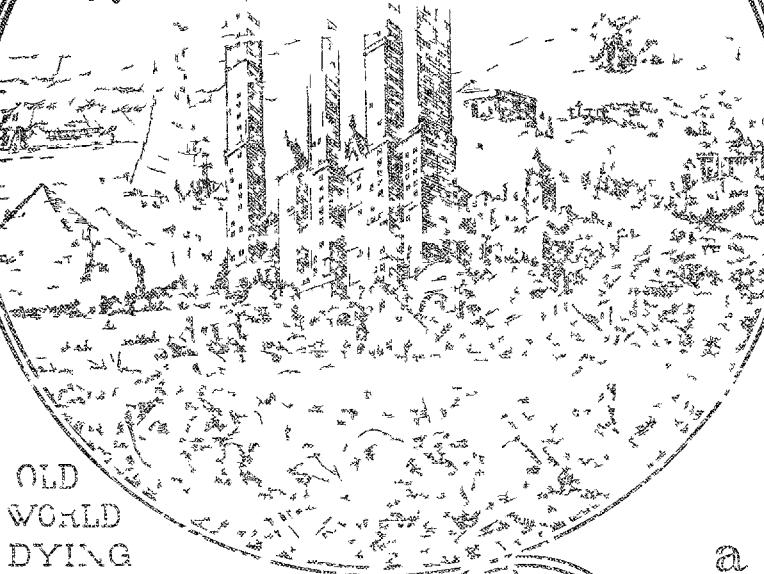


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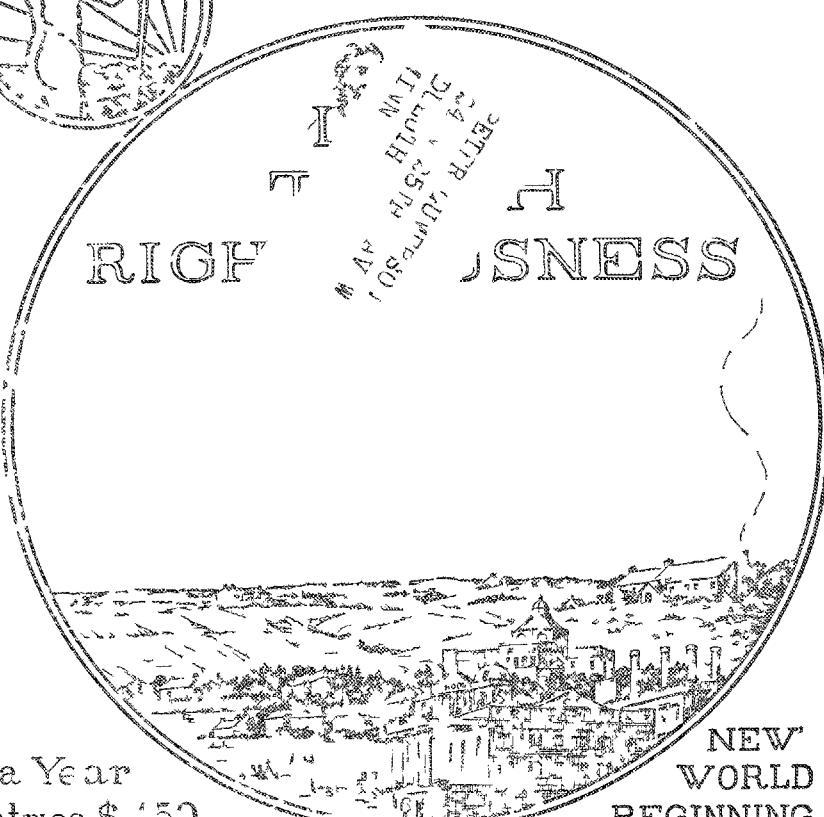
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America's Greatest Industry

IT WOULD hardly be necessary to tell any one who lives in America that the greatest industry of this country is the automobile industry. The evidences of it are on every hand. It seems a good time to take a glance at this subject.

In 1741 Solomon de Coste of Normandy wrote a book, in which he endeavored to show that it would be possible to propel carriages by steam power. He thus backed up the prognostications of the mediæval monk, Roger Bacon, who fore-saw a time coming when "we shall be able to propel carriages with incredible speed, without the assistance of any animal."

But de Coste lived in an evil time; and because Cardinal Richelieu had never seen an automobile, and did not think such a device was possible, and perhaps did not think that it was desirable, he used his gentle influence with the authorities and had poor de Coste put into a madhouse.

But others in France, in a later day, took up de Coste's idea; and there is now, at Le Mans, France, in the magnificent stable on the estate of Marquis de Broc, a steam-propelled stage coach built in 1878 at enormous expense, which made long trips at a speed of about 28 miles an hour. The coach had a powerful engine in front and chimney in the rear. The Marquis discontinued using it because it frightened the n'g'itors' horses.

A similar vehicle, but less expensive, was built by A. J. Reese, Augusta, Ky., in 1879 and was the first steam-driven contrivance to travel Kentucky highways, long preceding steam threshers. Another relatively old automobile, built in 1891, was until recently in active use in France and was exhibited in Paris in 1921, arousing much interest. The patriarchal old bus has iron rim wheels and an engine hidden below the body of the car. Its motor is even now as good as ever.

America entered the automobile field late in the day. One of the patriarchs in this country is Elwood Haynes, whose first car was tried out on July 4th, 1894. On that date Mr. Haynes, then living at Kokomo, Ind., had his auto drawn by a horse three miles out on a level road. He then took a brave chance, unhitched the horse, and came tearing in over those miles in twenty-six minutes, or at the rate of seven miles an hour!

A year before Haynes made his trial trip at Kokomo, French racing machines had made fifty miles an hour on the old Guttenberg, N. J. race track, at the Three Counties Fair, in 1893. Two years later, at the *Times-Herald* Contest at Englewood, Chicago, the best speed made by any American machine was seven miles an hour. This was November 28, 1895.

When Mr. Haynes came to Chicago to participate in the *Times-Herald* Contest, he had proceeded not more than six or eight blocks down Michigan Avenue when a policeman insisted that he leave the boulevard at once and continue his journey by a back street. Automobiles were in disfavor.

America finally stepped on the gas in 1901-1902. In the fall of the latter year the Automobile Club of America entered seventy-five starters in a race from New York to Boston and return. The speed limit was fixed at 14 miles an hour. All but seven of the starters finished the trip. There are Fords now in use that are over 20 years old—and they look it.

Importance of the Automobile

IN THE whole world there are now about 24,-600,000 operative automobiles, and over 20,-000,000 of these are in the United States. One-eighth of the total number are motor trucks. More than 3,200,000 persons are employed in motor vehicle and allied lines.

The automobile bill of the American people is in excess of \$14,000,000,000 a year. Of this

amount 26% goes for new car and accessories, 18% for depreciation, 14% for upkeep and repairs, 11% for drivers' wages, 8% for gasoline, 6% for garage service, 5% for tires, 5% for taxes, 4% for interest or investment and the balance equally divided between insurance and lubrication.

Ninety percent of all physicians use the automobile in professional service. At least a million persons have no other way of getting to and from their homes. For years the bankers told everybody that the automobile was an extravagance and would ruin the country, but today America could not do the business it is doing without it.

The eloquent, forcible language of the Manufacturer's Record says this about

"Language can adequately set forth constructive, but the power of the automobile has practically destroyed distance; which has made it possible for man to do a thousand things in less time than never before in the past; which has stimulated nations to study the mechanics of the auto and thus pass on gradually to other mechanical pursuits; which has banished the loneliness of country life and opened up to the farmer and his family conveniences and advantages for doing business which he never knew before; which has saved thousands of lives by the fact that at 100,000 dollars, who use automobiles can cover the distance to the bed of sickness in a few minutes as compared with hours in the past. . . .

If heaven had desired to confer upon mankind some one great, outstanding blessing for the advancement of its material interest, for the broadening of human life, for the power to quicken men's thoughts, giving them facilities to cover distances impossible in the past, to have opened up new avenues of trade and travel, new sources of boundless pleasure, it is scarcely conceivable that even heaven could have devised a scheme more superbly planned for the benefit of mankind, other than that of eternal salvation itself, than the blessing bestowed by the automobile.

The automobile is properly accredited with the enormous roadbuilding program now in progress, calling for the expenditure of \$1,000,000,000 a year, to say nothing of the tremendous upbuilding of all suburban communities.

It has reduced the expenses of traveling salesmen. It has become one of the most important exported commodities. It employs one person in seven of the population. It is estimated that the country itself could absorb three million cars per year more than the seven million now bought. The average cost of buying and operating a car is \$700 a year.

States registering over a million cars a year are, New York, California, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan; over half a million, Texas, Massachusetts, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Minnesota; over a quarter million, Kansas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Florida, Washington, Nebraska, Virginia, Kentucky, Connecticut; over 100,000, Tennessee, Georgia, Colorado, Maryland, Oregon, West Virginia, Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, South Dakota, North Dakota, Maine, District of Columbia, Rhode Island; over 50,000, Montana, Utah, Idaho, New Hampshire, Vermont, Arizona; over 20,000, New Mexico, Wyoming, Delaware, Nevada.

The largest per capita automobile ownership is claimed for the little island of Martha's Vineyard, 20 miles long by 5 miles wide, where there is a machine to every 3.77 persons. The resident population of the island is 4,720.

Influence upon Railroads

THE sudden expansion of the automobile into the largest transportation unit of the country has of course greatly affected the railways. The automotive freight shipped over the railroads of the United States last year amounted to 3,040,000 carloads, a very great factor in the railroad traffic of the country.

But it necessarily follows that a very large part of those 3,040,000 carloads will cut into the future freight loadings of at least some of the railroads of the country. Every one of those cars will carry either freight or passengers, and that is the business and the only business railroads have.

Every now and then reports come in that this or that branch line of some railroad has been abandoned, and many more will have to go. The short line railroad is a bad investment, except under unusual conditions. The motor bus and the motor truck can do all its work and give better service for less money. Nor are the railroads always treated fairly.

The Boston and Maine Railroad Company has pointed out that while it was compelled to pay \$152,000 in local taxes from Greenfield to Springfield, inclusive, much of which went into the construction and maintenance of highways, practically all of its passenger business was taken away by bus companies which paid nothing for the use of the highways thus provided.

The only section of the country where the railroads admit having been benefited by the automobile is in the so-called Black Belt of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. The railroads in this area are far apart, and there are not many first-class highways. In this area the automobile has become a feeder of railroad traffic instead of a competitor.

Enthusiasts of the auto affect to believe that in time it may displace the railroad altogether, but we think the railroads are here to stay. The economy and efficiency with which railroads can haul immense loads at high speed seems to give them a permanent place in human plans.

But it is pointed out that while a railway locomotive is hardly safe at a higher speed than 65 miles per hour, yet a racing automobile on a broad firm road can make 90 or 100 miles an hour, and has been known to run 1,000 miles without a stop.

Estimates are that motor vehicles take \$200,000,000 more annually out of the public than the gross earnings of all the railway lines in the country. The competition is increasing all the time, with air transportation looming up not far ahead.

Automobiles in New York

NEW YORK is not like many other great cities where the traffic can spread out. The island of Manhattan is long and narrow, which makes an ugly traffic problem to handle, but it is surprising to see how well it is handled. Traffic moves rapidly and in great volume.

Automobiles and trucks work much damage to city property in a year. In Central Park alone about four cast iron lamp posts are mowed down every week, with more in winter than in summer. The smashing of sidewalk corners, due to turning the corners too sharply, is a common occurrence.

The speed law of New York City is 30 miles, no fine; 31 miles, \$31, with \$1 extra for each additional mile. For second offenders a fine of \$50 and two days in jail; for third offenders, \$100 fine and five days in jail, plus revocation of license.

Parking is a problem in every city, and increasingly. It is specially difficult in New York. A change in parking regulations has been known to ruin a restaurant, which could not accommodate itself to the resultant loss of patrons.

It is estimated that 75% of the trucking business of New York City is in the hands of the United States Trucking Corporation, which is an amalgamation of twenty-seven or more smaller concerns.

Many a narrow-minded pinhead who would not have an ex-convict in his employ, in office or factory, confidently entrusts himself and all his valuables to these same poor fellows, who must work at something, and who have found that they can make an honest living by driving a truck or a taxi.

And it is not so easy, either. Sometimes a taxicab driver will lose two hours waiting for a passenger. He must be of sound physique, with good eyes, without epilepsy, vertigo or heart trouble, clean in dress and person and not addicted to intoxicants. The taxi rates are low in New York City—15¢ or 20¢ for the first one-fourth mile, and 5¢ for each additional one-fourth mile.

Automobiles in Other Lands

THERE are over half a million automobiles in Great Britain, a like number in Canada, and a slightly less number in France. Germany, Australia and Argentina each have over 100,000. Italy, Belgium, Spain and India each have 50,000 or more; while New Zealand, British South Africa, Sweden, Dutch East Indies, Brazil, Mexico and Cuba each have 30,000 or more.

