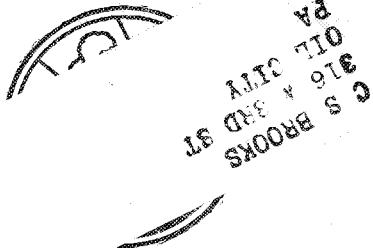


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The Skies Pouring Down Righteousness

"Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have created it." (Isa. 45:8) "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."—Isa. 11:9.

THE Lord our God has been very generous in the way in which He has spread the waters over the face of the beautiful planet upon which we dwell. The average depth of these waters is about two miles; in places it runs to seven miles. The above scriptures reveal God's purpose to sometime pour down the truth from the heavens and to saturate the atmosphere of the earth with it miles deep, "as the waters cover the sea."

Many of us have been so engrossed with the beautiful figures of speech with which the Scriptures abound that we have measurably lost sight of the fact that, in addition to being provided for the enjoyment of those who have large imaginations, they contain repeated and plainly stated announcements of the things which God purposes to do in the earth, which things we see now being done.

Before the discovery of the radio, who would have supposed that there would ever come a time in our day when Jesus' words to His disciples would be fulfilled, "Whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops"? (Luke 12:3) Yet this is exactly what the radio does. The message of truth is spoken in the "darkness" or seclusion of the studio; it is spoken in the ear (in the microphone) in the closets and it is proclaimed upon the housetops by the antennae which today, quivering with the message of the truth, are literally attached to the housetops of millions of homes in every corner of the world.

Prior to the discovery of the radio, who would have supposed that the skies would literally pour down righteousness, literally deluging a community with the message of the Kingdom, and literally causing the judgment of Babylon,

the Devil's organization, to reach unto heaven and be "lifted up even to the skies"?—Jer. 51:9.

A Visit to WHK

This is not much of a story. It merely tells a little, and a very little at that, about one of the more than 200 radio stations now weekly broadcasting the electrical transcriptions of Judge Rutherford, every one of which is filled to the full with "righteousness", truth, on the most important subjects that can engage the attention of men, the great truths of the Scriptures, the gospel of the Kingdom, stated so kindly and yet so plainly and so forcefully that all who listen may readily appreciate and accept, each who will, God's precious gift of truth which thus comes to them out of the skies.

It so happens that the WHK radio station manager was on the way to the one-day service convention planned for Massillon, April 12, and a convenient opportunity was provided for learning something of what was going on there. More of this later in this article, but now we give attention to the more important general aspects of what, not only this station, but hundreds of other stations are collectively doing to fulfil the scriptures which appear at the head of this article.

One of the myriad duties entrusted to the manager of a radio station is to constantly check up radio reception of his own station and other stations wherever he happens to be; so a conscientious and capable manager is seldom away from a receiving set for any considerable length of time. The manager of WHK has his auto equipped with a good receiving set, and as he drives about from one place to another, fulfilling his engagements, he gives constant attention to this phase of his work from sunrise to midnight.

Like many other intelligent up-to-date business men, M. A. Howlett, manager of WHK, is a great admirer of Judge Rutherford and listens regularly to his lectures, which at his station go on at 7:10 o'clock Sunday evening. WATCHTOWER features are on from 8:50 to 11:00 Sunday morning and from 2:00 to 3:00 Sunday afternoon, and from 6:30 to 7:30 Sunday night; from 7:30 to 8:00 on the mornings of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and from 7:00 to 8:00 o'clock on Thursday evening, every week.

On the morning of Sunday, April 12, Mr. Howlett took five of us out in the service work at Massillon, and we all took a hand in it and placed twenty-two books and booklets, besides having the following wonderful experience in fulfilment of the scriptures heretofore cited:

The Inundation from Above

At 9:45 a.m., having then been out in the work about an hour, we gathered in the car, turned the dial to WJAY, Cleveland, and as though the speaker were in the car, in came the opening announcement:

This is the WATCHTOWER program, featuring on this occasion Judge Rutherford in an electrical transcription of his celebrated lecture on "The Resurrection of the Dead". Judge Rutherford stands as a towering figure in the world today by reason of his masterful defense of the Bible as the Word of God. The bringing back of the dead is one of the two great and vital truths taught in the Bible. You are now about to hear something you have never heard before.

