P**ENNSYLVANIA has ten fishermen's paradises. Holders of licenses may fish five days a season, and may catch fifteen trout per day, but kill only two. All fish less than ten inches long must be returned to the stream. Hooks must be barbless. No bait may be used; only artificial lures. There is no wading in the stream.

### *1,000,000 Hives of Honey Bees Destroyed*

**B**EE experts estimate that the growing practice of scattering poisonous dust from airplanes to kill harmful insects has destroyed about 1,000,000 hives of honey bees. The bees are often killed at the flowers, but even if they get back to the hive they bring poisoned food to the young bees.

### *Scaring Away the Starlings*

**A**FARMER near Belleville, Ontario, trapped starlings and painted the lower half of their bodies a brilliant yellow. He thought it would frighten all the other starlings away, and it did.

## Faith

*A five-minute talk*

*by Judge Rutherford*

**M**ANY persons desire to do what is right and pleasing to the Lord but are really guided by credulity or by the whim of another. One asks this question: If I go to some church building each Sunday and take part in the religious exercises and pay my part to keep up the expenses of the organization, is that worshiping Almighty God and Christ? The Scriptural answer is, No; for the reason as stated by Jesus, that such is vain worship and that those who please God must worship Him in spirit and in truth. (Mark 7:7; John 4:23) To properly worship God one must have faith, because, as is written in Hebrews 11:6, without faith it is impossible to please God.

Faith cannot rest upon the opinion of any man. Faith means to have a knowledge and understanding of God's Word and then to rely upon and follow the instruction contained in that Word. Faith must be based upon evidence that comes from a perfectly truthful source. The opinion of man is merely a guess. Faith is based upon that which is known to be true. How, then, can a man who desires to go in the right way have faith? The Scriptures answer, at Romans 10:17, that faith comes by receiving knowledge from the Word of God. Such is the truth.

From the Bible one learns that all men are sinners and imperfect by reason of inheritance. (Romans 5:12) Actual experience corroborates this Scriptural statement, because we know that there is no perfect man among us. All sane persons want to live; and the Scriptures teach that life is a gift from God through Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:23) You go to a church building and take part in formal exercises because you desire to receive some benefit. But you find that no benefit results, for the reason that what is there taught and practiced is the opinion or doctrines of men. Because of fear many go to the churches and listen to what is there said. God's prophet says (Isaiah 29:13): "Their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men." The right way is stated in the Scriptures (Psalm 119:104): "Through thy precepts, or instruction, we get understanding; therefore I hate the false way." In order to increase in faith one must increase

in knowledge, and to that end he must study the Word of God and rely upon it. One says, 'If I do what I think to be right, surely that will get me salvation.' Not so, however; because what you may think may be far from what is right. The Scriptures instruct that we must trust in the Lord and follow His Word if we will be guided in the right way.—Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Learning that you were born a sinner and out of harmony with God, that Christ Jesus is the way to God, and believing this, you agree to do God's will. Then you read in the Word of God (John 3:36): "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." To believe on the Lord Jesus is to accept the statements of the Scriptures as truth, and which state that Jesus came to earth to be a witness for the truth, and that everyone that is of the truth hears His voice. (John 18:37) To "hear His voice" man must obey, or do what the Lord commands; and the one who has faith does that very thing. The advice given to those who desire God's approval is: "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." (Ephesians 5:6) Going through certain forms and ceremonies is vain and useless. The man who pleases God must study to show himself approved unto God.—2 Timothy 2:15.

For the very purpose of aiding the people to gain knowledge and understanding, and thus to be established in faith, Jehovah's witnesses go about publishing the truth to the people. They go to the homes of the people and exhibit to them books in which are set down these Scripture texts which constitute the foundation for faith and show the way leading to life. To gain such knowledge and rely upon it is the only way to establish one's faith. It is those who have faith in God and who are diligently trying to obey His Word that will receive the blessings of life everlasting. It is your privilege to avail yourself of these Bible helps that you may study God's Word and walk in the right way and receive His approval.

The one who attempts to destroy man's faith

in God is the Devil, because he is attempting to turn all men away from God. For this reason it is necessary to be sober of mind and watchful. At 1 Peter 5:8, 9 it is written: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil,

as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith." You resist the Devil by learning God's Word of instruction and confidently relying upon that instruction.

[The interesting series of Bible talks of which the foregoing is one has been reproduced for the phonograph. These records may be run on the ordinary type of machine, and are being widely used for calling attention

to important Bible truths. The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., are the distributors of these records. Any inquiries concerning the records should be addressed to them.]

### Immediate Action Imperative

**T**O Hon. Harold G. Hoffman,  
Governor of State of New Jersey,  
Trenton, New Jersey.

The undersigned, citizens of the State of New Jersey, for themselves, and in behalf of all people who desire to see the blessings of liberty and freedom retained in this state, do hereby present information of importance to you with the request that you take appropriate action in connection therewith. The liberties of people have been encroached upon to such extent that a large portion of New Jersey is today virtually a Fascist territory. Freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and freedom of worship are so generally disregarded that immediate action becomes imperative lest the state be completely enslaved by a subtle, implacable foreign power.

Between October 16 and 18 of this year about eight thousand people who are Christians and Jehovah's witnesses gathered in convention at Newark to worship Almighty God in the mode which His Word, the Bible, prescribes. Like conventions have been held in many states of this country and in many foreign countries, but never before have they received the shameful and inhuman treatment accorded them in north-eastern New Jersey. One hundred fourteen of them, residents of many states, were arrested and crowded into the local prisons throughout this Fascist-minded area. Hoboken, Jersey City, Weehawken, Orange, Union City, North Arlington, Harrison, Lyndhurst, Middlesex, Montclair, Caldwell, Prospect Park and Ridgefield Park participated in the outrage. Some were held for a short while and released, but the majority were given farcical trials and received prison sentences ranging from five days to sixty days.

We are informed that the matter has been brought to your attention by many indignant protests from various parts of the country. You have replied to such letters stating that Jehovah's witnesses had been incarcerated "be-

cause of their refusal to comply with local ordinances in Hudson County".

It is surprising that you would make such statement without proper investigation. Your answer certainly is not the truth, and woefully misrepresents Jehovah's witnesses. They were not arrested for violating local ordinances. Many of them were thrown behind prison bars for merely driving on the streets, or walking on the sidewalks. One magistrate, who has the doubtful honor of convicting the most and giving the heaviest sentences, made the remark in open court, "We have told Jehovah's witnesses to keep out of town." This statement portrays clearly the gist of the situation. It was because Jehovah's witnesses had the temerity to be in a number of Jersey towns such as Hoboken, Jersey City, Orange, Weehawken, Union City, etc., that they were pounced upon and locked up. It was a case of religious persecution similar in intent to that of the Dark Ages.