The United States has one automobile for every six persons, Hawaii one for every eleven, Canada one for every thirteen. At last reports Afghanistan had one car, the kingdom of the Hedjaz had four cars all told, and in China there was one car for every 31,871 persons.

In 1907 an Italian drove his motor car from Peking to Paris, a distance of 10,000 miles, without a mishap. The trip was made via the Gobi desert, Moscow and Berlin, and consumed eight weeks. One of the most elaborate bullet-proof cars ever made is owned by the governor-general of Manchuria.

Spain imported 14,000 cars last year and is now expecting to make her own, or at least some of them. Britain and Japan prefer small cars.

There are many motorcycles in England, some of them of a type never seen in America. Henry Ford has opened a branch factory at Man-

chester, England, with the expectation of doing a large business there shortly.

Until recently it was against the law to operate a motor vehicle in Bermuda. In Jerusalem the government requires that bells be used on automobiles in place of horns. The speed limit of Nazareth is fixed at ten miles per hour.

Writing of the difficulties of taxicab drivers in London the *Manchester Guardian* says:

A young man who has just succeeded, after many attempts, in passing the examination for a license to drive a taxi-cab, has given me his views about the greatness of his performance. The "knowledge of London" test questions embrace the whole of the Metropolitan Police area. London's 83,000 streets take a good deal of learning, and less than 50% of those who take the knowledge test ever manage to survive to the end.

Causes of Automobile Accidents

THE causes of automobile accidents are being

examined critically at this time. Most of the accidents are the fault of the drivers of the cars. When drivers go out without knowing whether or not brakes and steering gear are in good order, whether or not there are any loose nuts, whether or not there is plenty of gasoline, oil and water in the car, and whether or not there are proper tools and spare inner tubes on hand, trouble may be confidently expected sooner or later.

Headlight glare is a cause of many accidents. The General Electric Company is trying to perfect a system of lighting country roads which may make the use of headlights less necessary than at present. But how a driver can be prevented from using bright headlights when he should use dim ones is a puzzle yet unsolved. A late device illuminates the front hubs of cars, so as to indicate the extreme width and in a measure offset the effect of headlight glare.

Drivers get too self-confident. They increase their speeds beyond either necessity or reason, and when something goes wrong they find the car is out of control. Experienced drivers occasionally go to sleep at the wheel, especially on long, straight, level stretches of road. It is claimed that only one out of four drivers approaches grade crossings with sufficient care to insure safety.

In some places outdoor signs are contributory causes of accident, on account of being placed at

crossings in such a way as to hide the view of the crossing itself, or on a curve in such a way as to hide the continuation of the road, and the approach of coming cars.

Some intersections are so situated with reference to important highways that they have to carry more travel than is safe. At the five corners at Lynbrook, L. I., it is claimed that 40,000 automobiles pass every Sunday and holiday. A test at midday showed 69 cars a minute, from 12.10 to 1.10 p. m.

Accidents to Pedestrians and Others

IT IS not safe for a person to remain in a car who knows nothing about its operation, unless the driver is there also. Emergency brakes sometimes release themselves. This happened near New York, and a woman and child barely escaped death because the woman instead of knowing how to apply the brakes knew only how to use her lungs.

In the one city of Philadelphia in one year 2,150 persons were struck by autos who were crossing streets at other than regular crossings. This resulted in the Rotary Club of that city putting on an intensive campaign to teach the people three words, "Cross at Crossings."

In New York City, over a period of four years, 1,772 pedestrians were killed by privately owned cars, 942 more by motor trucks and 112 by taxicab drivers. In nearly all of these instances the drivers were going too fast, though the pedestrians were at fault, too. It has been suggested that all pedestrians on dark roads should arm themselves with lanterns, so that the drivers can see them.

As a matter of fact there are myriads of people driving cars who lack the perfect coordination of mind and muscle which is necessary for the proper operation of such a vehicle.

Society Trying to Protect Itself

SOCIETY is trying to protect itself against the loss and maiming of so many of its members. Signs forewarn of steep grades or bad curves or bridges. Obstructions are whitewashed. In one instance a human Mephistopheles was sent about the highways with a wooden leg and a handful of glass eyes, asking automobileists if they would like to purchase.

The *New York Times* contained the following ten commandments for greater road safety:

(1) Always remember you are an engineer, fully responsible. (2) Always test your brakes when starting, and have them inspected frequently. (3) Never pass a street car when it is stopping, or, if the law permits, proceed very slowly past it at the legal distance. (4) Exercise especial care in crossing in front of a street car or in passing it, as you cannot tell what may be coming on the other side. (5) Always signal with hand when slowing down, turning or stopping, even though you have an automatic or mechanical warning device. (6) Look before you back, and sound the horn three times. (7) Try to drive with using the horn as little as possible. A sudden noise may stop pedestrians in their tracks rather than warn them. (8) Do not count too much on the common sense of the other fellow. No one is 100 percent alert all the time. (9) Drive slowly in streets where children are playing. Remember your own childhood. (10) Cross crossings cautiously. Warning bells may be out of order, watchmen or gate operators may be off duty. Trains cannot stop as quickly as you can. Shift into second to avoid stalling on tracks.

The courts do what they can to protect society also. Fines, jail sentences, the impounding of machines, and the bringing of crippled victims face to face with those that have maimed them, have all been used. In New York a child who lost both arms by a truck running up on the sidewalk was awarded \$60,000. But even \$60,000 for the loss of both arms is nothing. Who would be willing to lose one arm for that sum, to say nothing of both?

Automobile Fatalities

WITH over 20,000 automobile fatalities a year, or about one per year for each 1,000 machines in operation, the consideration of automobile fatalities is an unpleasant task. The total number killed by automobiles in the United States in 1926 was 22,500. The number of fatalities in 1926 was slightly less than in 1925. The improvement is traced to the greater care factors of children under 15 years of age, due to safety drill on in the schools.

The steadily increasing death rate for several years was due to the greatly increased use of automobiles over the year previous. In 1917 there were only a fourth of the autos on the streets of America that there were in 1926. It stands to reason that four times as many cars would make some increase in the fatalities.

In St. Louis a monument has been erected to automobile-killed children. It bears the inscription, "In memory of child life, sacrificed on the altar of waste and recklessness."

Does Motoring Breed Rudeness?

THERE is a general impression among many that motoring breeds rudeness, that there is not the fellow feeling for those in trouble that once prevailed among those who used the highways. There is no question but that the ownership of an automobile generates in certain types of minds a feeling of power, selfishness, and disregard of the rights of others which engenders like feelings on the part of those who have been mistreated. When one has been treated with discourtesy by another, or by several, the tendency is to pass it on.

Hogging the road, hogging the parking spaces, refusing to help fellow autoists in trouble, and thanklessness or worse toward those who do go out of their way to help—all move in one general direction. Besides this there are many drivers of automobiles who have no good intentions toward anybody. It is well known that the automobile is one of the greatest auxiliaries of crime. Every modern gang of criminals has its chauffeur as a matter of course.

Some small towns are discourteous to all automobileists passing their way, by seeming to take it for granted that every one should know the name of the town, a most unreasonable idea. Courtesy begets courtesy. Ill-treatment or discourteous treatment suggests a like course.

Effect upon the Health

IT HAS never been claimed for the automobile that it is an unmixed blessing. To hold that its effect upon the health is uniformly good would start an argument right away. There are people who are made nervous by automobile riding, and there are men in New York who are unwilling to come to New York City by that mode of conveyance for that reason.

Certain cities are almost uninhabitable on account of the noises made by the passing automobiles, and by the gases which they discharge. It is believed that the menace from fumes could be overcome if the gases were discharged vertically from the top of the car, and it may come to be required eventually that it be done in that way.

Automobiles are very destructive of wild life. In making a trip of 632 miles by automobile in Iowa, there were counted 225 dead bodies of reptiles, birds and mammals, while on another trip of 211 miles, there were counted 105 dead

animals. These figures suggest a daily loss of all species of animals and birds of somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,000,000.

The Theft of Automobiles

IN 1920 it was said that one-tenth of the cars manufactured annually fell into the hands of thieves. Figures of an insurance company estimate that 250,000 cars, valued at \$218,000,000 were stolen in the U. S. last year, but four out of the five stolen cars were recovered.

At one time there were garages in the vicinity of the great cities which had their "big business" working on stolen cars, filing papers, bodies, etc. More accurate methods of state registration have stopped some of them.

Today most of the cars stolen are taken by joyriders, who abandon the car before it has served its purpose. The lock is the best protection against theft, because it saves the purpose of diverting the attention of the thief to the car nearby that is not locked and therefore more easily secured. In Brooklyn some years ago a dozen automobile owners got into trouble with the police by arranging with thieves to steal their cars, so that they could collect the insurance and buy new cars.

New methods of stealing cars come up ever and anon. One method which has been used successfully is to shadow a car known to have liquor aboard. The thieves, disguised as revenue officers, confiscate the car, telling the owner how he can recover it. But fearing to get caught he lets the car go.

In Dallas, Texas, an auto thief hired an attorney to get him off on a charge of stealing a car, but was unable to pay the attorney's fee of \$400. Promising to pay in a few minutes, he went out, stole the lawyer's own car, sold it for \$600 in cash and offered to take the purchaser to dinner. After ordering a big meal he pretended to be ill, slipped out the back door, went around in front and stole the car again, drove it back to the attorney's office, went in and paid his bill and had \$200 left.

In New York City an automobile parked opposite Police Headquarters, and in clear view of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, was stolen at noon while detectives and plain clothes men, police officials and patrolmen passed and repassed within a few feet.

Massachusetts has a law which automatically

cancels the license of any thief, and another which requires every car owner to take out a policy of at least \$5,000 on every car that he owns or operates.

Automobile graveyards have been found in various parts, one at Summit, Ill., in an old quarry, one in Lake Erie near Buffalo, one in the East River, off Hell's Gate, cars put there by owners so that they could collect the insurance, or left there by joyriders to escape detection. One automobile graveyard, where at least 2,000 cars were buried without a y confluence on the part of the owners, was found off Corpus Christi, Texas; that many cars having been recovered from the bottom of Nueces Bay, where they were sunk by the gang of窃贼 which swept over that city.

A Few Hints for Car Owners

FROM various sources we have collected a few hints for owners of cars. If you can get any benefit out of these hints we are glad:

An auto expert recommends using a stethoscope for listening to the heart-beats of the motor. He has found this valuable in locating causes of trouble.

Autos are shattered by bumps. A car that is kept on smooth roads will last almost indefinitely. The more the bumps the shorter the life of the car. No machinery ever made can stand such rough usage continually.

Parking cars so that they rub against the curb makes the wheels wobbly. Wobbly wheels wear out a tire in a fraction of the time otherwise required. Loose spokes also greatly reduce the life of the tires.

The New York *World* proposes the following questionnaire for automobile owners:

- (1) Number of points of lubrication on your car?
- (2) Give at least three reasons for overheating of engine.
- (3) Gas and oil consumption per mile. (1) Road speed in miles per hour at which engine will perform most efficiently and economically (5) Firing order of cylinders. (6) On average road, driving at a speed of 25 miles per hour, what distance is required to bring your car to a dead stop? (7) Driving in high speed on a level road, what is the lapse of time in seconds to accelerate from five to twenty-five miles per hour? (8) How many gallons of water are required to fill the cooling system of your car? (9) What is the purpose of the various speeds of a transmission? (10) What is the correct grade of lubricating oil you should use for your car?

Some Projected Improvements

IT IS predicted that as the automobile engine was really the cause of the airplane coming into practical use, so the development of the airplane engine will ere long greatly increase the power of the motor car. The claim is made that a six-cylinder engine need not weigh more than 120 pounds to generate fifteen horsepower and give thirty to forty miles to the gallon of gas. The Diesel engine in miniature offers possibilities of even greater mileage.

It is predicted that the closed car of the future may not weigh over 900 pounds and that it may be principally made of cotton. Great improvements are considered possible in the tire mechanism, involving not the abandonment of rubber but alternate rings of it with other materials.

It is interesting to know that the steering wheels of Ford cars are made of straw, mixed with rubber and other materials, and subjected to live steam while under a pressure of 2,000 pounds to the square inch. As it cools it takes on an almost flint-like hardness.

Some persons profess to believe that the time will come when automobiles will be propelled by coal dust, which may happen, for almost anything can happen nowadays; but it does not sound very convincing. A French scientist declares that the automobile of the future will be driven by water, which will be catalyzed in the car, so that the propulsive force will be hydrogen gas. This does not sound convincing, either.

It is significant that many inventors in various parts of the world continue their efforts to find a substitute for gasoline. Methanol, a German product, it is freely predicted, will soon become cheaper than gasoline and is a better fuel. Natalite, made of decayed vegetables, garbage and other not at present delectable materials, it is said can even now almost meet the price of gasoline. In Britain alcohol made from sugar beets and other sugary, starchy or woody materials, is considered a coming fuel. Perhaps Natalite is only another name for this alcohol.

Automobile Oddities

THE Oldsmobile five-passenger coach, it is said, though not so intended by the designers, may be easily and quickly transformed into a perfect Pullman sleeping compartment.