The lecture followed, and we heard it all, every word, but toward its close the dial was turned to bring in WAIU, Columbus, when we heard Judge Rutherford's clear and lucid lecture concluded. As the concluding announcement was given, the dial was switched again, this time to WGAR, Cleveland, and we heard the opening announcement. A quick turn of the dial to WKRC, Cincinnati, and another to WORC, Worcester, Mass., revealed the fact that all three of these stations were making the same announcement simultaneously, and a moment later Judge Rutherford's kindly voice was saying:

The word "resurrection" means standing up again to life. If the dead are to live again it follows that they are now dead and not alive anywhere. The resurrection of the dead is so plainly taught in the Bible that there can be no doubt about it.

To know that those now dead and in the grave will

be awakened and brought back brings hope and consolation to those who mourn the loss of their beloved dead. No one could know this without having proof from a reliable source. The Bible contains that proof. The books published and now being distributed amongst the people show exactly where in the Bible to find these proof texts. The whole question is there made plain and easily understood by all.

It is the privilege of those who understand the Bible to comfort others who desire consolation. The Scriptures use the word "sleep" to describe death because sleep denotes a state of unconsciousness from which there is an awaking. Hence it is written, in 1 Thessalonians 4: 13, 14 and 17: "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Babylon Getting It, and How!

Occasionally we shifted from one station to another; and as we made one of these shifts we heard something that perhaps Babylon did not like to have told so plainly, but it is the truth nevertheless:

Many good parents have lost their children at the hand of the enemy death. Such children are not in heaven now, nor in purgatory, but are in the grave, which in poetic phrase is described by the prophet as the "land of the enemy". Such record appears in Jeremiah 31: 15-17: "Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted, because they were not. Thus saith the Lord, Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border." This promise is emphatic that the dead shall be awakened.

The clergy have told sorrowing parents that their babe was in heaven with the angels and enjoying bliss. If that were true, then the parents should not sorrow for them at all. The statement is wholly false, as shown by the Scriptures, because the babe is in the "land of the enemy", which is death, and in God's due time will be brought back and united with its parents. For many centuries Satan has clouded the issue concerning the resurrection of the dead, and has done this by having his agents teach the people that the dead are alive, in heaven, purgatory or hell. Not wishing to make themselves unpopular by saying babes are in hell, the clergy have put them in heaven, and that without any Scriptural authority.

We rejoiced as we realized to the full that Babylon's punishment was reaching unto heaven and was "lifted up even to the skies". We could imagine in our minds' eyes the destroying wind of truth that was sweeping over Massillon. We could imagine the Lord of hosts filling the streets of Massillon with men as with caterpillars. As a matter of fact there were about 250 Bible Students there, and as we shifted our radio car from one point to another we must have seen nearly a score of them. Meantime, wherever we went Judge Rutherford's lectures on the resurrection continued:

As stated in Psalm 16:10 and Acts 2:34, Jesus died and went to hell. God raised Him up out of that condition. He was the first one resurrected from the dead, and His resurrection is complete proof of the resurrection of the other dead. In order to meet the argument of those who denied the resurrection of the dead in the days of the apostles, these words appear at 1 Corinthians 15:12-18 and verses 20 to 22: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen. And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

In brief, the plain teaching of the Bible is this: Death befell man because of the violation of God's law; all mankind inherited the effect of that condemnation; God promised to redeem man from death and to bring him out of the grave, where the dead are; He sent Jesus Christ to earth, who died and was raised out of death and thereby provided the ransom price, in order that all who believe should not perish, but might live; and this is a guarantee of the resurrection of the dead. At the time of the death and resurrection of Jesus men had been dying for 4,000 years and had gone into the grave. Not one of them had received a knowledge of God's provision for salvation. After the resurrection of Jesus this message, recorded in 1 Timothy 2:3-6 was given to the people: "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is

one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

Ohio and Massachusetts

As we listened we realized that although we were listening to an electrical transcription that was coming to us at the same time, now a little from Cleveland (WGAR), and then from Cincinnati (WKRC), and from Worcester (WORC), and although it was the actual voice of Judge Rutherford that we heard, yet it was really God himself by this means uttering His voice of truth and causing the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth, making lightning with rain, and bringing forth the wind out of His treasures. (Jer. 51:16) With inescapable logic the message continued:

How could it be possible for all to have a knowledge of the truth, when billions of them are dead and unconscious? The Bible answer is that they must be awakened out of death and be brought back to life and be offered an opportunity to receive such knowledge. Therefore Jesus, in John 5:28, says that in God's due time all in their graves shall hear His voice and come forth. There would be no reason for the death and resurrection of Jesus unless such would result beneficially to fallen man. No benefit could result to any man without knowledge; and the dead have no knowledge. Therefore God has provided for their awakening out of death in order to get the knowledge.