There is an unholy conspiracy afoot between fanatical religionists and municipal officials of a number of cities of New Jersey to "suppress the activities of Jehovah's witnesses". It doesn't look well to openly arrest a person for presenting Bible truths to the people, and therefore certain municipal ordinances are used as a smoke screen to camouflage the issue and cause you and others to believe that Jehovah's witnesses were violating local laws. In the onslaught of October 16-18 Christian visitors from other states were charged with violations of the following ordinances and laws:

1. Commercial peddler ordinances.
2. Handbill distribution ordinances.
3. Disorderly conduct laws.
4. Vagrancy law.

Abundant testimony from witnesses and court records can be produced to show that Jehovah's witnesses did not violate such laws. Conviction

after conviction was entered with no evidence to support it. Other convictions were obtained through the perjured testimony of police officers. On Monday, October 19, immediately after the close of the convention, fifty-seven cases were tried in Jersey City, Hoboken, and Weehawken, before magistrates who openly expressed their animosity towards Jehovah's witnesses. Not one escaped a finding of "guilty". All were railroaded to jail by trials which were a disgrace to the state.

In your form letter to those who complained of these wrongful conditions you further state, "The proper procedure for these people, if they believe that their constitutional rights have been refused, is recourse to the courts."

We respectfully submit and can present to you the proofs that it is of no avail to appeal to the courts for relief from this intolerable condition of affairs. Judges have stated their hatred and prejudice against Jehovah's witnesses in words such as the following:

"No consideration will be shown these Jehovah witnesses in this court." This was followed by: "They are 'a bad bunch', 'a nuisance,' 'fanatics,' 'snakes in the grass,' 'hoodlums,' " etc.

"We don't care about the constitution in this town."

"If you want to preach the gospel preach it somewhere else. This city is 75- to 80-percent Catholic."

"Jehovah's witnesses are the most bigoted and intolerant of all people."

"Why don't you people stay away from here. You know we don't want you around."

"I will stab you [Jehovah's witnesses] in the back every time I get a chance."

"We have told Jehovah's witnesses to keep out of this town."

Hostility, prejudice and unfairness is further shown in acts such as the following:

Making unusual and exorbitant bail restrictions, especially for Jehovah's witnesses.

Evasion on the part of officials, thus making impossible the arranging of bail.

Suppressing of trial records.

Jailing of defendants because of their refusal to take the stand in behalf of the prosecution.

Needless postponement of trials, subjecting Jehovah's witnesses to great inconvenience and much unnecessary expense.

Court appealing to political boss for advice as to amount of fine to be imposed.

Arresting Jehovah's witnesses and taking them before a Catholic priest for advice as to disposition of the case.

How can you expect justice to be administered under such conditions? There is a sinister influence back of this persecution which controls courts and police and which should be forced out into the open. It has been going on for a number of years. Jehovah's witnesses have been arrested on every kind of charge that evil-minded officials, directed by religious fanatics, could think of. Special legislation has been enacted specifically against them. These are not empty charges. Every statement herein, with additional facts, can be proved by court records and the testimony of competent witnesses.

The fact is that a Roman Catholic Inquisition has been established in the state of New Jersey. Police officers and local officials are used as instruments of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, a foreign power, to wreak the vengeance of that organization upon law-abiding Christian people. No local court can or will deal adequately with the situation. This has been demonstrated many times, and we are ready to present proofs in support thereof.

A thorough and complete investigation should be made. Open hearings should be held. Witnesses should be subpoenaed and every effort made to bring the subversive influences which are throttling the liberties of the people out into the open. In such manner their un-American activities can be checked and freedom of the people preserved.

As citizens of the state of New Jersey we therefore demand that you make such investigation, and offer you our support and co-operation in the undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signed by the following]

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## Three Interesting Letters

### New Jersey's Helpless Governor—I

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
The Secretary to the Governor  
December 14, 1936

MY DEAR MR. ROSSIER:

I have before me petition signed by yourself and other residents of Passaic and Hudson Counties with regard to the incarceration of members of Jehovah's Witnesses in various New Jersey municipalities.

There is a sharp line of division between the three branches of Government—Executive, Judicial and Legislative—and under the Law of the State of New Jersey, it is not within the power of the Governor to interfere with matters which have been passed upon by the courts.

These people have been penalized for refusal to comply with existing ordinances in these municipalities, and if they believe that their Constitutional rights have been denied them, they have recourse to the higher courts through appeal. It is not within the power of the Governor or any other member of the Executive branch of Government to take any action in the matter.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH J. McLAUGHLIN  
*Secretary to the Governor*

EJM:WLV

Mr. George W. Rossier,  
51 Hadley Avenue,  
Clifton, New Jersey.

### New Jersey's Helpless Governor—II

Gov. Harold G. Hoffman,  
Trenton, New Jersey.

DEAR SIR:

This will acknowledge receipt of a letter signed by your secretary, Elizabeth J. McLaughlin, which assumes to speak for you in the matter of the petition of Jehovah's witnesses recently submitted to you.

The letter indicates a willful attempt to misunderstand or misinterpret the situation. It states:

"These people have been penalized for refusal to comply with existing ordinances in these municipalities."

You have been informed otherwise. Has one been penalized for refusal to comply with existing ordinances whose only offense is that he drove through the town and received a sentence of ten days in jail therefor? Has one been penalized for refusal to comply with existing ordinances whose only offense has been to sit in an automobile in the town, and who receives a sentence of ten days in jail therefor?

We have offered to prove to you that the arrests were made solely because officers have received orders to arrest Jehovah's witnesses no matter what they were doing, and to suppress their activities. You will not listen to any proof or investigate, but continue to repeat the threadbare yarn that Jehovah's witnesses are arrested for refusal to comply with existing ordinances.

Permit us to cite another case which has happened within the past week, at Union City. Harry Whitaker was arrested while calling upon the people. He wasn't selling anything; was not distributing any printed matter, nor soliciting for any purpose. He was not violating any law whatsoever. Yet he was arrested, held in jail for a day, and when brought to trial the

prosecuting officers had not found on what charge they could hold him.

He is still in custody, and we presume that you would also consider his case one of penalizing for refusal to comply with an existing ordinance.

The letter from your secretary further states:

"It is not within the power of the Governor or any other member of the Executive branch of government to take any action in the matter."

We are not sure whether you, or your secretary, seriously expect us to believe that statement. It would be far better for you to frankly state that you do not want to do anything about the matter. The religious outfit which is instigating the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey is powerful and no politician desires to rub up against it. It takes real courage to fight the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. It is unfortunate that New Jersey does not have a governor with manhood and courage sufficient to put up a real battle for civic liberty and righteousness.