A man at Bangor, Maine, has an amphibian motor car and motor boat, with a seventy horse-

power motor which enables the craft to maintain a speed of twenty-five miles on water and fifty miles an hour on land. Air-tight pontoons under the running board keep the car afloat.

The U. S. Army has perfected a motor car that will respond to guidance and operation by wireless, and the car has been driven without anybody aboard through crowded city streets. It is operated by wireless from a car fifty feet in the rear.

There is a car in use on the streets of London which weighs altogether only 150 pounds and costs less than \$300. It seems to us that there is a real future for cars of such a type.

The most luxurious car in the world is a 45-horsepower, 6-cylinder car built for the Maharajah of Bharatpur, Rajputana. It is finished in solid mahogany and satinwood veneer, inlaid with mother of pearl. The interior fittings are of silver and cut glass.

Berlin has invented a car specially designed to go through the air with the least possible resistance. The motor is on the rear axle. The car is called the Rumblex raindrop car.

Automobile tramps are now common in the United States. The whole family goes north in the summer and south in the winter. The members work when they can or when they care to, neglect the education of their children, and are dangerous and unpleasant factors of civilization.

The Standard Oil Company gives the annual operating costs of automobiles in percentages, as follows:

Oil and grease	1.12%
Gasoline	10.26%
Tires	10.42%
Depreciation	15.38%
Miscellaneous	20.65%
Repairs	42.17%
Total	100.00%

A Few Speed Records

SOME speed records are 153 miles per hour by Milton, an American, in a Dusenbury car, and 156 miles per hour by Major Segrave, a Briton, in a Sunbeam car. The 3,423 miles from New York to San Francisco have been made by L. B. Miller, of San Francisco, in 102 hours, 45 minutes. This was at a speed of 33.4 miles an

hour day and night, and is within six hours of the fastest limited train schedules. Frank Elliott of Culver City, California, claims the speedway record of 250 miles at an average speed of 127.87 miles an hour, which is fast enough.

My Auto, 'Tis of Thee

THE following, clipped from a Kansas paper, may find an echo in the hearts of many auto owners:

My auto, 'tis of thee, short road to poverty—of thee I thank: I blew a pile of dough on you three years ago; now you refuse to go, or won't, or can't. Through town and countryside, you were my joy and pride—O happy

day! I loved thy dandy hue, thy nice white tires new; but now it seems you're through, in every way. To thee, old rattle box, came many bumps and knocks—for thou I grieve. Badly thy top is torn, frayed are thy seats and worn; the whooping cough affects thy horn, I do believe. Thy perfume swelled the breeze, while folks would choke and wheeze, as we pass by. I paid for thee a price, 'twould buy a mansion twice; now folks are yelling "Ice", I wonder why. Thy motor has the grip, thy spark plug has the pip—what woe is thine! I, too, have suffered chills, fatigue and kindred ills, to meet thy repair bills, since thou art mine. Gone is my bank roll now, no more 'twould choke a cow, as once before. Yet, if I had the dough, so help me John, I'd go and buy the whole Auto Show, and speed some more.

What the World Is Doing

[Radiocast from WBBR on a wave length of 416.4 meters by the Editor.]

New York's Water Consumption

THE average daily water consumption of New York City varies, according to the prosperity of the times, from 96 gallons to 136 gallons per person per day. In the heart of the hotel district it is 160 gallons. The whole United States comes here periodically to wash up. Boston uses only 111 gallons, while Cleveland and St. Louis use about the same as New York. Philadelphia uses 165 gallons and Chicago uses 278 gallons, which is twice as much as it should be.

"An Apple a Day"

IF ALL the people in the United States were to eat an apple a day every day in the year it would take a freight train reaching from Seattle to Buffalo to carry the crop that would be required. As a matter of fact the total present apple crop would only be about half large enough, and only about half of the crop that is produced actually goes to market. But even at that we do manage to eat 125,000 carloads, and that would make a train which would reach from Connecticut to Missouri. It surely takes some food to feed 125,000,000 people.

Moving Toward the Vegetables

MAN is gradually moving toward the vegetables as his diet. In the United States we are now consuming lettuce of the value of \$25,-

000,000 per year. The four most important vegetables, in their order, are, the Irish potato, sweet potato, tomato and lettuce; the first three came from America, but lettuce came from Europe. America added to the world's diet, sweet corn, green beans and peppers; Europe added celery, asparagus and carrots; Asia contributed onions, cabbage, cucumbers, cauliflower and eggplant; while all kinds of melons came from Africa.

An Improvement in Milk Service

NEW YORK is promised an improvement in its milk service. The forty quart milk cans are to disappear and in their place the milk will be shipped in glass-lined tanks holding 12,000 quarts each, two tanks to each car. At the New York terminal the milk is to be piped to other glass-lined tanks, which will transport it to the pasteurization and bottling works.

Death Rate of Colored Babies

IN THE city of Chicago, of every 1,000 colored infants born, 126.2 die in infancy; while of the white infants only 73 die. But in Leavenworth, Kansas, of every 1,000 colored infants born, 571.4 die; while of the whites only 77.4 die. These figures show that the colored people got a raw deal all around.

A Nearly Painless Childbirth

THE injection of a solution of ether and common olive oil, originated at the New York City Lying-in Hospital, is said to have been used in 700 cases in the Maternity Division of the Los Angeles Department of Public Health with such uniformly and markedly favorable results as to herald a new era in childbirth. Perhaps the curse of Genesis 3:16 is now passing away.

The Disaster Belt

THE American Red Cross has published a map showing the location of the 854 disasters in which it has served in the United States in the past twenty-one years. Few states escaped, but the principal belt is in the lower Mississippi and Ohio valleys. A line drawn from Altoona to Atlanta, thence to Galveston, Oklahoma City and back to Altoona via St. Louis, includes most of the catastrophes served. In addition there is a heavy showing in western Wisconsin, western North Dakota and northern Montana.

Detroit Y. M. C. A. Gets in Dutch

THE big business bosses who run the Detroit Y. M. C. A. seem to have gotten that institution in Dutch when they ordered the Executive Secretary to cancel an invitation which he had extended to the president of the American Federation of Labor to address the young men on the occasion of the last annual convention of the Federation, held in Detroit. Big Business is America's Mussolini, and getting more so every day.

Nation Hits Detroit Y. M. C. A.

NEVERTHELESS the Detroit Y. M. C. A.'s withdrawal of its invitation to the president of the American Federation of Labor, to address its members, *The Nation* says:

The Y. M. C. A. is conducting a \$5,000,000 building campaign in Detroit, toward which the non-union Ford firm had pledged \$1,500,000, the non-union Fisher Body corporation \$500,000, and the non-union S. S. Kresge Company, which pays its girls \$7.50 a week, \$300,000. Among the directors and officers of the Detroit Y. M. C. A. are Truman H. Newberry, who was forced to resign from the United States Senate because of campaign-fund scandals; and Charles Beecher Warren, whom the Senate refused to confirm as Attorney General.

Miami Recovering Rapidly

A WRITER in the *Manufacturers' Record*, says that as early as last November Miami had recovered from the effects of the hurricane. He writes:

I visited the storm area of south Florida [in November], even as I did just after the storm had passed. The recovery is positively wonderful, and no visitor to Miami would know any storm had visited this phenomenal city had he no previous knowledge of any disturbance there last summer. The last week of October saw more money and more business than the same week a year ago. As my interests take me continuously over the state, both by train and by highway, I have been a close and careful observer. The trains are already crowded into south Florida. The highways are alive with visitors, all certain of the stability of the state.

Miami Had Four Days Notice

FOUR days before the hurricane struck Miami the Weather Bureau had sent word to all points on the South Florida coast to prepare for a hurricane then moving westward. An experienced sea captain made such disposition of the boats under his care that none of them were damaged. The center of the storm passed over Miami, carrying away all Weather Bureau instruments, so that the exact speed of the wind is not known, but it is believed to have been 125 miles an hour. It required eight days for the storm to travel from Barbados, where it originated, to Louisiana, where it disappeared. It was not, of course, traveling at the same velocity all the while.

How Ectoplasm is Produced

AT A LECTURE at Clark University, Worcester, Mass., Dr. L. R. G. Crandon, husband of the famous medium "Margery", showed pictures of Margery taken in seance, with the ectoplasm pouring from her right ear and spreading over her face and the upper part of her body. Dr. Crandon, who is a surgeon, admits that it is this ectoplasm, exuded from the body of the medium, which moves tables, creates voices and produces other spiritistic phenomena. The ectoplasm, when analyzed, is found to be composed of human cells. Our explanation of this phenomenon is and always has been that this ectoplasm is exuded from the human body, pushed out, or drawn out, by the demons who have obsessed the body.

Doheny's \$100,000,000 Yellow Peril

IN THE best editorial we have read in a long time the *New York World*, not content to let an important matter die, takes the hide off the Doheny-Fall defense that they took away Uncle Sam's oil because of a threat of war by Japan. The *World* shows this could not possibly have been the case, and gives three excellent reasons to back up its opinion:

In the first place, the oil leases were signed after the Washington Arms Conference, which pledged the United States and Japan to arbitration at the first sign of any trouble between the two countries; second, only one man in the Navy Department urged the Doheny leases, while many men in the department urged against them, on the ground that the navy would drain its store of oil, which it did; third, if the Doheny defense was true and orders had actually been issued for mobilization, Doheny was undertaking a drilling program covering several years, and war does not wait several years for anybody. But finally, as the *World* points out Doheny twice testified that he expected to make \$100,000,000 out of the oil leases, hence he had 100,000,000 reasons for seeing the yellow peril as yellow as possible.

The Nicaragua Muddle

NICARAGUA, at the time American troops last left there in 1926, had a Liberal government, elected by a large majority of the votes of the people. By a military coup the Liberal government was overthrown and the Congress, without consulting the people, elected a new president, a Conservative. Both the United States and the Mexican government had adopted, theoretically, the policy of not recognizing rulers who have gained office by force. Following this policy Mexico recognized as the government of Nicaragua the faction represented by Dr. Sacasa, vice president of the Liberal government that was overturned, while the United States recognized as the government of Nicaragua the faction represented by Mr. Diaz, elected in the manner explained. This gave Nicaragua two governments. It seems that the best thing would have been to have another election, and not defend a blunder by trumped up charges that Mexico has gone Bolshevik. Sometimes Big Business is a poor diplomat.

Uncle Sam's War Expenditures

IN THE first four months of 1926 the war appropriations of the United States Government totalled \$1,132,287,000, of which amount \$31,312,000 was for the Navy Department, \$339,616,000 was for the War Department, \$100,000,000 was for war planes, and the balance was for what is labeled "Independent Offices", which includes the Veterans' Bureau as the principal item. The so-called Espionage Act, the purpose of which is to prevent free speech in time of war, is still on the statute books. All is ready for the dance as soon as it begins. If you believe in peace, better speak for it now, because soon it will be too late; and then the horrid system of lies, murder, hypocrisy, profiteering and bedevilled generally will be again in full swing.

Beating Swords into Plowshares

BECAUSE a Plainfield, N. J. war memorial contained the familiar quotation from Isaiah's prophecy about the time coming when swords would be beaten into plowshares, sundry military organizations refused to participate in the dedication of the memorial. These organizations all have their chaplains and all pretend to be Christians. Christ Himself often spoke approvingly of Isaiah as a prophet, but these militarists refer to His words as blatant pacifism. Can it be possible that they regard themselves as superior to Christ?

Senator Owen Tells the Truth

SENATOR R. L. OWEN, one of the principal counsellors of the government in President Wilson's reign, now says:

The whole question of the cancellation of the war debts is based on the theory that the late war was as much our affair as it was Europe's, that we were fighting for democracy against German aggression, and that we were obliged to take up arms against Germany as she aimed at world domination which would ultimately involve the United States. This is not the true situation; as any one realizes who has investigated the facts, read the postwar literature and studied the official documents and state papers that have since come to light.

If Senator Owen had said this in 1918 he would have been sent to Atlanta. But it is better to tell the truth eight years late than not to tell it at all.

Deaths by Poison Gas

PROBABLY most of those now living will die by poison gas, when the time comes. The best for suffocation is phosgene, which can be carried by the wind far and wide, suffocating all. Mustard gas burns the flesh off. Chloropicrin produces intense vomiting and disablement. Lachrymatory causes floods of tears. Lewisite is a good burning gas, which it is believed will penetrate any mask and pass down into the lungs, burning the victim inside and out. If the supply of these runs out there are the disease microbes to fall back on. But the trouble is that when the time comes we shall have no choice in these matters, but shall have to take whichever kind is landed out to us; and none of them seems to look very good.

No Control of Gas Warfare

IT SEEMS impossible for the nations to agree on any method of controlling gas warfare. All nations are agreed that it should be forbidden, but all are getting ready to use it. Part of the nations want an ironclad agreement that all nations shall unite in a gas attack upon the first nation that uses gas warfare; but as every nation will insist that some other nation used it first, such an agreement would mean nothing; and the United States, Great Britain and Japan have refused to be a party to such a pact. They would prefer no gas warfare at all.