In the resurrection there will be two separate and distinct classes. The everlasting home of the first class will be in heaven, while the everlasting home of the other class will be on the earth. Those of the first class will be composed of the faithful followers of Christ Jesus during the period of time that God is selecting His church. The other class are those who, during the reign of Christ, receive a knowledge of the truth and prove faithful to the Lord and live on earth. Paul the apostle of Jesus Christ, and one of the inspired writers of the New Testament, is of the first class. As one of the inspired writers of the Bible, he shows that in order for a creature to go to heaven he must be a faithful follower of Christ, suffer with Him, and be made perfect in the resurrection. In Philippians 3:7, 8, 10 and 11 it is written: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."

This emphatic statement of the Scriptures should for ever put to silence the false claim of the clergy that a man may upon his deathbed repent and go straight to heaven. In order for one to go to heaven and be with the Lord he must be tried and prove faithful. To such Jesus said: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." The apostle knew he would not go to heaven at death, and that he must remain dead until the second coming of Christ. Therefore the record, at 2 Timothy 4:6-8, is: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." This is further conclusive proof that the statement made by the clergy, that the good go immediately to heaven, is false. If the good go to heaven immediately at death, then why should there be any resurrection of them at all?

The Trembling and Sorrowful Land

We tried to think of how this would affect those who were really Babylonians, i.e., who were really trying to bolster up the Devil's organization in this evil day. We thought how very true that from their point of view "the land shall tremble and sorrow; for every purpose of Jehovah shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant". We thought how true it is that "the mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight; they have remained in their holds, their might hath failed; they became as women".

We saw her victims dressed up in spring finery parading to "church", and we thought how much better the people were being fed who were staying at home and using their radio, and what a blessing we were getting in the car. About this time we shifted to WKBN Youngstown, and on came Judge Rutherford's mellow voice with his message of truth that

Christ Jesus was the first one to be resurrected from the dead. Prior to that Lazarus was awakened by Jesus out of death for the very purpose of illustrating the manner of the resurrection during His reign. Lazarus afterwards died, and in due time will be completely resurrected. In proof that Jesus was the first, it is written, in Colossians 1:18: 'He is the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the preeminence.' In 1 Corinthians 15:20 it is stated that Christ was the first one raised from the dead. The promise by the Lord to His faithful fol-

lowers, as set forth in Revelation 3:21, shows that only the faithful will be with Christ in heavenly glory. To such He said: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne." Such attain the resurrection of Christ, and this is called "the first resurrection". And in Revelation 20:6 it is written: 'Blessed and holy are they that have part in the first resurrection.'

Billions of human creatures have died, and are now sleeping silently in the dust of the earth, totally ignorant of any provision God has graciously made to give them everlasting life. It is God's will that they must have a knowledge of the truth. They all died as sinners; therefore they must all be awakened out of death to receive this knowledge. In support of this statement it is written, in Acts 24:15: "There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." And in Acts 17:31 the record is that God has appointed a day or due time in which He will judge all mankind in righteousness by Jesus Christ, and that the resurrection of Jesus is a guarantee thereof. That is the time when the dead will receive the truth. That blessed time is during the period of the 1,000-year reign of Christ. In further support of this it is written, in 2 Timothy 4:1: "The Lord Jesus Christ shall judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom."