May we remind you in all seriousness that those in positions of authority who wink at, encourage, condone, or participate in the persecution of consecrated persons because those persons are actively engaged in proclaiming the Word of God are thus fighting against God, and in due time must answer to Almighty God for such wrongful acts.—Ezekiel 3:18, 19; Ezekiel 33:12-15; Matthew 25:31-46.

Having brought these matters to your attention our responsibility in this behalf ends.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE W. ROSSIER

*Divisional Servant,*

*New Jersey Division of Jehovah's witnesses*

## How About a Little Christian Liberty in New Jersey?

December 16, 1936

Honorable Harold L. Ickes,

Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

HONORABLE SECRETARY:

I have just read with great satisfaction an account of your intercession in behalf of a minority religious sect at Taos Pueblo in New Mexico, which was persecuted severely because it held beliefs differing from those of the majority.\* Your efforts to secure to the peoples of this nation the guarantees of the Constitution providing for freedom of conscience and of worship are indeed praiseworthy. My humble compliments will perhaps add nothing to your laurels, but I could not restrain expression in view of so noble a deed. These humble Indians can indeed be grateful for your efforts in their behalf.

There appears to be spreading an epidemic of bigotry. The Indians are not the only ones affected. But the same organization which so wickedly persecuted them is operating in like manner throughout the nation. In New Jersey, hundreds of God-fearing men and women (some of them grandmothers and grandfathers) and little children, all of them wholesome, are thrown into filthy jails. They are charged with the violation of laws which have been framed by men under the influence of these same bigots; laws which would prohibit these persecuted Christians from preaching the gospel because the gospel which they preach does not agree with the majority religionists. All of this persecution is in flagrant defiance of the federal and state Constitutions.

\* Mr. Ickes wrote the governor of Taos, New Mexico, in part: "It is intolerable that the most fundamental of all human rights and one of the most precious of all the rights guaranteed by the Constitution—liberty of conscience—should be denied and abolished within a tribe of Indians through the action of officers themselves proceeding under the domination of an armed and uniformed employee of the Indian Service whose action, in turn, was not authorized by law or directed or to be tolerated by his superiors in the government."

Untold misery has been and is being suffered by many at the hands of these bigots. Men and women are thrown out of positions and deprived of an opportunity to earn a living. Children are put out of schools and deprived of free education, and when private schools are established for these children more persecution follows in an effort to deprive them of this or any other opportunity for learning.

The persecution of the Indians in which you evidenced so kindly an interest is, I believe, small in comparison with the mass persecutions herein referred to.

Men holding public office seem to shrink from the thought of even raising a finger in defense of the persecuted. To be a little more blunt, let me state that this persecution is carried on at the instance of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, and the persecuted are a body of sincere Christians known as Jehovah's witnesses. Their persecution is winked at by public officials and the "hands off" policy is inevitably followed. An investigation of this persecution would undoubtedly reveal too much and pull too many skeletons from political closets and, therefore, no public official deigns to risk it.

Appended hereto you will find copy of a protest in this matter which was delivered to the Governor of New Jersey a few days ago. It is almost a foregone conclusion that he will do nothing about it. He has known of this condition for years without stirring himself with regard to it.

If you could tell me of some way that one might secure the benefits of the Constitutional provisions for freedom of conscience and of worship without molestation by bigots who think that no one has the right to a belief differing from theirs, then I certainly shall be as grateful to you as those Indians ought to be.

Sincerely,

HARRY L. PIATT

R 1, Westfield, N. J.

## Judge Rutherford Broadcasts Expand

**T**HE Watch Tower, a pioneer in broadcasting, on January 3, greatly augmented its present weekly service. Judge Rutherford, internationally known author and lecturer, continues in the enlarged arrangement to delight listeners with his logical, heart-cheering explanations of Bible prophecies now in course of fulfillment.

During the past year, in the United States and other countries, 354 stations were used by Jehovah's witnesses to send these constructive programs to millions of appreciative listeners.

Insistent pleas of listeners not regularly served by stations which have been carrying the five-minute recorded talks now move the Watch Tower to extend the regular service to many

other stations in all parts of the United States. Three times each week each station presents one of the very brief and informative talks by Judge Rutherford. He says: "It is now God's due time for the truth to be known; and nothing can prevent it from going to the great multitude of people of good will. There is an abundance of Scriptural proof, and also proof outside of the Bible, showing God's kingdom under Christ Jesus is at hand. That righteous government will completely vindicate God's Word and name, and it alone will bring lasting peace on earth and endless joy to all who obey its perfect laws. All fair-minded persons want to know about Jehovah's kingdom, and they are entitled to hear about it."



## Northern Africa

### *The Deciding Factor in Ethiopia*

THE deciding factor in Ethiopia was not the bravery of the troops, but the fact that every move of the Ethiopian troops was conveyed to the Italians by wireless; for days the men who were defending their native land marched on nothing more than a handful of meal, and toward the end of the war often went for days without any food at all, and sucked pebbles to remove the pangs of thirst. Italian agents also bribed the petty chiefs and discontented troops to quit and go to their homes, and thousands thus disappeared from the firing lines.

### *In Northern Ethiopia*

IN Northern Ethiopia, according to the Ethiopian commander, as set out in the *London News Chronicle*:

The Italian airplanes sprayed their burning gas, not on the enemy troops only, but on all the land behind them, burning, blinding and killing thousands of women and children.

The airplanes and gas bombs were all "blessed" by priests, and the pope was well pleased with the results attained.

### *King Farouk's Watch*

THE watch of Farouk, king of Egypt, made in Switzerland, shows the time and has a set of chimes striking the hours, minutes and seconds; gives the date, name of day, month and year; positions of the sun, moon, stars and planets; the distance covered by the wearer, the altitude, the temperature, the direction of the winds, and the weather forecast. It cost \$3,750.

### *Graziani Takes His Glory Here and Now*

RUDOLFO GRAZIANI, who pacified the country of Libya by killing off almost all the natives, is now engaged in pacifying Ethiopia. One of his interesting rules is that when his automobile passes another car all the persons in that car, including foreigners, must stop, get out and give him the Fascist salute. He intends to get his glory now, and not in the sweet by-and-by.

### *Where Not Well Known*

MISS ETTA DONNER, of the Vienna Africanistic Institute, returned after studying at first hand the social position of African women in their native woods. She traveled alone and was not afraid. Incidentally, she explained that white people are much respected where they are not yet well known.

### *2,000,000 Bales of Egyptian Cotton*

THE British government's estimate of the total yield of Egyptian cotton for the year 1936 was 9,184,000 kantars, which is, roughly, a little less than 2,000,000 bales. This is the largest yield for any season thus far.