Armies May Be of No Use

PRESIDENT IRVING of the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, tells us that there is one chemical, a late product of the World War, that could incapacitate a soldier if a single drop of it happened to be merely picked up by the heel of his shoe. Imagine this liquid scattered over a No Man's Land in place of the barbed wire entanglements of the late war. Unaware of this poison on the ground, the soldier stepping on it may still be ignorant of its presence; for it is fatal many hours, even days, after exposure to it. So if ground were captured by the batteries of an enemy, it could not be traversed; and no infantry could advance toward the retreating army. The Prophet Isaiah (43:17) declares that the time approaches when cavalry, armies and all their equipment and appurtenances together, shall become extinct, be quenched as low.

Bumper Crops of Fruit

THIE Lord certainly blessed America with plenty of fruit in 1926. One railroad station in Northwestern Arkansas shipped out 642 carloads of grapes. Berkeley County, West Virginia, had a fabulous apple crop; but could not find ways to dispose of it even at \$2.50 per barrel of 400 apples. So it erected a cider fountain in the center of Martinsburg and invited everybody to help himself to free cider and the finest apples. There was such a glut of apples in the New York market that several carloads were given away to keep them from spoiling. But in many fruit stores they continued to sell at 10¢ apiece.

California Bursting with Blessings

CALIFORNIA'S orange and lemon crop for 1926 was above the ten year average; almonds were double the 1925 production; apples showed a 60% increase over 1925; peaches were 25% more plentiful than last year; the pear crop was by far the largest ever produced; rice doubled last year's crop; grapes greatly exceeded 1925, and pasturage is six points ahead of the ten-year average. There seems to be almost no limit to the food California can produce.

Drying Hay Artificially

THE New York Times contains an article by T. Carson Hathaway concerning a device for drying alfalfa artificially. The outfit costs about \$20,000, but makes haying independent of the weather, saves all the leaves, which are the best part of the hay, makes the hay more palatable, and saves all the protein and minerals of the hay. It is believed that this device can be used to great advantage in sections where hay is produced prolifically, and where there is too much wet weather to insure a harvest by usual methods. All the hay for a locality would need to be dried at the one depot, but the drying cost per ton would not be excessive.

Grapes Grown in the South

THIE tremendous increase in grape consumption in New York City incidental to prohibition has resulted in a great expense of grape growing. Grapes of the California type are being produced in the Lake county district; they are admirable in size, color, flavor and shipping quality. In the Ozark grape region hundreds of

CARS of Concord grapes were produced this last season. The yield was large and the quality excellent.

Rain Breeds Pests

TEXAS had a chance this last fall to see what a difference in living conditions can be brought about by a change in climatic conditions. There was more rain than usual during threshing time. As a result horse-flies multiplied as never before. Many valuable animals died. Others were slaughtered at a sacrifice. Milk supply ran low. Teams could not be kept at work in the fields.

Japanese Beetle Pest in Jersey

THE Japanese beetle pest, which somehow got a start in New Jersey in 1916, has extended its ruinous operations over 6,000 square miles, and is advancing at the rate of ten miles a year. The Federal Bureau of Entomology expended more than \$100,000 in the last year in the effort to find a way of exterminating the pest. The entire state of New Jersey was put under quarantine for the pest; but it spread to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and up into New York state. In the business part of Philadelphia last August, twenty-eight of the beetles were found on a man's hat at one time. As many as 300 have been found on one apple. It destroys all plant life, even roots.

The Southern Cotton Panic

SOUTHERN cotton growers claim that the government's early cotton report for 1926 cost them at least a half billion dollars, declaring that it caused 787,000 bales to be dumped on the market in one week, and that the price consequently dropped \$23 a bale. The growers last fall endeavored to organize the entire South, to get a uniform agreement that in 1927 only a quarter crop shall be produced. In this agreement, in which bankers and business men are expected to cooperate, the planters hope to find a way to work off their present surplus at a fair price. This is substantially Brazil's method with coffee, and Britain's method with rubber.

The Uses of Persimmon Wood

MOST people know the persimmon tree for its "puckery" but delightful fruit, but may not know that it is the chief source of supply for

the manufacture of golf club heads, shoe lasts, shuttles for textile mills, and other articles which require hardness, toughness, fineness of texture and smoothness when subjected to wear. Consequently persimmon wood now commands a higher price than most other native woods of the United States. The supply of persimmon wood is small, as the tree does not grow to large size.

Twenty-Six Million Homes

RADIO men who have been studying the problem assert that there are twenty-six million homes in the United States, five million of which are equipped with radio. Their present ambition is to make radio apparatus of such types that every one of these homes can be supplied with radio in some form. America is the only country in which no license is necessary for one who would have radio in his home.

How the Earth Looks to an Acrobat

HOW the earth looks to an acrobat is revealed by motion pictures taken by a parachute diver at Washington. With an automatic motion picture machine strapped to his belt, he dove from an airplane several thousand feet in the air, turning over and over for several hundred feet as he descended, until his parachute checked these curious procedures.

A Fortune in Old Stumps

A FEW years ago it looked as if about the most worthless thing in the world was a lot of old stumps. Now they are being blown out at the rate of fifty to a hundred acres per day, and taken to plants where they are boiled to recover the turpentine they contain. The promoters are making millions of dollars out of the enterprise.

Sugar at Two Cents Per Pound

THIE New York Times contains an article respecting experiments by the Bureau of Standards in making sugar from the roots of artichokes. The artichokes contain twelve to sixteen percent of sugar as against six percent of sugar in the sugar beet. The new sugar is said to be two to three times as sweet as cane sugar, is not injurious to diabetics, is more palatable than cane sugar, and it is firmly believed can be produced so as to retail profitably at two cents per pound.

Opening of the Bank of Mexico

ON SEPTEMBER 1st, 1925, at the opening of the Bank of Mexico, a large photograph was taken, showing crowds of people entering the bank to put their money into the institution. This photograph was published the next morning in the Mexican paper *El Democata*. Fourteen months later the same identical picture was published in the magazine *Liberty* over the curious title, "Catholics withdrawing deposits from the Bank of Mexico in protest against the seizure of Church property." This information with documentary evidence comes from the Mexican Consul.

Canada's Impossible Immigration Problem

LIKE the old-time fourteen-fifteen game, Canada's immigration problem is unsolvable. As soon as they are old enough the young men flock to the United States; then they send for their wives and later bring in the old folks. The cities of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia show a material shrinking of population, all because the youth have fled to warmer lands. The population of Halifax has shrunk 18,000 in three years, and St. John, N. B. is smaller than it was twenty-five years ago. Canada has arranged with the British government for the transportation of immigrants at a cost of \$15 each, but has stipulated that only agricultural workers and domestic servants will be accepted.

League of Nations Opens with Mass

THE 1926 session of the League of Nations was opened with a Roman mass. This ceremony consists in brief of a man with a cross on his back ordering Christ to come down out of heaven and take His place in a soda cracker, which the man with the cross on his back then breaks in two and thus sacrifices Christ afresh, contrary to the Scriptures and to all reason and common sense. But it was all right, as the League of Nations is a Catholic institution.

Changes in the British Empire

THREE Prime Ministers of the British Dominions meeting in London have solemnly agreed, to use their own language, that "they are autonomous communities within the British Empire, equal in status, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic

or external affairs, though united by a common allegiance to the Crown, and freely associated as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations". The title of the king has been changed to conform to the establishment of the Irish Free State as a Dominion. The opinion is expressed in *Commerce and Finance* that "the Empire is now the most singular political organization on the face of the earth, one of which the United States or any other nation that is acceptable could become a part without sacrificing one jot or tittle of its sovereignty". And we have such respect for British diplomacy, and the way they have cleaned us out time and time again at the bargain counter, that we are almost inclined to say that that is really what the whole change or front was and is hoping to accomplish.

Details of the British R-101

THE giant British airship R-101, which is now building, and is expected to be put into service early in 1928, will be 730 feet long, with a diameter of 130 feet in the center, equipped with five engines of 600 horsepower each. The airship will carry one hundred passengers with their baggage and ten tons of mail. Mooring masts will be constructed at Ismailia on the Suez Canal, and at Karachi, India. The one at Pulham, England, is already up. The trip from Pulham to Ismailia will be made in two and one-half days, and to Karachi in five days. By this route and this method Britain hopes to be able to reach Australia in eleven days. There will be two decks with all the usual comforts of home, including shower baths, the water for which will be obtained from the atmosphere enroute.

Silesia Votes for German Rulers

ALL will remember when Silesia was split between Germany and Poland after the World War. From the part which was given to Poland 100,000 Germans were expelled, with intense suffering, several years ago. This was done to make sure that the claimed Polish majority of 60% of the population would be an effective majority. Well! To show how dishonest the whole piece of political chicanery was, Polish Silesia has just elected a German ticket in every one of its industrial centers, even including the capital.

Man's Future Home

[Radiocast from Station WBBR on a wave length of 4164 meters by Judge Rutherford.]

THIS morning the country round about is blanketed in beautiful snow. When the sun arose, and its brightness lighted up the earth, the snow to some extent reflected the glory of the great Creator Jehovah God. The reverential man is then reminded of the wisdom, love and power of the great God and Giver of every good and perfect gift; and desires to give Him praise therefor.

I opine, however, that only a small proportion of the people stop to consider that all the things beautiful about us are from the gracious hand of Jehovah. First of these are concerned with other people, many are poor and are meditating how they can keep warm and provide food for their less fortunate. Many are without homes. In fact our small percent of earth's population own their own homes. Homeless, poor and sick the beautiful snow holds but little interest to them.

Around their fireside homes this morning are seen those who are very wealthy, and who have provided for themselves and families all that money can buy. Yet these are neither comfortable nor happy. Sudden wealth brought sorrow into their lives. Sudden wealth, health, the loss of loved ones or friends, sudden wealth, makes the world cold and cheerless to them. There is none really happy unless he knows of the Lord.

But if I could convince you this morning that the great Jehovah God purposed to give the human race health and strength of body and mind, provide a home for every one, and establish everlasting peace and happiness, and make earth a veritable paradise for man, that would bring comfort to your minds and hearts. I would love to comfort some this morning who mourn. If you will bear with me for a few moments I will tell you something of man's future home, and of some of the attending blessings that God has in store for the human race.

"But," you may ask, "are you now about to state what is merely your opinion as to what the future holds?" I answer, No. The mere opinion of man on any subject is of small value unless that opinion is supported by competent evidence coming from a truthful source. God's Word is true. Written in times of old by holy men, who were moved upon by the power of Jehovah thus to write, the Bible states what is the purpose of

Jehovah God. He never fails in one of His promises. In His own due time He will carry them out. Through His prophet Isaiah He says (46:11): "I have purposed it, I will bring it to pass"; and in 55:11: "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that . . . whereto I sent it."

In my last lecture here I submitted the Scriptural proof that God created man perfect; in His due time God will restore the obedient ones of mankind to that original perfection. It therefore becomes of vital interest to know where the home of the perfect man will be. It is manifest that in order to be in harmony with his perfect organism a perfect man would need a perfect home, that which is pleasing to the eye and a joy to the soul.

It is true that the Scriptures show that a few of the human race, because of faithfulness during the Gospel Age, will be changed at the first resurrection from human to spirit beings. But the Scriptures definitely show that these will be a very small number. It seems strange, then, that intelligent men, who claim to be teachers of the Bible, have so long held before the people the thought that the only hope of salvation is to go to heaven; and that all those who do not find eternal life in heaven must be eternally tormented in some place beneath the earth.

Those have passed by entirely the great array of scriptures which show that the habitation of mankind in general will be on the earth. Bearing upon this point, it is of very great importance to know what kind of home Adam, the perfect man created by God, had and possessed. It would be reasonable to expect that the Creator would provide that perfect man a home in harmony with his perfection. The Scriptures leave no doubt as to this, but clearly state:

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

"The name of the first is Pison; that is it

which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon; the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

"And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, to dress it, and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."—Genesis 2: 8-17.

Meaning of Names Significant

EVERY name Jehovah gives to a place has a deep significance. The word "Eden" means a garden, pleasant, delicate, a place of pleasure and delight. Eden, in fact, was the finished part of the earth, and the only finished part. When God pronounced the curse upon man He said to him concerning the remainder of the earth: "Cursed is the ground for thy sake." This word here rendered "cursed" means unfinished. God left the rest of the earth unfinished, so that man would have employment, and this has been a great blessing to mankind.

Since God had finished Eden, the proof is clear that Eden was perfectly beautiful beyond the description of human words, because all the creation of God is perfect; and so His Word declares. (Deuteronomy 32:4) We can think of the most beautiful spot on earth that man's eye in modern times has yet beheld, and know that Eden was even more beautiful than that. The word "Eden" means a paradise; and the word used by our Lord when He said to the thief, "Thou shalt be with me in paradise," means Eden, the garden of the Lord. The clergy have long told us that Eden or Paradise is in heaven; yet they have not had any scripture upon which to base this conclusion.