New York Was There

We let the Youngstown station go on and finish telling what they had to say and then we switched to Buffalo, WMAK, and undeterred by the distance in between, Judge Rutherford continued telling us, where we sat in a comfortable car out on a hilltop on the outskirts, that

These scriptures establish two great vital truths which the people should now learn, to wit: The second coming of Christ Jesus and His kingdom, and the bringing back of the dead that they may have an opportunity to live. Nothing could be of greater importance to the people than these truths. Anyone who would prevent them from obtaining these truths would thereby prove to be the enemy of the people. We know that Satan is the enemy of God and of man, and endeavors to keep the people in ignorance. If you find that the clergymen oppose the people's learning the truth as set forth in the Bible, concerning the second coming of Christ and His kingdom, and the resurrection and restitution of mankind, you may know at once that these are the enemies of men whether they know it or not.

On the other hand, anyone who would put himself out to bring to you the truth and help you to understand the Bible, thereby proves to be your friend. At this time there are men and women calling at the homes of the people and exhibiting to them books

which explain every one of these questions as contained in the Bible. They are not doing this for money, nor to induce anyone to join an organization, but they are doing it to aid the people to get a knowledge of God's provision for them. The clergymen are the ones that oppose their work.

Buffalo had no sooner closed than Mansfield, Ohio, WJW, opened up and we had the opportunity to hear the blessed good news of the resurrection all over again, terminating with the comforting assurance that

Jehovah is man's everlasting Friend. Some of His blessings for man in the resurrection will be these: Peace, prosperity, plenty, happiness and health, and life everlasting in joy. Read the book *Reconciliation* and get a clear knowledge of God's gracious provision to be given to man in the resurrection.

Mississippi and Pennsylvania

We shifted our position and ran over to the other side of town, when faintly we heard the voice of Judge Rutherford from down in Meridian, Miss., WCOC, coming in once more to Massillon. Five minutes later the powerful KDKA, Pittsburgh, came roaring into the car and we heard the closing announcement:

In the talk to which you have just listened you heard Judge Rutherford mention the book *Reconciliation*. This is one of the books by this noted author which have a combined circulation of over eighty million copies. It gives complete and unimpeachable proofs in support of the Bible truth regarding the resurrection of the dead. The book *Reconciliation* and its two companion books, *The Harp of God* and *Government*, today stand as the only explanation of the resurrection acceptable to critical, intelligent men and women. Write the Watchtower, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., for further information. Remember: Judge Rutherford a week from now, same hour.

After listening to these ten stations we thought we had been monkeying enough with the radio, so we got out and went about our witnessing work. Mr. Howlett himself placed ten of the 22 pieces of literature that remained behind us to continue the work which the radio had been doing.

In the interim we had heard WHK, of Cleveland, giving in Polish, Rumanian and Slovak the same message which Judge Rutherford had been giving in English during the hours from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. in which we were privileged to listen in to the message of truth in English.

We could faintly imagine how, as a result of a witness such as was given in Massillon and such as is being duplicated all over Ohio and

all over the United States and all over the world, it won't be long before "one post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end". (Jer. 51:31) And the "sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof". We don't pretend to say that we know what this "sea" means; that is Judge Rutherford's job, and it is up to him; but it fits the situation that it might refer in this place to the flood of truth that is being poured out from the skies "as the waters cover the sea". How happy it makes all who have any part in it, no tongue can tell.

We Go Back to WHK

Don't ask for a technical description of WHK. It is just one of more than 200 stations that are broadcasting the messages of the Kingdom; but it is one of the important stations and is being signally blessed. It is a commercial station, an important outlet for the Columbia chain programs intimately connected with the civic life of the great city. On September 1 it will be housed in the colossal new terminal building, in quarters and with furnishings not surpassed by any radio station in the world. In the new quarters it will be adjacent to and associated with some of the most important and influential business institutions of the city. An expert staff of thirty keeps everything in smooth running order.

At the convention in Massillon a colporteur just returned from Columbus, Ga., spoke feelingly in her testimony of the excellent results she had placing literature in Columbus because of the clear way in which WHK served the territory in which she had been working. Many other testimonies referred to the service which WHK is rendering. Several mentioned approvingly the "forum", informal Sunday afternoon discussion, featuring various aspects of present truth.

Does not this help one to realize what a marvelous work the radio is doing in the spread of the truth? Those who know much about the actual door-to-door service work fully realize the stupendous influence these radio lectures are exerting and how they are preparing the way for the "locusts" and "caterpillars" to do their work of leaving Judge Rutherford's books and booklets in the homes of the people.