### *Frogs in Ballarat, As in Egypt*

THE people of Ballarat, Australia, some weeks ago, must have had a fellow feeling for Pharaoh and other Egyptians. After a heavy downpour of rain there were hundreds of small white frogs everywhere. The trail extended for miles.

### *Balahu One Shot at Addis Ababa*

WHEN the Italians were shooting the residents of Addis Ababa, fifty at a time, one of those shot was Balahu, 7 feet 5 inches tall, who acted as umbrella carrier for Haile Selassie. This will be a great comfort to the pope. He wanted Italy to conquer Ethiopia with peace and justice for all, and how could they have peace and justice for all if they left a big 7½-foot umbrella carrier alive?

### *Ethiopians Who Wish to Live*

ETHIOPIANS who wish to live will do well to switch from the Coptic to the Roman Catholic faith. The press dispatches said: "Plans for conversion of the Ethiopians already have been completed and submitted to Pope Pius. It is estimated that conversions will total several thousand each month, once the program is actually under way." Surely they will, or else—.

### *Using Machine Guns on Chained Prisoners*

BRITISH United Press and Reuter dispatch in the *London News Chronicle* sets forth that in Addis Ababa a batch of chained Abyssinian prisoners awaiting execution tried to escape and were mown down by Italian machine guns.

### *No Non-Italian Missionaries for Ethiopia*

THE arrangement between the pope and the Italian government respecting Ethiopia is that all foreign priests and missionaries will be excluded from the country and only Italian priests will be permitted to "officiate" in the conquered land.

### *The Safety of Democracy in Yugoslavia*

ONE objective of the World War was to make the world safe for democracy, particularly in Yugoslavia, in which country the war began. What was accomplished in this direction in fifteen years after the war closed may be gleaned from this extract from a letter of protest to the Yugoslav minister in Washington, signed by William Allen White, editor of the *Emporia (Kans.) Gazette*, Norman Thomas, Upton Sinclair, and 40 other intellectuals, protesting against the torture of political and other prisoners in the police headquarters and penitentiaries:

The records show about 120 known cases of persons either directly killed or so tortured that they died. Such cruel and revolting methods employed during the so-called "examination" of prisoners are described as sticking needles under prisoners' fingernails, placing live coals between armpits and body, prolonged beating on the soles of the feet, driving sharp instruments into the heels, and perpetrating outrages upon sexual organs. These methods are used in attempts to force confessions incriminating themselves and other men and women active in opposition movements. But the tortures are not confined to the period of preliminary examination. They continue after commitment to prison. Even those prisoners convicted of such trivial offenses as distributing opposition literature or belonging to opposition groups are systematically beaten and starved. Some are reliably reported as having been inoculated with disease germs, others have had iron bands clamped around their heads for months at a time. Conditions in the prisons are reported to be so inhuman that many prisoners must sleep on the bare floors of their unheated and wet cells.

### *Bible Copied on One Page*

THE English Bible has something like 800,000 words in it, the Serbian but 215,617 to express the same thoughts. A Serbian penman, who previously filled a post card with 3,000 clearly legible words, has now written the entire contents of the Serbian Bible on an ordinary sheet of foolscap 13 by 16 inches, and he claims that if he had not been trying to make it legible to the naked eye he could have done it on half a page.

### *Odd Hungarian Customs*

IN Hungary the bride is expected to sob loudly at the wedding ceremony. On that day she receives her first gifts from her husband, shoes, kerchief and wedding ring. It is now against the law in Hungary for anybody to receive tips.

### *Fascism in Rumania*

GOG, prime minister of the Devil, pushes Rumania faster and farther into the arms of the peculiar style of "government" of Ratti, Mussolini and Hitler. Students are incited in the name of Christ to persecute Jews. A dispatch from Bucharest to the *London News Chronicle* says:

Even more violent than Cuza's "Christian Soldiers" marching to war against the Jews are the Iron Guards led by Captain Codreanu. They are armed, wear uniforms, are pledged to commit any act their leader commands. Their movement is enveloped in religious mysticism, and many priests are in their ranks. Some of their most ardent killers are theological students. Their political program is very similar to Hitlerism.

### *Titulescu Probably Poisoned*

NICHOLAS TITULESCU, former foreign minister of Rumania, slowly dying in Switzerland, claims he was poisoned months earlier, perhaps, by a Fascist cook introducing arsenic into his food. And his statement is probably true. Benvenuto Cellini, Roman Catholic worker in gold and silver some centuries back, explained in his memoirs that a favorite method of popes in his day was to put powdered diamond dust in the food of those they wished to murder. The result was that the dust caused internal ulcers which could not be healed, resulting in a slow death.

### *Riots over Gregorian Calendar*

RUMANIA has been having riots over the use of the Gregorian calendar. A priest named Climovici advocated a return to the Julian calendar, with the result that the whole village revolted and two persons were killed in a clash with the police. Climovici, who is of the Greek church, escaped by shaving off his beard and dressing like an old woman. It is no trouble for any priest to dress up so that he looks like an old woman. The only drawbacks are the hard faces and big feet. The Nazification of Rumania is proceeding by leaps and bounds.

### *Rumania Rapidly Going Fascist*

A FEW weeks ago a girl thirteen years of age was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in Rumania for circulating anti-Fascist literature. This means death, for the reason that prisoners are allowed so little for food that they cannot exist upon it. Millions of dollars are being spent on Fascist propaganda.

### *Clergy Crying for Men and Munitions*

IT IS comical to see the cries of the British clergy for men and munitions. Among the latest to do this is the bishop of Durham, "Reverend" Dr. H. Hensley Henson, who hopes that the clergy and laity will do their utmost to encourage recruiting, and also thinks that in a heavily armed world it is the divine purpose that Britain should be able to pack as heavy a wallop as anybody in the ring. The clergy are like that. With one side of their mouths they holler "Peace", so as to get the name of being followers of the Prince of Peace, and with the other side of their mouths they let out war whoops, so that if war comes the government will not forget to put them on the pay roll in the preferred class.

### *In Some British Schools*

IN SOME British schools last winter when the children assembled they found the ink frozen in the wells. In one school, on one day, the temperature was one degree above freezing when the roll was called. In one school water was brought from a stream open to cattle pollution. There were schoolrooms where buckets were placed to catch the leaks from the roofs. There were rooms filled with smoke, and the hearths with soot, and windows that would not open.

### *The Price of Herrings*

BRITAIN periodically wrestles with the problem that to the fisherman herrings are worth less than a farthing; that is all he gets for them (£1 for 325 pounds of fish). The wholesaler gets one penny each; the retailer up to twopence. Millions of herrings are thrown back into the sea because the wholesalers will not pay for them, and yet there are many who go to bed hungry because they cannot afford the small amount necessary to get the fish.