The Location of Eden

WHERE then was the original garden of Eden? A careful examination of the Scriptures leaves little doubt as to its location. The Scriptures are definite that Eden was in

the vicinity of the head of the River Euphrates. The River Euphrates flows from the mountainous district of Armenia into the Persian Gulf, and is made up of four tributaries. It rises in the vicinity of Mt. Ararat, which mountain was on the eastern border of Eden, as the Scriptures clearly indicate. There is nothing to warrant the conclusion that Eden was in a plain; but the proof is overwhelming that it was in a valley, surrounded by high mountains, and that it was accessible only from the east. (Genesis 3: 24) Take a map and look at the vicinity of the Persian Gulf, in the present land of Armenia, in the mountainous section, and you have approximately the location of the garden of Eden, the cradle of the human race.

When God began the execution of His judgment against Adam and Eve, He drove them out of Eden, so that they could not have access to the tree of life; and He set cherubim and a flaming sword turning in every direction, to keep them away from Eden.—Genesis 3: 24.

Beyond all question of doubt Eden, the garden of the Lord, was on earth. Therefore the question is settled beyond a doubt that if Paradise is restored it will be on earth. Eden was made for man, and man was placed therein. Eden was Paradise. Man is of the earth, earthly. This is definitely stated in the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:47) Man is not spirit; therefore he could not inhabit a spiritual realm.

When the few of the human race who are to be changed to spirit nature are changed from human to spirit beings, then they will be in the spirit realm. But the Lord plainly says in His Word, through the Prophet Isaiah: "I have made the earth, and created man upon it. I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. . . . God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited."—Isaiah 45: 12, 13.

The earth was never cursed. It did not sin; therefore there was no occasion to curse it. The earth was left unfinished outside of Eden, Eden alone being a sample of what God would make the whole earth when it is brought up to the standard which it shall be. It has been a blessed thing for imperfect man, however, to have something to do and to put forth an effort to beautify the earth. This he has done, to his pleasure and profit.

Restoration of Paradise World-Wide

IT IS here interesting now to notice scriptures which prove that God purposes to make the earth beautiful beyond the description of Julian words, a Paradise for perfect man. His prophet wrote: "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof" (Psalm 24:1). Then what God intends to do for man concerning the earth is indicated by the same prophet who wrote: "What man is he that feareth the Lord?" but again Julian writes that at other times the Lord, "should visit us again and restore man to his former estate." —Psa. 2:12-13.

The prophet says: "I have set apart a day in the year; it is a day of rest to all the inhabitants of the earth. It is a day of silence and stillness; it is a day of repose; it is a day of gladness; it is a day of rejoicing; it is a day of planting trees; and it is a day of cutting down trees. It will be cut off" —Isa. 37:32.

In the prophet who also writes that those who cry "comfort, comfort" to me of distress such as the people in Babylon, shall have sleep —verse 10, He says, "Be ye kind to him that is in bonds; for he will deliver him in the time of trouble. This Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth; and if I do not deliver him unto the power of death" —Isa. 41:11.

After the prophet on from "the day of distress" now that is to say a Israel was made loyal to the Lord, could be the rulers of the world, who say "We are the glory of the earth" —Isa. 14:13, 14. The prophet says: "Under your feet shall I bring the earth, I will make it a desolation, to be no more productive; and God has promised that it shall be thus: 'Then shall the earth be filled with the knowledge of God; even our own God, shall fill the earth'" —Psa. 97:6.

God's Work with Restoration

MANKIND has always been required to toil and chores and taxes, and to overcome many difficulties in order to produce his food. But it will not be thus when restoration is well

under way; for, says the prophet: "The wilderness, and the solitary places, shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters be seen, and streams in the desert. And the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" —Isa. 35:1-6.

The prophet continues: "Behold the former days were恶 and the latter days good; but there is yet a remnant to be gathered. Turn ye back into the desert, to the former paths, where you have walked; turn to the old paths, and let not your eyes look towards the high way; for it is dangerous; it leads to death. Turn to the right hand and not to the left; for behind you is the Holy One of Israel" —Isa. 55:12, 13.

One who has visited the Jordan Valley of Southern California can have some conception of what the fulfilment of these scriptures means. It is now a quarter of a century since the Imperial Valley as a desert was. Not even a coyote could cross its parched sands and say "There was no water here before." Today horned toads. The Colorado river was turned out of its course and a stream of water left the valley through the valley, and today that valley is doubtless the most important part of the earth's surface, yielding bountiful crops and will be, any other land.

God's Work with Civilization

The prophet says: "I will not leave you comfortless; I will give you a Helper, even the Holy Spirit, to stay with you in the desert wastes of Africa and Asia, and of the earth shall blossom as the rose, and shall yield an abundance to the benefit of man. The earth continues to increase in beauty and as the people are restored to health and strength, they will bless the name of the Lord; as the prophet says: 'And blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.' (Psalm 72:19) The people will increase in knowledge concerning the Lord, and

His glory will shine out in all the earth; because man being restored, and his home being made beautiful, shall be a reflection of the goodness of God; and peace and joy shall reign.

The prophet thus puts it: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain [kingdom]: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." (Isa. 11:9) Looking to that happy time the same prophet writes: "The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing." (Isaiah 14:7) This same prophet refers to the earth as God's footstool, saying, "Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool."—Isaiah 66:1.

Then through this same prophet God says, concerning the earth: "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious." (Isaiah 60:13) This glorious place shall be man's habitation. It shall be his inheritance, which God has provided for man, and which He will grant those who are teachable and obedient. It was Jesus who said: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

The major portion of the earth's surface today lies a desert waste, untilled. Jehovah, speaking through His prophet as to the restoration during the reign of Christ, says: "Thus saith the Lord God, In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities, I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be filled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, and desolate, and ruined cities, are now fenced, and are inhabited." —Ezekiel 36:30-35.

Eden May Be Preserved

IT MAY not be out of place to ask: What became of the garden of Eden? Scripture proof is that it was surrounded by very high mountains, that it was accessible only from the east, that it is and was in the vicinity of Mount Ararat, and that Mount Ararat was the site upon which Noah's ark landed, which has since been hidden under perpetual snow. It does not seem reasonable that the Lord would have destroyed Eden; but it seems more reason-

able that the Lord would have preserved it so that in His due time He will exhibit it to man.

Through His prophet Job, God said: "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" (Job 38:22) Doubtless Eden is one of the treasures of the snow preserved by the Lord in perpetual snow and ice. The inspired writer of the Scriptures declares that with the second presence of the Lord He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness. (1 Corinthians 4:5) The Lord Jesus himself said: "For nothing is secret that shall not be made manifest; neither anything hid that shall not be known."—Luke 8:17.

In the light of these scriptures it is reasonable for us to conclude that when God has restored man and brought the earth to an Edenic paradise, and all wickedness is eliminated, and everything in the earth is in harmony with God, then He will unseal the secret treasures of the snow and exhibit to restored man his original perfect home. Amongst those restored, who shall behold the glories and beauties thereof, will be Adam. And the whole earth then will be likened to the garden of Eden. Eden shall be the joy of man, and all the people in the earth will be joyful and happy.

Then mankind will appreciate the love of God, and will sing the praises of Jehovah and His beloved Son, Christ Jesus. This song of praise, wafted on the breezes, will be caught up by the angels and the other heavenly creatures, until every creature in heaven and in earth, and even the very elements of the earth, shall be singing the Hallelujah chorus to the glory of God. Then will be fully realized the goodness of God, and the creatures shall be saying, "Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints."

A restored race, a restored home, with peace and joy and endless happiness filling every heart; with their loved ones with them; with no fear of ever being separated again; with everything in the earth being to the Lord's glory, earth then will indeed be a paradise, a fit place for perfect man to dwell in complete harmony with God.

Thief

NOW I remind you of a scripture that has been woefully misused by many who have pretended to teach the Lord's Word. It is the

scripture in reference to the thief on the cross at the time our Lord was crucified. You have been told in the churches that this scripture shows that the thief went to heaven immediately with the Lord, and that this is proof that the soul is immortal and that all who do not go to heaven by reason of a death-bed confession, or a confession at some other time, must spend eternity in hell, there to roast and burn for ever. That is neither reasonable nor Scriptural.

When Jesus was dying, the thief said to him: "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Jesus said: "A day like this did not go to heaven for forty thousand days thereafter. He did not come into his kingdom until 1900 years later." Yet, here however Jesus said to the thief, "Verily I say unto thee today, Thou shalt be with me in paradise." The thief did not go to heaven that day. He never will be in heaven

The paradise that Jesus promised him will be the one I have described to you, the restored earth; and when this is done the thief will have a chance to be obedient to the Lord and to be cleaned up. The words of Jesus are: "Verily I say unto you today, now while I am dying, You shall be in paradise, because of your faith. You will have a chance there."

This will be a beautiful world when all the thieves are cleaned up, all those who steal a bottle of milk and those who steal an oil well to rob the government. All this wickedness is due to the influence of the Devil, and under the righteous reign of Messiah even the thieves and robbers will be brought back into a righteous condition. There will be no man whom they can steal, and all who obey the Lord shall enjoy the beauties and glories of a perfect home.

In the Religious World

Pittsburgh Preachers in Bad

PITTSBURGH preachers have protested against the broadcasting of religious programs on the ground that it is emptying the churches. Considering on this the *Broadcast Weekly*, sagely remarks:

It appears that the greater Pittsburgh is not so much concerned with reaching the many as with saving the pastor's salary, so that the Word of God must give way to music and money a general. It indicates that Christ has turned his back upon us, so that the free pathway to salvation is closed to us, so that it is to be had only for the pew-tire, and the like in the little straw basket. But for the radio we would never have found out this very interesting fact.

How We Got Our Idea of Hell

THE Pittsburgh Press says concerning the unscriptural and unreasonable idea of hell:

Most of our ancestors looked it in via their milk, first as a heathen notion of the damned and afterward as a Christian pledge of punishment. The minds of millions have been so twisted on the idea that they are still unable to conceive a notion for themselves without a hell for other folks to march it.

The Restoration of Hell

AFTER a seven-hour ceremony certain gentlemen in Denver ordained one of their number as "bishop of righteousness hell." The ceremony stopped too soon. It takes much longer than that to ordain a bishop of righteousness hell because there is no such place, except the cemetery, which is the Bible hell, and second because the theologian hell of the dark ages is now much worse (condition) than Lazarus was after he had been dead four days.

Churches Whoop It Up

THE churches which provide salvation at so much per acre spend some money before Christmas and Easter whooping things up in a drive for more members, and incidentally for more money. Ever since they've got up for war and busily engaged in preaching hate, business has been on the slide; and something must be done. The people have had questionnaires and other so-called church propaganda shoved in front of them until they are older of both the churches and the papers than they were before; and that is saying a lot.

Ecclesiasticism, an Abomination in the Sight of God

[Radiocast from Station WBBR on a wave length of 416.4 meters by R. H. Barber.]

THE most highly organized, the most influential and the most firmly entrenched institution on the earth is that institution which men call ecclesiasticism. It is also the most respected and revered institution of earth, and in its present form its history spans nearly fifteen centuries. It is held in such high estimation by the people in general that to differ from its teachings is regarded as near heresy, and to criticise it as near crime.

In the discussion of this subject I do not wish to be understood as having any *personal* animus either against ecclesiastics or against ecclesiasticism. I shall discuss it solely from the standpoint of what I understand the Scriptures to teach about it. I realize full well that this discussion will not be received with enthusiasm in some quarters; and yet I believe that there are many honest-hearted people who will be glad to have any false views exposed, glad to know the truth, and thankful to anyone who will help them see the truth. In this belief I shall discuss the subject without malice and without partiality.

Definitions

BEFORE I proceed it is first necessary that we have some definitions so that we can discuss this subject intelligently.

What is an ecclesiastic, and what is ecclesiasticism? An ecclesiastic is one officially set apart for religious service, a clergyman. Ecclesiasticism is a system of religion organized by ecclesiastics, by clergymen—a system of religion which arbitrarily decrees what dogmas or teachings are correct and what doctrines are incorrect. Those who *endorse* the teachings of ecclesiasticism are called orthodox, and those who do *not* are called unorthodox. In some circles it is considered quite a disgrace to be called unorthodox, but in reality it is an honor.

Ecclesiasticism arrogates to itself the right to excommunicate and punish those who do not agree with its pronouncements. In recent times the punishment consists mainly of religious and social ostracism; but history abounds with records of many thousands of instances where the ecclesiastical punishment for the excommunicated "heretics" was death, being thrown to the

lions, or burned at the stake, or torn asunder, or skinned alive, or dipped into boiling oil, or having hot lead poured into their ears, or their tongues jerked out by the roots, or their eyes gouged out, in the name of God.

If more people would read the ecclesiastical history of the past 1900 years, more people would question the audacious claims of ecclesiastics and ecclesiasticism today. This *claimed* right to determine what teachings are correct, and to excommunicate and punish those who disagree, has come to be called "Ecclesiastical Authority"—something which is not mentioned in the Bible at all, but which is discussed at great length in the writings of ecclesiastics themselves.