The Other Side of the World

An appeal to Manager Howlett brought the loan of some letters from abroad reporting the great satisfaction WHK has, at different times, given to radio fans in the Hawaiian Islands, New Zealand and other places in the Pacific Ocean, and the Bermudas in the Atlantic Ocean. We give extracts from a few of these letters, believing they will be appreciated by many of our readers:

Le Bon's Bay, Banks Peninsula, New Zealand. "Just a few lines about the test transmission of your new 5,000-watt station. It may surprise you to know that your station is received here in New Zealand, and greater still will be your surprise when you read of its performance. I tuned in on WHK this evening at 8:10, one hour before sunset. Volume then was loud enough to be heard all over the house (12 rooms); but it increased rapidly until 9:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. your time), when each item could be heard plainly 'two miles' away from the loud-speaker. Tonal quality leaves nothing to be desired, and I can honestly say that WHK is the first station I have heard on the 200-550 meter band that does not fade. This may seem strange, but it is positively true. For the whole fifty minutes that I listened there was not the slightest variation in transmission. You can imagine what a thrill it is to be listening to a station over eight thousand miles away coming in just like a local and with no interference whatever. Not one word of the announcer was missed."

Lowburn Ferry, Near Cromwell, Otago, New Zealand.

"You might be interested to learn I picked up your station at 25 minutes past nine on January 8. Upon looking up an atlas I find Cleveland is $41^{\circ} 28'$ North and $81^{\circ} 40'$ West. Lowburn Ferry is $45^{\circ} 28'$ South and $169^{\circ} 12'$ East. U.S.A. is ahead of New Zealand time. Cleveland is ahead of New Zealand 88 degrees and four minutes. . . . I calculated the distance as 6,053 miles. The following are the portions of the program I heard. [We omit these] [Later] A report from Quebec that it is coming in fine. Reports from Manitoba and Three Rivers. It seems very wonderful that I should hear your voice 6,000 miles away in a fraction of a second, yet it takes a letter a matter of weeks. I live 150 miles away from Dunedin, the base of Commander Byrd's Polar Expedition. It is the middle of summer here now; peaches and tomatoes are ripening, lambs fattening, etc. The tourist season is in full swing. Some very fine American cars are on the road. I was given a ride on a Chrysler '75 the other day."

Wallaceville, Upper Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand.

"No doubt you will be interested to hear that your broadcasting station WHK was heard here on the

eighth of January from 8:00 p.m till about 9:30 p.m., New Zealand time, testing out your transmitter. We received your station with great volume on the loud-speaker, and could clearly hear every word spoken, anywhere in the house. You were reading out messages from all over the U. S. A. telling how your station was being received, notably one from Galveston, Tex., Montreal, California, etc. Your early morning sessions are heard here in the evenings, as we are about fifteen hours ahead of you."

A Trip Through the Skies

Mr. Howlett fixed it up with the National Air Transport, Inc., for the visitor to return to New York by airplane as a guest of the two institutions. One's first trip in an airplane is the experience of a lifetime, and in the planes of the National Air Transport a wholly enjoyable one. The day was perfect, a gentle breeze from the west, not a cloud in the sky. We had two pilots, and a mate to look after the comfort of the six men and one woman who went as passengers. At 1:35 p.m. the plane left the ground so gently that only close observation could detect the time of departure. In a few moments we were up 9,000 feet, with a panorama beneath of such exquisite beauty as none have ever seen except those who have been similarly privileged. The visitor had many times said he would never go up in an airplane except in connection with the Lord's work, and it was just this kind of occasion which took him up, but it was wholly enjoyable, a blessing in every sense of the word. Much of the time was spent in writing, with conditions every way as favorable as anywhere, and much more favorable than would be possible on any railroad train.

At 9,000 feet no people could be discerned with the unaided eye; roads were about an inch and a half wide; autos three-quarters of an inch long, the cutest little things crawling around that one could possibly imagine. Houses, the big ones, were about three inches square. One could easily put a good-sized village in an ordinary suitcase. The Allegheny river was about four inches wide; the Susquehanna, more than a foot. The Allegheny mountains have deceived us; they are flat, or nearly so. At Sunbury we counted thirty-five islands in the river to the south, at Shamokin a row of sixty-nine potholes where the coal had been taken out from underneath, with many more potholes in the hills to the southeast of Tamaqua. At one point

were seven reservoirs for supplying the coal cities with water. One of these was only an inch and a half across. It took eleven routes to cross the anthracite coal belt all the way from Shamokin to Tamaqua. But don't try it in an auto: you'll never make it! The Kleinhans truck farm at Easton (eighty acres) is the shape of a piece of pie and about that size.