### *The Suez Canal*

THE SUEZ CANAL, a private concern, registered in Egypt, has its head office in Paris, and its president is always a Frenchman. Of the 32 administrators 10 are British. The canal is 101 miles long. Egypt and Britain have entered into a treaty of "perpetual alliance" that between them they shall always control the canal, with Britain maintaining the necessary troops at Suez.

### *British Incomes and Death Rates*

BRITAIN has discovered that where the income per family is 35 shillings or less per week the death rate is more than twice as large as where the income is 75 shillings and up. Three million new houses have been built, but the rents are almost double what they were in the slums, with the result that there is not sufficient left for food to keep the family in health.

### *Britain's 1,000 Rulers*

REYNOLDS NEWS, London, claims that the real rulers of Britain are the 1,000 university graduates who constitute the administrative branch of the Civil Service, and that it is the boast of these men that in one year they can tame any cabinet officer by showing him the ill effect of any doubtful experiment he may have in mind.

### *Britain Grows More Civilized*

AS New Jersey and other dark spots of the earth grow less civilized, Great Britain grows more so. In 26 years the average annual number of prisoners fell from 186,000 to 57,000, and the committals for drunkenness from 55,000 to 7,000. In the interval 30 of the 56 prisons were closed for lack of "guests".

### *Poison-Gas Covers for Baby Carriages*

BRITAIN claims to be part of Christ's kingdom on earth. Its home office has just perfected a form of anti-gas covers for baby carriages, equipped so that filtered air can be pumped through the handles to the baby. The pump would be operated by the child's nurse, wearing a gas mask.

### *A Way to Pay the War Debts*

A. H. BARNES, in the British magazine *Shipping*, proposes that since Britain is unable to pay the United States in gold she be assigned the privilege of feeding, clothing and warming America's unemployed and receive credit thereby on her debt.

### *Winchester Cathedral Recruiting Station*

WINCHESTER cathedral, England, was used as a recruiting station Sunday, May 25, 1936, by the dean of the cathedral, "Reverend" E. G. Selwyn. It reminds one of old times to see the clergy back at their regular job.

### *The Rosicrucian Philosophy*

FROM time to time some have sent Rosicrucian literature to the office of *The Golden Age*. The Rosicrucians are confessedly mystics, but actually are spiritists. They claim to be Christians; they do not believe the dead are dead. Like the ancient Egyptians, they believe in four kinds of bodies for each "soul"; these they designate as physical, etheric, desire and mental bodies. They believe in transmigration of souls, and that at one time all were Negroes and lived in a continent now beneath the Indian ocean. They believe in the immortality of the soul, and in "purgatory" and in universalism. They are astrologists, and teachers of "faith healing" done, admittedly, by demons whom they designate as "invisible helpers". They think that when they are asleep they can go around and help these "invisible helpers" in their work of healing. They are great believers in this "vibration" stuff, and demand from each patient each week a letter written with pen and ink, so that they can keep tabs on his "vibrations". It is merely a form of demonism, of which the number is now legion.

### *Spiritism Very Dangerous*

DR. WINNINGTON INGRAM, bishop of London, noting the rapid increase of spiritism in his diocese, says in his diocesan leaflet:

I feel that this attempt to communicate through mediums with those in the other world is all wrong, is very dangerous, is dishonoring to the dead and a waste of time for the living. Even those who practice it admit its dangers, and further admit that you may get into contact with most unpleasant spirits who can do you nothing but harm. I believe that the mediums, consciously or unconsciously, read the thoughts of those who come to them, and that this is the explanation of the revelations which appear to come from the other world, and which deceive many.

This statement by Bishop Ingram, being brought to the attention of Professor F. A. P. Aveling, psychologist, King's College, he fully confirmed by saying:

Nothing that I personally have investigated in connection with spiritism will stand up to criticism. I do know that spiritism is a very dangerous thing to tinker with.

### *Snake Dance in Virginia*

THE snake dance by the Moqui Hopi Indians of Arizona is described as one of the most revolting of spectacles. It has broken out in

slightly changed form in Virginia, where at Ramsey 500 followed the practices of the Arizona snake dancers by passing live reptiles from one to another. In the Ramsey snake dance a twelve-year-old lad, accustomed to disposing of snakes, tore the head from a live rattler. He immediately became the center of such interest by a mob of 500 that he was knocked down still clutching the headless snake. All real students of the Scriptures know that the snake passage (Mark 16:18) is missing from the Sinaitic and Vatican MSS., and that all the verses from Mark 16:9 to the end of the chapter are of doubtful authenticity, and should not be used as the sole proof for anything whatever. The snake dancers at Ramsey, while supposing that they are being guided by the Scriptures, are manifestly being misled by the demons, whose whole intent there, as everywhere, is to do all possible to dishonor the name of God, and get people to lose faith in Him.

### *Fifty-five Demonized at Once*

THE demons have the power to demonize or hypnotize many persons at once. This is clear from an article in the *Scientific American* which relates two instances of fire-walking. The fire pits were sixteen feet long, twelve feet wide and four feet deep, filled with glowing coals, in which logs had burned for six hours before the barefooted fire-walkers turned themselves over to the care of the demons who had them in charge. In one instance eighteen men went through the ceremonies; and in another, fifty-five. In the latter case one of the fifty-five, probably not wholly submissive to the demons, was seriously injured. Demons have had much to do with the so-called "religions" of India and the rest of the world.

### *"Father" Divine Went Right On By*

A DARKY preacher in Brooklyn challenged "Father" Divine (who claims to be God) to attend his meeting, and to come to the platform and kill him and then reawaken him to life. This put the Harlem darky in a dilemma, but he finally got 4,000 of his followers together; they came out to the Brooklyn darky's meeting, but instead of going in they passed right on by. Thereupon the assistant of the Brooklyn darky referred to "Father" Divine as an old bald-headed faker; and if he is old and bald-headed the entire charge is most certainly true.

## **"The Bible as Living Literature"**

**"THE Bible Designed to Be Read As Living Literature—The Old and New Testaments in the King James Version"** is the title of a new edition of the Bible which claims to present the "deathless words of the King James Version of the Bible unaltered and with scrupulous fidelity, but editorially and typographically designed to be read as living literature".

The advertisements of this new edition contain extravagant claims with respect to it, but omit an important and significant fact regarding it, and that is, that all the Apocryphal books are included, though these are definitely no part of the King James Version as it has been circulated in immense quantities by numerous Bible societies. These Apocryphal books are rejected by all Protestants, nor were they a part of the Hebrew canon, nor are they ever quoted as Scripture by any of the writers of the gospels and epistles.