It is really ludicrous to read the clergy's laborious efforts to *prove* their "Ecclesiastical Authority" by quoting the writings of other ecclesiastics who have preceded them, nearly all of whom were pagans or else lived back in the dark ages; but not one single proof can they adduce from the Scriptures in support of their claim. According to the Scriptures, the only ecclesiastical authority vested in anyone is vested in Jehovah God and in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; and this authority is theirs by right, for the reason that they are the Creators of all life, the Ones who have the right to bestow everlasting life, and because every right and true doctrine came from them.

The Bible forbids any man or body of men to judge or condemn those who are earnestly trying to serve the Lord according to the dictates of their conscience. Let me quote a few of its statements. In Romans 14:4 we read: "Who are thou that judgest another man's servant to his own master he standeth or falleth." Verse 10 of the same chapter reads: "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." Man cannot render a proper judgment, because man looketh on the outward appearance, but God alone can read the heart.

In Matthew 7:1-5, is a statement that every ecclesiastic ought to con over and over again, until the real thought percolates through the theological nonsense that befogs his mind. I

quote in part: "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged. . . . Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

It is the purpose of this lecture to show that ecclesiasticism, as a system, was not organized by the Lord, that it is an abomination in his sight; also to show why God hates it; and that the Bible clearly points out that it is soon to be destroyed from off the earth. Before taking up the argument, I think it proper to clear up another matter which has a bearing on this subject:

Tolerance Vs. Intolerance

BOTH the pulpit and the press have accused Bible Students, and especially Station WBBR, of intolerance; because we expose the false teachings of the creeds, the hypocrisies of the clergy, and the Devil's empire in general. Evidently our critics do not know what the word "Intolerance" means. Bible Students are not intolerant; neither is Station WBBR. Intolerance means to hinder another from expressing his opinion, or to persecute him for so doing, and neither the International Bible Students nor Station WBBR has ever done this.

God has tolerated the Devil for 6000 years, but has repeatedly exposed his wickedness and has denounced him as a liar and a hypocrite. God could have destroyed Satan, or hindered him, at any time; but instead of doing this He tolerated him. Jesus tolerated the Devil and the scribes and Pharisees; He made no attempt to persecute them or to interfere with their teachings, except to expose them, to show up the sham, the fraud and hypocrisy of their system. He did not attempt to have a heresy law passed, forbidding them to teach on pain of death; that would have been intolerance.

The Devil, on the contrary, is the personification of intolerance; he tried in every way to kill the Lord, and finally succeeded. The scribes and Pharisees were also intolerant; they sought in every way to kill Jesus and the apostles, and succeeded. It was intolerance that burned John Huss at the stake for conscientiously holding and teaching what he honestly believed to be the truth. It was intolerance that murdered Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer for their reli-

gious beliefs. History records the fact that intolerance caused 50,000,000 people during the dark ages to be murdered, for daring to believe and teach what they thought to be the truth.

Intolerance makes heresy laws. It was intolerance on the part of several hundred clergymen when during the World War they met in Philadelphia and passed a resolution asking our government to make death the penalty for sedition. They hoped thereby to get rid of the Bible Students, who were conscientious objectors to war. But, thank God, the government was more honorable than the clergy, and refused to be parties to such a dastardly scheme.

I want now to cite you to Scriptural authority for our showing up these false doctrines and exposing their authors and their hypocrisies. Jesus said of the Pharisees that they were hypocrites; that they loved the uppermost seats in the synagogues; that they made long prayers to be seen of men; that they loved to be called Rabbi; that they taught the commandments of men for doctrines; and that the Devil was their father. Again Jesus said, in John 8:55, "I knew my Father, and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you." Surely that is very plain language.

In Acts 8:21-23, Peter said to Simon, who wanted to buy the gift of laying on of hands, with money: "Thy heart is not right in the sight of the Lord. . . . I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." Again in Acts 13:10, Paul said to Elymas the sorcerer: "O full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" From these scriptures we can see that it is not intolerance to show up false doctrines, or to show up the wrong in connection with anything that misrepresents God or His truth.

It is noticeable that the most intolerant people on earth are the ones who are always charging others with intolerance. It is the principle well illustrated by the familiar story of the thief who, to divert attention from himself, began chasing an innocent bystander and shouting, "Stop Thief!" The Bible Students and Station WBBR are not intolerant, but are in duty bound to defend the name of God and to clear up the slanders against His Word of Truth. In the meantime we will tolerate all who continue to do

otherwise, until such time as the Lord puts an end to it all—which will be very soon.

Why Expose Ecclesiasticism?

IN SHOWING that ecclesiasticism is an abomination in the sight of the Lord we are only trying to clear up the slanders against the Lord, and trying to help those who have never given the matter any thought to get a proper view of the situation. The Bible points out two organizations, God's organization and the Devil's organization. God's organization has always stood for and supported and defended the truth. The Devil's organization has always, covertly and by every foul and unfair means conceivable, opposed the Lord, opposed the truth, opposed righteousness and opposed and persecuted all of the Lord's faithful people.

These two organizations, Satan's and God's, are first brought to our attention in the garden of Eden. There they are called, respectively, the "seed of the woman" and "the seed of the serpent". The Lord said that He would put enmity between these two seeds, but that eventually the seed of the woman would bruise the Serpent's head. The Serpent is the Devil, and the seed of the Serpent is that organization of men which the Devil uses to accomplish his purpose of persecuting the seed of the woman. That organization is ecclesiasticism. Nor are we left in doubt as to who constitute the seed of the woman. It is the true church; the true saints; the true followers of Jesus; those who have stood for the truth and right at all times; those who have defended God's name and have continually and always shown up the Devil's organization, its sham, its hypocrisies and lies, as well as its hypocrites.

In his letter to the church at Rome, addressed to "all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints", Paul says: "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly." (Romans 16:20) The seed of the woman was to bruise the Serpent's head, and in this text the apostle tells us that the *saints* are to do the bruising. The saints are the true church. The true church is God's organization. The Lord says to these: "Ye are the light of the world"; and "ye are ambassadors for Christ". He tells them to put on the whole armor of God; preach the truth, in season and out of season. He says to them, "Ye are my witnesses."

The true church, God's organization, has been in the world for 1900 years, but the world has not recognized it; hence it is called in the Bible "The mystery of God." (Revelation 10:8) The Apostle Paul, in 2 Thessalonians 2:7, calls the Devil's organization, which is the seed of the serpent, the "mystery of *iniquity*"—an appropriate name indeed, for it has sponsored every iniquitous thing that has been on the earth.

In this same chapter the apostle says that the Lord will destroy this mystery of iniquity at His second advent. The Devil's organization, ecclesiasticism, is called "*the mystery of iniquity*" for the reason that although it has been in the world for many centuries, yet it has been unrecognized as the Devil's organization. The Devil has fooled the people into believing that his organization is the Lord's organization.

For 1900 years the Lord has been quietly, but unknown to the world and unknown to the unfaithful clergy class, selecting out His church of 144,000 members. They have been called, "The seed of the woman," "the seed of Abraham," "the seed of promise," also "the holy seed" and "the seed which the Lord hath blessed". (Isaiah 6:13; 61:9) This class is also spoken of many times in the Bible as a "remnant", because of their small number. The Devil's organization on the contrary has been called, "The seed of the serpent," "the mystery of iniquity," and "the seed of the adulterer and the whore". (Isaiah 57:3) The Lord says to the true church, "Come out of the world, touch not the unclean thing."

Ecclesiasticism Not a Virgin

ACCORDING to the Bible the true church is now a virgin and is to be "the bride of the Lamb": but not until she is united to the Lord in the first resurrection is she to exercise regal or temporal authority in any sense of the word. Hence, if she should join with the financial and political powers now, and cooperate with them in administering civil government, she would be called an adulteress, a harlot, a whore.

But the true church is true to her Lord, and does not attempt to reign without her Lord. On the contrary, the system of religion known as ecclesiasticism is continually dabbling in politics, and claims the right to do so. In the Bible the union of the church with the political factors is called adultery. This is why the seed

of the Serpent, the Devil's organization, ecclesiasticism, is called the "seed of the adulterer and the whore".

Speaking of the various denominational church systems of the earth, the Apostle James says, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4) Everybody knows that ecclesiasticism is doing all in her power to gain the friendship of the world, and to become a power in politics. She is trying to reign before the Lord begins His reign. Hence the Lord speaks of her as an *unfaithful woman*; and He has rejected her; He is not using her to accomplish His purposes in the earth at this time.

Notice how ecclesiasticism came into existence: God planted the nation of Israel, at the death of Jacob, by choosing the twelve sons of Jacob, and making them the heads of the twelve tribes of Israel. Thereafter Israel was God's organization. God entered into a covenant with them, promising them blessings if they would be faithful to that covenant and punishments if they broke the covenant. He gave them a system of religion, which was a perfect one. They were also given priests and altars and sacrifices.

But selfish and ambitious men, who desired to exploit the people, who desired honor for themselves, who loved to be praised and flattered, who loved power and influence, gradually got the control of God's organization, and so perverted it and its use that when Jesus came into the world He rejected it and started a new organization entirely. These ambitious men, under the guidance of Satan, had divided the Israelites into different sects, known as scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, Essenes, etc. This was contrary to God's arrangement.

The leaders of these various sects had formulated creeds of their own, and Jesus said to them, "Ye teach for doctrines the commandments of men." They loved the uppermost seats in the synagogues: they loved to pray in public, standing on the street corners, to be seen of men; they loved to be called Rabbi and Father. These leaders were ecclesiastics; they assumed authority and power which did not belong to them; they lorded it over God's heritage, brow-beating the people into submission.

Jesus found ecclesiasticism enthroned when

He came to earth—a great and powerful man-made organization, full of hypocrisy and deceit; the tool of the Devil; oppressing the people; teaching doctrines which slandered Jehovah God, and its leaders so out of harmony with God and the Bible that with wicked and murderous hearts they killed John the Baptist, crucified the Lord Jesus and murdered eleven of twelve of the apostles of the Lamb. This wicked system was the ecclesiasticism of that day. No wonder Jesus rejected it and declared that it would forthwith be destroyed from the earth.

One of Israel's prophets had foretold the corruption of Israel by the Devil. I quote Jeremiah 2: 21, 22: "Yea I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? For though thou wash thee with water, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord." Speaking of this same thing, in Matthew 21: 33-43, Jesus spake of Israel as a vineyard let out to husbandmen, who killed their lord's servants, and finally killed his son; and then He asked the question, "What will the householder do unto those husbandmen? He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and let the vineyard out to other husbandmen, who will bring him the fruit in their season."

On the day of Pentecost the Lord established His true church, His organization. The record is that He sowed good seed but that an enemy came and sowed tares. The good seed were the children of the kingdom, while the tares are the children of the wicked one. After the apostles died, gradually the same class of selfish, money-loving, power-loving, domineering clergy got control of the Lord's organization again. Just a few years after Jesus' death, the Apostle Paul, writing to the true saints at Thessalonica, said: "The mystery of iniquity doth already work." (2 Thessalonians 2:7) Gradually the tares, the children of the wicked one, came to outnumber the wheat. Selfishness was enthroned.

Holy Politicians

NOW the second advent of the Lord has come, and what is the situation? We find ecclesiasticism split up into innumerable sects and holding a great variety of contradictory creeds; we find the majority of the modern clergy openly denying the inspiration of the Bible, denying

the virgin birth of Jesus, loving to be called Rabbi, Father, Reverend, Right Reverend, D. D., LL. D., etc., claiming that they are the only ones who can interpret the Scriptures, and yet unable to interpret any portion of it correctly; actually discouraging Bible study, by telling their flocks that the Bible is a book of mystery and not intended to be understood except by those who have taken a seven-year course in a theological seminary, and telling others that if they study it too much they will go to the insane asylum.

We find that the clergy now, instead of following their professed calling, have become the chief politicians of the day, and are glorying in the fact that they were the chief shakers for war and vote, and that as a reward they are rapidly coming to be recognized as a power in the world's politics. This is the great "holy" system proudly called ecclesiasticism. This system, the Devil's masterpiece, "the mystery of iniquity," began to work in the days of the apostles. This means that selfish men who coveted ecclesiastical authority were beginning to creep into the church and were stealthily and craftily working to get control of the same.

Gradually the ecclesiastics formulated creeds which misrepresented both Jehovah God and the Bible, chief among which are the doctrines of inherent immortality of the soul, the trinity and the eternal torment myth. Gradually they assumed a power and authority over the minds and consciences of people which God never delegated to any man or set of men on earth. Then followed penalties upon those who refused to recognize their creeds and their assumed authority. Very soon the state was asked to make laws to enforce these penairies, and in return for these favors the clergy pledged their support to the state, and the union of church and state was complete.