The trip across New Jersey, including the landing, was made in twenty-nine minutes. Four thirty p.m. saw us on the landing field in Newark Airport, and 6:00 p.m. at the Bethel table giving thanks to God for another day in the service of the King of kings, who daily loads us with benefits and deliberately and intentionally makes His people, His true people, the happiest individuals that walk the face of the earth.

The Richman Brothers Factory

AT THE Richman Brothers clothing factory in Cleveland, Ohio, largest clothing factory in the world, every one of the four thousand employees, from the janitor to the president, is a stockholder in the institution. Those who have used these clothes speak exceedingly well of them.

A gentleman who made a trip through this great factory says of the splendid arrangements made here to care for the comfort and happiness of employees:

Before we realized it, lunch time arrived, and we were escorted to the factory dining room where we were seated with the three Richman brothers and other company executives. Here we were served a luncheon that would do credit to any first class metropolitan hotel. Meanwhile, we watched with fascination while

several thousand employes passed in orderly rows, between long steam tables, cafeteria fashion, to their regular places at tables which seemed to be without number. Never had we beheld so many people seated at one time in one dining room. The food, prepared in the company kitchens, was excellent, yet we were told that the average cost of a complete luncheon was about 24 cents. The company operates this huge restaurant, with an annual deficit of about twenty thousand dollars . . . an investment in the health and contentment of its employees.

Soon we heard the strains of a popular dance number, rendered by the Richman orchestra, and we adjourned to the dance floor occupying one wing of the first floor. Here we were thrilled by the unusual spectacle of a noontime factory dance, and the evident enjoyment of the hundreds who glided gracefully over the polished floor to the rhythm of the music.

A Lesson from Hebrew Grammar

[Reprinted from the *Youth's Companion*]

A MAN of high character but ordinary education was addressing a roomful of school children, and he said to them: "All of you know the verb which says, 'I am, thou art, he is'; and all of you know that verbs in English, French, German, Italian and Latin run in that way: I love, thou lovest, he loves; or I walk, thou walkest, he walks. But do you know that that is a very bad way for a verb to run? Do you know that the old Hebrew people arranged their verbs the other way around: 'He is, thou art, I am'?"

Then he added: "That is the way to look at life. Say to yourself, looking up to God, 'He is'; then look at your neighbor and say, 'You are'; last of all think of yourself and say, 'I am.' First God, then your neighbor, then yourself. That is the way to think and to live."

One who heard this story was so struck by the thought that he could not rest until he found a Hebrew scholar able to tell him whether it was really true that Hebrew words are conjugated in this way. "Yes," said the scholar, "the Hebrew verb is conjugated as you say. Why do you ask?" So the other told him what the man had said to the school children.

"Well, well!" exclaimed the scholar, with radiant face. "I have been studying Hebrew forty years, and never once has it occurred to me that Hebrew verbs have that wonderful and beautiful significance!"

He sat for some moments, saying: "He is, thou art, I am. How beautiful! Yes, to be sure: He is, you are, I am. Wonderful, wonderful!"

Training the Girls in Alabama

ALABAMA has a training school for girls, and according to reports which have strayed into the northern papers they ought to be pretty well trained by the time the school gets through with them, that is, if there is anything left of them, which seems doubtful.

After numerous reports had been widely circulated that girls were whipped, starved and

allowed to die without medical attention, an investigation was undertaken, and it came out early in the hearings that girls had been put in strait-jackets and handcuffed and had their mouths sealed with adhesive tape while their bodies were lashed with whips. That is going some. If the British have done anything worse than that in India we have not heard of it.

Public Ownership in Virginia, Minnesota

SEVENTEEN years ago the electric light and power plant of Virginia, Minnesota, was owned by private parties. The rate charged was 11.34 cents a kilowatt hour. The citizens decided to take advantage of a clause in the franchise which permitted the city to purchase the property.