With respect to these Apocryphal books the *Imperial Bible Dictionary* says,

"They contain things utterly at variance with the proper character of a divine revelation—fables, falsehoods, and errors of doctrine. . . . Judith not only acts throughout a deceitful part, but even prays God to own and make use of her deceit. The two books of Maccabees contain various historical errors and contradictions . . . Then, there are the ridiculous fables of the fish in Tobit, of Jeremiah's taking the ark and altar to Mount Pisgah, and hiding them in a cave; of Bel and the Dragon, and, indeed, the whole story of Judith seems little less than a fable."

Why are these books included in an edition of the Bible which claims to be the "best seller of the ages" in modern form? The Bible with the Apocrypha has not been a "best seller", but the editions without that group of books have been. It should be well known to the editors and publishers that the Bible has been circulated in immense quantities by Bible societies that have consistently omitted the Apocryphal books. On the other hand, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, which has insisted upon including the Apocrypha in its editions of the Bible, has made no effort to circulate the Scriptures, but has, on the contrary, consistently burned Bibles, both the Protestant and Catholic versions, wherever it had opportunity to "get away with it".

The advertisements of the modern edition that have come to attention make no mention whatever of the inclusion of these Apocryphal books, and the scheme bears the marks of Jes-

uit influence. One noticeable characteristic of the Apocryphal books is that they exalt men and their supposed virtues rather than God; and that would appear to be the main objective of this surreptitious inclusion of these unscriptural books in this new "Bible".

### **Wants Chickens Declared Pious**

**N**EW YORK recently had a "holy war". It was about chickens and rabbis. Not having anything more serious to engage their attention the rabbis have been supervising the slaughter of the chickens of which the several million Hebrews of New York and vicinity consume great numbers. Chickens that have had benefit of clergy in their death throes are entitled to leg bands which cost the rabbis \$1.30 a thousand, and are sold to the dealers at \$10.00 a thousand, not quite eight times as much. But the poultry dealers were demanding cheaper leg bands for sanctified chickens, and brought the matter into court. The rabbis complained that even at a profit of 670 percent they were losing money on the deal, which statement comes under the head of "Important, if True".

### **The Jews and Communism**

**T**HE effort of Hitler and others to identify the Jews with Communism proved a complete fizzle. Investigation discloses that among the 81 Communist deputies of the Reichstag of 1933 not one was a Jew. There were 6,000,000 Communist votes cast in the election, but there are only 300,000 German Jews entitled to vote; so not more than 5 percent of the Communist party in Germany could be Jews even if every Jew were a Communist, which is not the case. Nor is it true that the Jews of Russia are largely Communists. The official statistics of the original Petrograd Communist party in 1918 shows that of the then total membership only 2.6 percent were Jews. Hitler's party is kept in power and kept together only by the most shameless lies ever invented.

### **Jews Going In for Agriculture**

**T**HIRTY-SIX years ago there were said to be just 216 Jewish farm families in the United States, while today the Jewish farm population is estimated at about 100,000. During the Dark Ages the Jews were forced out of agriculture by persecution and intolerance. They were originally an agricultural people.

## The Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the Bible

**C**ATHOLIC organizations are circulating large numbers of leaflets and tracts in defense of the Catholic church and endeavoring to persuade non-Catholics that this church is, after all, the most wonderful organization in the world. Some of these tracts deal particularly with the Bible, one of them interestingly stating the Catholic position as follows: "The Bible an authority only in Catholic hands."

This is but another way of saying that the Bible is no authority at all, but that the "church", and by this is meant particularly the Hierarchy, is the real authority, without which the Bible would be worthless. This is a significant statement, and one that should not be lightly dismissed.

Other leaflets make assertions along the following lines: "Do you know that the Catholic Church is the greatest lover and friend that the Bible has ever possessed? Do you know that the Bible needs an interpreter who can explain its meaning and settle its difficulties so that all may know the word of God? That Christ gave His church the power to interpret the Bible? That the Church can make no mistake when she interprets the Bible?"

Further the question is asked, "Do you know that the Catholic Church existed over sixty years before the last line of the New Testament had been written? Do you know that Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Paul, Jude and James, who wrote the New Testament under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, were Catholics?"

Such claims, unsupported by Scripture or historical proof, are calculated to mislead those who are uninformed, and to subject them to the Hierarchy, which has consistently pushed the Bible into the background, or, worse, endeavored to use it for unholy purposes. But all these questions can be answered, together with the claim that the Roman church has the only pure Bible and that other Bibles are corrupted and incomplete.

While the so-called "guides" of Protestantism have woefully failed in protesting against these presumptions of the Hierarchy, God has not left himself without witnesses who boldly and courageously defend the Word of God against His slanderers, and who do not compromise with the destroyers of the faithful followers of Christ.

The absurd claim that the early disciples were "Catholics" is as false as the rest of the pre-

sumptuous pretensions of the Roman Hierarchy and its tools. The term "Catholic" was not used until at least a hundred years after these faithful men of God had finished their course in death. And as for those things that "distinguish" Catholicism today, they would have lifted their hands in complete horror had they known that any organization practicing such abominations would ever dare to claim the name "Christian".

### *"Catholic" Practices*

Take note of the additions that were made to the "faith" in the course of time, each a further departure from the simplicity of the gospel.—2 Corinthians 11:3.

"Holy water" began to be used in A.D. 120. "Penance" began to make its appearance in A.D. 157. About A.D. 200 the church was divided into two groups, clergy and laity, a direct violation of the spirit of the truth. (Matthew 23: 8, 9) Fifty years thereafter hell began to be pictured as a place of torture, and 75 years thereafter the doctrine of the "Trinity" was forced upon the people, even though until that time Father and Son had been generally understood to be two persons, as is shown in what is mistakenly called "The Apostles' Creed".

About this time also the adoration of dead "saints" and relics developed, and living saints began to be persecuted by their supposed brethren. Liturgical "worship" also was established at about this time. "Liturgy" is really the practicing of repetitious formal ceremony instead of the study of God's Word. In A.D. 360 the worshiping of angels was approved. (See Colossians 2: 18.) Mass and Christmas made their appearance toward the end of the third century.

In 449 the Roman bishop, in the face of opposition from other bishops, took the title of primate as Pope Leo I. In 454 the expression "Mother of Christ" was changed to the unscriptural title "Mother of God". In 529 the first monastic order, the Benedictine, was established. In 547 the lenten fast was instituted. In 593 "purgatory" was made a part of "Catholic" belief, and a few years later, in order to stop "controversy", Latin was adopted as the tongue in which "church" "services" must be held. But the adoption of all these heathen customs was not accomplished without continual protests uttered by those who loved the Truth.