Bibles were forbidden and burned; and true Bible students were persecuted to death in horrible ways. Nearly 1300 years of indescribable cruelty, hatred, persecution, wickedness and murder followed; and those 1300 years have been aptly called "The Dark Ages". Who was responsible for those years of crime and intrigue against man and God, against truth and righteousness? History records the fact that ecclesiastics, using their powerful organization, called ecclesiasticism, were responsible for all

these dark deeds. Those thirteen centuries of suppression of the truth and persecution of the Lord's saints stand, on the pages of history, credited to the "Holy" Roman Catholic Church.

Early in the 16th century the Protestant Reformation began. It was instituted as a worldwide protest against the wickedness of Papacy. Martin Luther started that protest. He repudiated the doctrines of human immortality, and eternal torment: repudiated the mass, and branded Papacy as the Antichrist. There was such a revulsion of sentiment against ecclesiasticism that its power to persecute to the death was destroyed, and most of the governments which had previously supported it now repudiated it.

Protestantism Without a Priest

FOR a time the protests continued, and along several different lines. Gradually, however, the Devil began to organize Protestantism. He saw to it that certain wicked, selfish and designing men were allowed to gain the control of the various branches of Protestantism. These men began to claim authority; and as a result, bishops, synods and councils came into existence, all claiming the right to make creeds, to excommunicate, and to decide what is orthodox and what is not. Shortly Protestantism became thoroughly organized into a great ecclesiastical system, and now there was the spectacle of two rival ecclesiastical organizations.

But in our day the tendency is to forget the past, and the two great systems are overlooking their creedal differences and are trying to get together. Protestants are no longer protesting. The great thing desired by the leaders of both these systems is power and more power. To gain this power, they are entering vigorously into polities, and demanding legislation which is intended to regulate the morals and consciences of the people.

Ecclesiasticism secured the enactment of the prohibition law. It is now trying to stop Sunday amusements and games, by making them illegal. This is intolerance of the worst kind. It is a censorship of the consciences and morals of the masses of the people by the ecclesiastics. The logical outcome will be a supervision of business, of the home and of what shall be taught in the common schools, as well as in the theological schools.

To enforce such laws, a spy system will be

found necessary and convenient, as will also the right to search the person and private property without a warrant, by the most irresponsible persons. That will mean a reversion to the dark ages again. All those liberties which have been so dearly purchased during the past 300 years will be gone. This is the trend of ecclesiasticism to-day. Will it succeed in its wicked design? I answer, No.

How are we so sure about this matter? The reason is that the Scriptures point out that the Devil will make one more determined stand down here in the end of the age, as Christ's kingdom is being set up, one more effort to perpetuate his empire by enthroning ecclesiasticism; and just when it looks as though he would succeed, God will destroy Satan's entire organization with a complete and everlasting destruction.

Babylon the Great

IN THE 17th chapter of Revelation ecclesiasticism is called a woman, and is also called Babylon. We will quote verses 3-6: "I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy. . . . The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornications; and upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints and the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

How true to fact this prophecy is, for it has been ecclesiasticism that has murdered the saints all down through this Gospel Age. This woman is described in verse one as sitting upon many waters, and in verse fifteen the Revelator says: "The waters which thou sawest . . . are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." Thus we see that waters represent the peoples of every land, and everyone knows that ecclesiasticism is a world-wide institution.

In verse sixteen the destruction of the abomination is foretold, in these words: "And the ten horns and the beast shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire." The present condition of ecclesiasticism is described in Revelation 18.2, in these words: "Babylon the

Great is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." This means that it is full of false doctrines, and its membership is composed of wicked men.

But associated with these wicked profiteers and hypocrites and blasphemers are some of the Lord's sheep, blinded, deluded and wretched. They know not what to do. They see the selfishness and wickedness of the great system, and in verse 4 the Lord says to them: "Come out of her, *my people*, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues." And in verse eight we read: "She shall be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her."

Ecclesiasticism As It Is

SUMMING up then, we find that ecclesiasticism was organized by Satan; that its purpose has been and is to blind men to the truth about God, to turn men away from God and to keep them from a study of the Bible; that it misrepresents God and the Bible; that it fosters hypocrisy; that it mocks God; that its influence in the world is baneful; that it destroys liberty of thought; that it throttles free speech; that it deprives man of his God-given, free moral agency; that it assumes authority over individual conscience and reason; that it is full of confusion and inconsistency; that it promotes superstition and mysticism; that its teachings are false; that it has always been a persecuting power, and an active supporter of every war on earth. It is because of all these and other wickednesses that the apostle describes it as a woman "having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness".

Thank God that this wicked institution is to be destroyed! But what is to become of those ecclesiastics who formed the institution? I ask you to read Jeremiah 23rd chapter, also Ezekiel 34th chapter; and when reading these chapters just substitute the word clergymen for the words pastors, prophets and shepherds, which occur in these chapters, and you will get some idea of what the Lord has in reservation for those selfish, cruel and wicked men who have been guilty of organizing, promoting and perpetuating this wicked institution of darkness, by which God's goodness has long been misrepresented or hidden from view.

The GOLDEN AGE

A few of the verses from the 23rd chapter of Jeremiah read:

1. "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture."

11. "For both prophet and priest are profane; ye in my house have I found their wickedness."

15. "Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets, Behold I will feed them with wormwood and make them drink the water of gall."

21. "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied."

30. "Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their tongues and say, He saith."

40. "And I will bring an everlasting reproach

upon you, and a perpetual shame which shall not be forgotten."

I suggest that my hearers read the entire chapter; it is wonderfully interesting, and will give you a splendid idea of the opinion which Jehovah God has of ecclesiastics. I am glad to believe that there are some good men among ecclesiastics, and I am hoping that this lecture may be heard and prove a blessing to some of them, helping them to see just how God regards the system which they are ignorantly encouraging and supporting. I do not expect that it will be appreciated by all. I am glad also to believe that God purposes to establish His Kingdom soon, which will be the desire of all nations and peoples, even of the ecclesiastics who are now blind to His purposes.

What We Owe to the Churches

THE churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant, have blessed every war that has been fought in the earth in fifteen hundred years; and now seems like a good time to recall the blessings of the last one, which could not have been fought and would not have been fought if the so-called churches had lived up to the teachings of Jesus Christ. The World War directly murdered 10,004,771 soldiers; 2,000,000 Russian civilians died as the direct result of war privations; over 1,000,000 Serbian and Austrian civilians died through famine, fever and disease; 4,000,000 Armenians, Syrians, Jews and Greeks were massacred; while practically all the Polish children under six years of age died of starvation.

Turning now to Great Britain: We note that in that one country, while 946,023 were killed or died of wounds and sickness on active service, 600,000 more were wounded in such a way that their earning power will never be the same again; 300,000 children lost their fathers; 123,703 men who went into the war sound are now either

armless, legless, totally blind, insane, tubercular, epileptic or deaf. The losses of Russia were three times these British losses.

As for the world at large, 7,255 ships of all nations were sunk. The wealth of the world was diminished by \$350,000,000,000. Eight years after the war the export figures of seventy nations show an accumulated shortage of \$210,000,000,000 from what it would have been had not the savings of the people been used to kill the people that saved them.

All this and much more we owe to the churches. If you want this sort of thing everlasting perpetuated join the churches, boost the churches and frown on real religion. If you want it stopped abandon the churches, with their shams of force and hypocrisy, and give them not one more cent of your money, one more hour of your time or one more particle of your influence. "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and receive not of her plagues."—Revelation 18:4.

"God of all right! How long
Shall priestly robbers at Thine altars stand,
Lifting to Thee in prayer the bloody hand
And haughty brow of wrong?"

"Hoarse, horrible and strong
Rises to heaven that agonizing cry,
Filling the arches of the hollow sky,
How long, O God, how long?"

Which God Do We Worship?

[Juvenile Bible lecture radiocast over WORD on a wave length of 275 meters by C. D. Nicholson.]

TH E word GOD means Mighty One or Great One, and in speaking of the God of the Bible, we often say, "The Almighty One."

For a long, long time people knew very, very little about the real God, Jehovah; but we are fortunate now to be living in a time when even the small boys and girls can know more about God than the grown-ups did a few generations ago. This is possible because we are able to understand our Bibles much better than the people did in former times. It is not because we are so much wiser than they, but because the time has come for the people to understand the truth.

When Jesus was on earth He said that the time would come when the people should know the truth, and the truth would make them free. (John 3:32) Now we have reached that time. Are you not glad to be living at this time? I am, and I am especially glad that we have come to know the God of the Bible so much better than people did in former times.

Idol Worship

THERE are still many people in the world who do not yet know the *real* God. The heathen in foreign lands, the savages in Africa and in the islands of the sea, do not know our God, Jehovah. He really is *our God!* Is not that a comforting fact! But these heathen people have other gods—some which they have made with their own hands out of wood, stone, and other materials. We call these gods "idols".

But the fact is, they really are not gods at all; for a God must be a Mighty One, with intelligence, wisdom and power. These idols know nothing. They have no brains, knowledge, wisdom, power nor life. In fact, they are simply pieces of wood or stone, crudely carved and fashioned after some sort of image of God which their makers have vaguely in their minds; and their image of God is a very poor one. Are not you sorry for such people who do not know what God is like?

The Bible tells us about people in olden times who made and worshiped idols. Some of the stories it tells of them are horrible to think about. There was one big idol which these people called Moloch, that was made in the shape of a human being; but in reality it was a big furnace. In the lower part of this furnace hot fires were built, which heated the idol red hot.

The ignorant people who worshiped it would place their little babies in the arms of this terrible idol, which would then be raised up and pressed against its bosom until the babies were literally cooked alive. Do you not think that was an awful idea of God for anyone to have? Are you not glad that we have a better knowledge of the true God than these people had in those days?

Only Two Gods

DID you know that there is another powerful god besides Jehovah? There is! The Bible tells us that there are two Gods. One is Jehovah; and the other is Satan, that Old Serpent and Dragon the Devil. There are many people who worship the Devil. In fact, we know now that all of the heathen nations really worship him and do what he wants them to do. The idols are made to represent him instead of Jehovah. The Bible says that: Satan is "the god of this world". Indeed he is a god, a mighty one; but he is not the kind of god that I want to worship. He is responsible for all the sickness, sorrow, pain, crying and death in all the world.

Learning to Know Jehovah

THE Bible tells us that the knowledge (or reverence) of God is the beginning of wisdom. It calls the people fools who say that there is no God. "This is life eternal, to know the only true God, and His Son Jesus Christ."

Have you looked into the heavens late in the evening, just before going to bed, and there seen the beautiful little stars twinkling and winking at you? Of course you have! Do you know who made them? Satan did not make them, did he? Of course not!

Do you know who made the sun and the moon, and this big world on which we live, with all of its comforts and blessings? Do you know that the good Lord made these for you and for me and for our friends to enjoy? The Bible says that God made this earth to be inhabited by a race of perfect, happy human beings.

Jehovah therefore made it for us; and He also placed the big, bright sun where it would shine on the earth to make it warm, so that the flowers, the berries, the fruit, the green trees, the gardens and the grass would grow and make all

nature glad with their beauty and fragrance, and furnish us with all good things to eat.

He also sends the rain to make the crops grow. And He gives us cotton and wool for our clothing, and lumber and other materials with which to build our homes. In fact, He gives us everything that is needed to make us happy. He is going to do many other wonderful things for mankind in the future. Do you not think

that we should be very thankful to God?

I wish I had more time in which to tell you about God, because I am sure that you want to know more about Him. We could not expect, however, to learn all about Him in one lesson, but we learn more about Him as we study the Bible. Some other time I will tell you some interesting stories found in the Bible, which will make you love God all the more.

Radio Programs

[Station WEBR, Staten Island, New York City—416.4 meters.]

Sunday Morning, March 6

- 10:00 Watchtower Concert Orchestra.
- 10:20 Fred Twaroschik, tenor.
- 10:35 Bible Lecture—Judge Rutherford.
- 11:05 Fred Twaroschik, tenor.
- 11:15 Sunday School Lesson, "Sharing the Good News"—Fred W. Franz.
- 11:35 Fred Twaroschik, tenor.
- 11:45 Watchtower Concert Orchestra.

Sunday Afternoon, March 6

- 2:00 Macknight Instrumental Trio.
- 2:20 Choral Singers.
- 2:35 "Two Salvations but No Second Chance"—R. H. Barber.
- 3:05 Choral Singers.
- 3:20 Macknight Instrumental Trio.
- 3:30 Bible Instruction—John Dawson.
- 3:50 Choral Singers.
- 4:05 Macknight Instrumental Trio.

Sunday Evening, March 6

- 7:00 Watchtower Concert Trio.
- 7:20 Fred Twaroschik, tenor.
- 7:30 "The Bible Not Written for the World in General—Why?"—R. H. Barber.
- 8:00 Fred Twaroschik, tenor.
- 8:15 Watchtower Concert Trio.
- 8:30 Bible Questions and Answers—Judge Rutherford.

Tuesday Evening, March 8

- 7:30 Rudolph Clemente, violinist.
- 7:45 Male Quartette.
- 8:00 World News Digest—C. J. Woodwerth.
- 8:15 Male Quartette.
- 8:30 "Keep Well through Proper Diet and Cooking."
- 8:45 Rudolph Clemente, violinist.
- 9:00 "The Truth Searchers."

Thursday Evening, March 10

- 7:30 Pandura Quintette.
- 7:45 Minnie Schaefer, soprano.
- 8:00 Little Bible Dramas, "Fall and Restoration of Man."
- 8:20 Fred Franz, tenor.
- 8:35 Camille Schmidt, soprano.
- 8:50 Pandura Quintette.
- 9:00 "The Manifestation of God's Power"—R. S. Sekelian.

Friday Evening, March 11

- 7:30 George Twaroschik, pianist.
- 7:45 Watchtower Concert Trio.
- 8:00 "The Mission of the True Church"—Eldore Bergsbaken.
- 8:30 Joseph Bonaccorso, violinist.
- 8:45 Watchtower Concert Trio.
- 9:00 Helpful Items on Health and Hygiene.

Sunday Morning, March 13

- 10:00 Watchtower Concert Orchestra.
- 10:20 Forrest J. Kleinhans, baritone.
- 10:35 Bible Lecture—Judge Rutherford.
- 11:05 Forrest J. Kleinhans, baritone.
- 11:15 Sunday School Lesson, "Making the World Christian"—W. N. Woodworth.
- 11:35 Forrest J. Kleinhans, baritone.
- 11:45 Watchtower Concert Orchestra.

Sunday Afternoon, March 13

- 2:00 Watchtower String Quartette.
- 2:20 Forrest J. Kleinhans, baritone.
- 2:30 "Why So Many Crimes in Christendom?"—E. J. Coward.
- 3:00 Forrest J. Kleinhans, baritone.
- 3:15 Ruskin Macknight, cellist.
- 3:25 Bible Instruction—Alma Hartman.
- 3:45 Watchtower String Quartette.

Sunday Evening, March 13

- 7:00 Watchtower Instrumental Quintette.
- 7:15 Fred Twaroschik, tenor.
- 7:30 "Christ's Kingdom to Begin in a Time of Trouble"—E. J. Coward.
- 8:00 Fred Twaroschik, tenor.
- 8:15 Watchtower Instrumental Quintette.
- 8:30 Bible Questions and Answers—Judge Rutherford.

Tuesday Evening, March 15

- 7:30 Professor Charles Rohner, violinist.
- 7:45 Irene Kleinpeter, soprano.
- 8:00 "Mr. Traveler Sees Other Lands."
- 8:20 Irene Kleinpeter, soprano.
- 8:35 "Keeping Well through Proper Diet and Cooking."
- 8:50 Professor Charles Rohner, violinist.
- 9:00 "The Truth Searchers."

Thursday Evening, March 17

- 7:30 F. S. Barnes, organist.
- 7:45 Stanley Gohlinghorst, baritone.
- 8:00 Little Bible Dramas—"The True and the False Church."
- 8:20 Stanley Gohlinghorst, baritone.
- 8:35 Significant Items of World News.
- 8:50 George Twaroschik, pianist.
- 9:05 "Paradise Restored"—S. M. Van Sipma.

Friday Evening, March 18

- 7:30 Watchtower Concert Trio.
- 7:50 "When People will Begin to Live Again"—R. S. Emery.
- 8:20 Joseph Bonaccorso, violinist.
- 8:40 Watchtower Concert Trio.
- 9:00 Helpful Items on Health and Hygiene.

Little Studies for Little People

(Ninth Study)

The Third God

45. The angels of heaven are powerful beings. They are spirit beings, like Jehovah. That is, we cannot see them, because they are made differently than we. They have marvelous bodies which enable them to pass through the great spaces of the universe much faster than the very fastest airplane can travel through the air of our earth.

46. They were created by the Logos, too, and are called sons of God, because they are bright and shining like Him. We know that there is only one firstborn Son of God, however, and this is Jesus. The angels are used by Jehovah as messengers, and very good ones they make. They are always on hand to protect those who love God from anything that would seriously harm them.

47. We must remember, however, that the power possessed by the angels is given to them by God; and the good angels are continually praising God and glorifying His name in gratitude for this gift of power. But there are some bad angels, too—did you know that? Yes, indeed; but they were not always bad.

48. The smartest and most beautiful of the angels was named Lucifer. He had many names of honor given to him by God. Once God called him "the anointed cherub that covereth". So we see that Lucifer was placed over certain of the other creatures as a sort of guardian, to look after them. Lucifer was made a sort of third god at the time man was created.

49. When man was created, God sent Lucifer to the garden of Eden, to watch over him, and to be a messenger between earth and heaven. Lucifer saw the beautiful earth, with the perfect man upon it; but instead of feeling grateful to God for giving him this great trust, he began to think up schemes to get the earth and everything on it all for himself, so that he might be as powerful as God.

50. Have you not heard of people being "too smart"? That means that they think they know everything; and they act very stuck up and silly about it. Well, Lucifer was not only smart, but

he was "too smart", and he began to think that he was as mighty as God Himself. In fact, the Bible tells us that he said, "*I will be like the Most High.*" Is that not terrible! To think of anyone trying to be as great as the great Jehovah!

51. This was the beginning of wrong and evil in the world. Up till now everything had gone smoothly for Adam, the first man. But when Lucifer, the Guardian Angel, became so anxious to be like God, he set temptations in the way of Adam, and Adam broke a rule which God had made.

52. Lucifer was then given several new names, not at all glorious, which served to show how bad he had become. He is now known as the Devil, the Dragon, the Serpent, the Adversary, the Enemy, and Satan. He is also called the "Father of Lies". That he was once a very high being is proved by what God said of him: "Thou wast perfect in all thy ways until iniquity [evil] was found in thee."

Questions on Ninth Study

45. Are angels visible or invisible to man; that is, can man see them? Which can travel faster, angels or men?

46. By what general name are the angels called? What work is given them to do? Have they ever done anything for you or me?

47. Where do the good angels get their powers? Are there any bad ones? Were the bad ones always bad?

48. Next to the Logos who was the smartest and most beautiful of the angels? What title did he have given him? Did that make of him a god?

49. What important mission did Lucifer have respecting the earth? What effect did this have upon his pride? What effect should it have had?

50. Is there such a thing as being too smart? Did Lucifer become too smart? What foolish ideas came into his mind?

51. How did wrong and evil begin in the world? Who was the first and greatest sinner? Who was the next great sinner?

52. By what names is Lucifer now called? How do we know that it was not always right to call him by these names?

STUDIES IN THE "HARP OF GOD" (JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S GREAT BOOK)



With issue Number 60 we began running Judge Rutherford's new book, "The Harp of God", with accompanying questions, for use in individual or congregational Bible Study.



"⁵⁵ The reign of Christ will result in the destruction of all man's enemies. The weeds, the thistles, the thorns, the pests that destroy crops, shall all be destroyed. Everything that produces sickness shall be destroyed. The apostle plainly says: "He [Christ] must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy, that shall be destroyed is death."—1 Corinthians 15:25, 26.

"⁵⁶ We can well imagine great multitudes of people assembling in different parts of the world to celebrate their deliverance from Satan and his agents; and it will be witness the taking away of ignorance, crime, sin, etc.; and see know us, good Jesus loving kindness taking their place, they will fill the earth with joyful song. The prophet describes some of the effects of these restoration blessings thus: "In this mountain [Kiryatholi] shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations [taking away ignorance, etc.]. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away all tears from off all faces: and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth; for the Lord hath spoken it"—Isaiah 25:6-8.

"⁵⁷ St. John on the Isle of Patmos had a vision of the great Messianic kingdom and described it in symbolic phrase. The word "heaven" symbolically means the invisible ruling power; while the "earth" means organized society. The old wicked one has been ruling. The old earth has been wicked, because the organizations of men have been under the dominion of Satan. St. John, observing the Messianic kingdom and the blessings that would follow, wrote: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." Thus he shows the new heaven (the Messianic kingdom) and the new earth (society organized on a righteous basis in the earth). Sea is symbolic of restless hu-

manity, thus picturing the fact that there will be no more strikes, lockouts, revolutions, or anarchy. Continuing, he describes the kingdom as a holy city, the new Jerusalem, in this beautiful phrase: "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God—picturing here the dwelling place of the Lord. The place of meeting between Jehovah and mankind is through the Christ. The results will be the resurrection of the encly dead, and the full restoration of the obedient ones; and thus he describes it: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful"—Revelation 21:1-5.

QUESTIONS ON "THE HARP OF GOD"

In the times of restoration, what will become of the weeds, thistles, and thorns, and pests that destroy crops? ¶ 595.

What will become of the poisonous things that produce sickness? ¶ 595.

When the people witness the disappearance of ignorance, crime, and superstition, and the establishment of goodness, loving kindness, etc., what effect will this have upon them? ¶ 596.

What scriptures indicate that the people will have a joyful time in the days of restoration? ¶ 596.

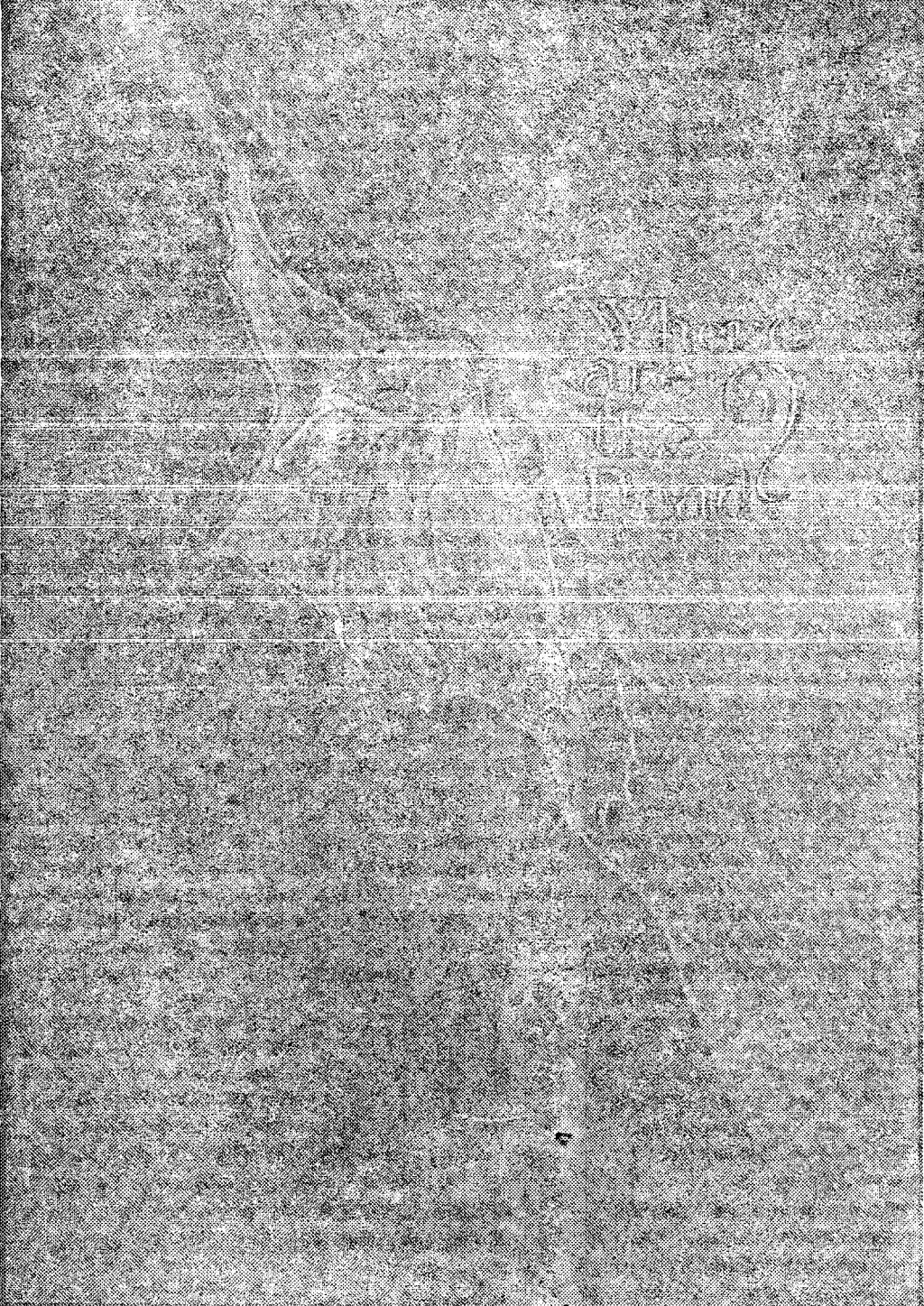
What effect will the restoration have upon tears and sorrow? ¶ 596.

Does not St. John's vision upon the Isle of Patmos relate to a new heaven and a new earth? ¶ 597.

In that picture what is symbolized by heaven, earth, and sea? ¶ 597.

What effect will restoration have upon strikes, revolutions, and anarchy? ¶ 597.

How is the meeting place between God and man described in this prophetic utterance of St. John? ¶ 597.



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