Then, in 680, crosses, emblems of sun worship, were first introduced as "symbols of the faith". In 715 prayers to the "virgin" and the "saints" were approved. The worshiping or bowing to images was established (though amidst great opposition) in 726. The year 783 witnesses the practice of kissing the pope's foot. Pope John XVI established canonization of "saints" on a paying basis in 993. Baptism of church bells and observance of "All Souls' Day" and "All Saints' Day" was established in A.D. 1000. The "celibacy" of the clergy was insisted upon beginning with A.D. 1015. The "rosary" gained recognition in 1059. Confession was sanctioned by the council of Loretania A. D. 1116.

Indulgences made their appearance in A.D. 1140. Then, about 1204, because there was much opposition to this and other departures from the truth, the Inquisition was brought in to exterminate "heretics" by means of sword and stake. The "wine" was withheld from the people by definite rule in A.D. 1263. The papal tiara made its appearance in 1311. The dogma of the immaculate conception of Mary was established in 1854, and the infallibility of the pope was decided upon (again in the face of great opposition) in 1870!

### ***Christ a Catholic!***

Yet, say the Catholic propagandists, the apostles were Catholics, and some go so far as to say that even Christ himself was a Catholic! Yet none know better than informed Catholics themselves that the "Roman Church" is continually changing, not merely in minor matters, but in significant respects. In one thing it remains unchanged; and that is, its opposition to the pure and simple truths of God's Word.

While these are often given lip worship, it is well known that the Roman Hierarchy is a double system with a double doctrine, one for public consumption, and another which is carefully hidden from the people, but which reveals itself only too obviously in the spirit of the system and the course of action which it invariably follows in dealing with those who dare to differ with it, as well as with its own unhappy victims.

The claim, therefore, that "the Catholic Church existed over sixty years before the last line of the Bible had been written" is shown to be unwarranted. The true church was in existence, a free and Scriptural association of believers, but no such system as is now seen in the

Roman organization then existed, nor did it make its appearance until years after the apostles had fallen asleep in death. (Matthew 13:25) It is a far cry from the simple and unaffected faith of the apostles and early disciples to the mummery and mockery of the present Roman religious system.

But is it true that "the Bible needs an interpreter who can explain its meaning and settle its difficulties so that all may know the word of God"? And is it true that Christ "gave His church the power to interpret the Bible"? The claim that the Bible is worthless without the "authority" of the Roman church is shown to be false in the light of the following plain Scriptural declarations: "The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." (Psalm 19:7) "The entrance of thy [God's] words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Psalm 119:130) Did not Jesus our Lord himself say that His doctrine was hidden from the worldly wise and prudent, but revealed to those who were but babes in understanding?—Matthew 11:25.

On the authority of these and numerous other scriptures it is evident that Christ's sincere and humble disciples, great and small, may be His instruments to bear His truth to those who are not yet believers, and that "no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation". (2 Peter 1:20) It is also interesting that in olden times it was thought sufficient to read the Scriptural counsels themselves, distinctly, sensibly, and not liturgically and senselessly in a monotone.—Nehemiah 8:1-8.

The effort at "authoritative" interpretation has invariably resulted in such absurdities as are contained in the Talmud and as are found in numerous Roman Catholic pronouncements. It was not so in the early church, where simple and unassuming brethren preached the gospel, and, as far as the essentials were concerned, did so harmoniously.

The Bereans received Paul's preaching with all readiness of mind, but they nevertheless proved his preaching by the Scriptures, and were commended for so doing. (Acts 17:11) Would anyone subjecting the teachings of the Roman Hierarchy to such a test be commended?

### ***The Greatest Friend of the Bible?***

The Roman Hierarchy claims that it is not the enemy of the Bible, but that it is in fact the



greatest friend and lover of the Bible. What does the record say on this point?

Pope Innocent III issued a bull against the Waldenses, the first translators of the Bible into a vernacular tongue, and commanded that all their books should be burned, particularly the Bible which they had translated into the Roman language.

The Papal council of Toulouse forbade the reading of the Bible in any vernacular tongue!

The council of Bologna (appropriate name) forbade the general reading of the Bible, and especially the Gospel of Christ.

The famous bull *Unigenitus* (1713) forbade the reading of the Bible; not merely particular Bibles, such as Protestant editions, but the Bible as such.

The fourth rule of the *Index Expurgatorius* forbids the reading of the Bible, under the pretext that more harm than good comes from so doing! How does this harmonize with the statement, in 2 Timothy 3:15, "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus"?

By the bulls of Pius IV and Clement VIII, Catholics are forbidden to read the Bible without a special license, in writing, issued by the bishop or the "father inquisitors". Catholics who read the Bible without license are told that they commit a "mortal sin"! Catholics in Protestant countries are really indebted to Protestants for the license granted them to read the Word of God. However, it is admitted that they make relatively little use of the opportunity, being little encouraged to do so by their priests. The fact that dispensation is given in some countries to read the Bible only proves that the general prohibition exists. In Catholic countries Catholics would not think of reading the Bible.

Popes Pius VI, Pius VII, Leo XII, Pius VIII, Gregory XVI and Pius IX all expressly forbade the reading of the Bible.

What kind of love and friendship for the Bible is this which keeps it from its mission to "make . . . wise unto salvation"?

### **Who Has a "Corrupt" Bible?**

Assuming that Protestants generally are ignorant of the facts, the Papal agent charges that Bibles used by Protestants are corrupt and incomplete and that the Roman Hierarchy has the only pure Bible. What are the facts?

The non-Catholic editions of the Bible are

called "incomplete" because they omit the Apocryphal books of Esdras, Tobit, Judith, Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, The Song of The Three Holy Children, The History of Susanna, History of the Destruction of Bel and the Dragon, The Prayer of Manasseh, Maccabees, and certain additions to the book of Esther. These books are all added, in the Roman Catholic Bible, to what is usually termed the "Old Testament", that is, the Hebrew Scriptures, as distinguished from the "New Testament", or Greek Scriptures. The latter is the same in all Bibles, Catholic or non-Catholic, so far as books are concerned.

The Hebrew Scriptures contained none of these Apocryphal books and do not contain them to this day. Early students among Christians, such as Melito, Origen and Jerome, did not include them as inspired and part of the Bible. They are not found in the oldest manuscripts. They are not included in Bibles used by Jews to this day. In view of these incontrovertible facts, the charge made by the Hierarchy that the non-Catholic versions of the Bible are incomplete is shown to be a boomerang and discloses the fact that the Hierarchy has added to the Scriptures.—Proverbs 30:5,6; Ecclesiastes 3:14; Revelation 22:18,19.

In this connection it should be noted that the Hierarchy itself did not definitely include the Apocryphal books as part of the Bible until the fourth session of the Council of Trent, in A.D. 1546. At that time the great Reformation had begun, and this move of the Council was an effort to include in the Scriptures something that might be used against the reformers. But it was not until the Vatican Council in 1870 that the Apocryphal books were declared to be of equal value with the canonical books of the Bible. In a way it might therefore be said that the Catholic Bible is at this writing but 67 years old.

*The Encyclopedia Americana*, which for obvious reasons caters rather noticeably to Catholicism, states that in declaring all parts of the Apocrypha to be equally inspired with the Bible, "The Church has based both canonicity and inspiration on authority, and in truth with wisdom, for they could be based on nothing else." This misstatement of fact is characteristic of Roman Catholicism and unworthy of an encyclopedia that is supposed to give not the partisan opinion of some religious cult.

The books included in the Bible are there because they were recognized to be written by men of God, and not because any supposed authority pronounces them canonical. The collection of the books of the Greek portion of the Bible (N.T.) was the result of the fact that they were recognized by a general consensus of opinion among Christians to have been written by men who were used of God. Historical evidence proves them to have been so recognized and accepted, and that without any formal endorsement of those who claim to be the "solid rock of authority".

### *The Voice of "Authority"*

And what is the voice of this authority, with respect to the Bible? In the first place it should be remembered that the Israelites were entrusted with the oracles of God, that is, the Word of God. Did these at any time recognize or accept the Apocryphal books as inspired? They did not! Nor did the early Christians accept them.

The apostles did not quote from the Apocryphal books as they did from the genuine books of the Bible. Councils of the early church rejected them. The council of Laodicea excluded the Apocryphal books, and the Ecumenical council of Constantinople approved this decision. Melito, Cyrillus, Origen, Eusebius, Hilary, Gregory of Nazianzus, Athanasius and Hieronymus (Jerome) all rejected these unscriptural books. These councils and men are mentioned here, not as authorities, but rather as proof of the attitude of the best-informed men in the early history of the church toward the Apocryphal books.

The Latin Vulgate Bible, declared by the Council of Trent to be the only authentic version, is the translation of Hieronymus (Jerome), to which were added translations of the Apocryphal books. Hieronymus doubtless aimed at accuracy, but his translation left much to be desired. It was progressively altered by copyists until Pope Sixtus V felt obliged to have his own edition of it made at the Vatican, inasmuch as all current editions were more or less corrupt.

The Council of Trent said, "We adopt the rule of Hieronymus." But which of the several hundred different editions should be used was apparently not decided. Sixtus V said, "This new edition of the Vulgate which I present, without any doubt or controversy, is to be reputed and taken to be the only edition, which being as well as possible reformed [revised], our will is, and

we decree it, to be read throughout the Christian world." This was all very well, but Pope Clement VIII issued a bull later on stating that in the Sixtus V edition he had found two thousand dangerous errors. A new edition was issued by Clement VIII.

The Douai [Catholic] Bible, translated in part at Rheims before the time of Sixtus V, contained all the errors of the editors of the Vulgate condemned by that pope. But now the English Catholics have adjusted their Douay translation to the Oxonian (Protestant) version—with exceptions.

Fr. Ungarellie (friend of Pope Gregory XVI), a profound scholar, affirms that he found in the present Vulgate 750 capital errors. Cardinal Bellarmino, who undertook the correction of the Vulgate, said, "I did not correct diligently the Vulgate Bible; many things which it was necessary to correct, for just reasons, and purposely, I left uncorrected." Clement VIII, in his preface to his own edition, wrote, "In this edition, as some things we expressly changed, so, many others, purposely, we left unchanged."

Now, who has a corrupt Bible? When the revisers of the Common Version (Protestant) Bible produced the admirable Revised Version, and when later the still better American Revision of it appeared, no extravagant claims were made for it, but an honest effort was made to have it correct. There is found therein an accuracy that is not even attempted or desired in the Catholic translations. The latter are admittedly left uncorrected on purpose! Which, then, is the corrupt Bible? No translation is likely to meet every demand, and certainly none is letter-perfect, but in the Common Version and Revised Versions there is available to millions of people the Word of God in a reasonably trustworthy and essentially uncorrupted form.

A few examples of Hierarchy mistranslations may be given: In Genesis 3:15 "it shall bruise" is changed to "she shall bruise", an attempt to glorify the virgin Mary rather than The Christ, the 'seed of the woman'. In John 14:26 Jesus said, "The holy [spirit] . . . shall . . . bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." In the Catholic Bible it is mistranslated "whatsoever I shall have said to you", and the Vulgate has it "the Paraclete shall suggest unto you all things whatsoever I *shall* say to you".

In both of these renderings there is an evident

attempt to get away from the words of Christ himself to what men may claim to teach as representatives of Christ under a supposed inspiration. The text is employed to support the idea that the pope or leaders of the Catholic church are authorized to give instructions other than those that appear in the Scriptures as given by Jesus himself. John 21:25 should be compared with John 20:30, 31.

The word "elders" (Latin: *seniores*) from the Greek *presbuteroi*, meaning simply "mature ones", is in the Hierarchy Bible generally translated *priests* (Latin: *sacerdotes*), although the Greek word which would properly be translated as *priests* is an entirely different term, *hierous*. True, the English word "priest" is a contraction of *presbuteros*, but not a proper translation of it, as it conveys an idea contrary to that contained in *presbuteros*. In passages, such as Hebrews 11:2, *presbuteroi* is translated by another word, i.e., "ancients," because "priests" would obviously be wrong, and it really is wrong wherever it is used to translate *presbuteroi*.

The appeal of the Catholic Hierarchy to "tradition" is an effort to make God's Word of none effect. (Mark 7:13) Tradition is unstable as the

sands. Early Christians recognized this fact. Tertullian said against Ermegenes: "The school of Ermegenes may demonstrate that the things it teaches are written, for, if not written, then it must fear the anathema which is destined to all who add to or take away from the Scriptures." Basilus said, "To reject what is in the Scriptures, or to receive what never was written (tradition), is an evident mark of unfaithfulness."—Luke 4:4, 8; Revelation 22:18, 19.

### To Flimflam the People

TO FLIMFLAM the people into the belief that all is lovely between the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the rabbis, the Washington *Daily News* carries the more or less interesting information that in that city Marty Gallagher, Irish Catholic, was training at the Jewish Community Center for a prize fight with a Jew named Levinsky, while Levinsky himself was training at the gymnasium of the Roman Catholic church Our Lady of Victory. Propaganda of that sort is so silly that it kills itself in the making. Why try to pretend that Jews are Catholics and Catholics are Jews? What real good can come from it?



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