Many citizens objected. They claimed that the plant was old junk, dilapidated, worn out, and would have to be rebuilt entirely. Nevertheless the consulting engineers advised the purchase at the large price of \$550,000. Now note the result.

The plant has been wholly paid for out of

earnings; it has been wholly rebuilt; new and larger water mains have been laid; a complete new distribution system has been built; the gas plant in its entirety has been constructed; the heating plant has been rebuilt, and the plant is now worth \$1,846,820.51.

But wait! You have not heard the most interesting thing about it. The rates to the people have been gradually reduced until now the rate is 2 cents a kilowatt hour. Compare that rate with the rates you are paying every month to the Big Business Burglars, and you will know why it pays them to buy newspapers and college professors.

German Imperial Railroad Company

How It Looks After Its Personnel

[Translated from the Esperanto edition of *The Railroader*, by H. W. Kline.]

THE German imperial railroad company arranged the following distribution of drink and food during extreme heat and cold:

Drink

(a) Summer. $\frac{1}{2}$ liter of black coffee, $\frac{1}{2}$ liter of tea; one bottle of mineral water or lemonade, as desired. Condition is that temperature of warmth must be 23 degrees Centigrade in the shade at 10 o'clock in the morning.

(b) Winter. $\frac{1}{2}$ liter of black coffee, $\frac{1}{2}$ liter of tea; plate of bouillon or plate of any other kind of soup, as desired. Condition is that weather must be a minimum of 10 degrees cold or cold and wet weather.

These drinks are received not only by the executive personnel, but also by all others who must strenuously work under the sun's rays in the summer (or at fires, for example, in the repair shops, as blacksmiths, etc.) and during extreme cold in the winter.

Food

Customary warm food, or bread spread with

something, with one of the above mentioned drinks. Condition:

(a) Increase of the regular working time by a minimum of three hours. (Valid only for the train crews.)

(b) Extraordinary sharp, cold weather of more than 20 degrees C. (Valid for the train crews and for the supervisory forces in stations, where the supervision is difficult.)

(c) Hard labor in extraordinary occasions. (Valid only for the persons who are affected at such times.)

From *Der Deutsche Eisenbahner*. Translated by Jozza Zupanic, of Beograd, Yugoslavia, for *La Fervojisto* (*The Railroader*).

Remarks by the translator: This is the way things look in Germany concerning the newly arranged distribution of extra pay. It would be very interesting to know a little something in this connection about other railroads. We in Yugoslavia do not have anything like this among railroaders.

Seconds on the Dial

Influx of Cheap Chinese Eggs

EGGs may be bought in China for 3c a dozen, American money. As a consequence a vast industry has grown up in which, last year, 60,000,000 dozen eggs were brought in, resulting in a loss to American poultry growers during the year of something like \$200,000,000.

Excessive Oil Importations

EXCESSIVE oil importations, principally from South American fields, are making hard traveling for some 300,000 oil wells in the United States, and many oil companies are near the end of their rope. The worst of it is that the South American fields are owned by American business men.

General Motors Executives

THIS General Motors executives have been taken care of very nicely, thank you. They have had their salaries, big ones, too, and besides that they have had 5 percent of the net profits annually, with the result that eighty of them have become millionaires. In other words, they have come to be included in the little group of 4 percent of the people who own 80 percent of the wealth.

The Federal Deficit

THIS federal deficit is put at about \$800,000,000, which is the largest in history. It is about the same as the annual bill for the army and navy, which is \$750,000,000. This annual bill for the army and navy, by the way, is an increase of 161 percent over the pre-war figures. The official declaration of the Kellogg Peace Pact, that war is illegal, seems not to have come too soon.

Movements of Wages

IN MARCH, 1930, one hundred and forty-two concerns reported wage movements to the United States department of labor; eighty-two percent of such movements were upward to better wages; eighteen percent were downward to less wages. In March, 1931, the tables were almost reversed. Three hundred and ninety-eight concerns reported; eighty-five and one-half percent of such movements were downward, and only fourteen and one-half percent were upward. The wages downward averaged ten percent and affected 43,500 employees.

A Plucky Blind Stenographer

A BLIND London girl, Violet Harper, learned to write shorthand by the Braille method, at the rate of one hundred words a minute, and reads and transcribes her notes at the rate of sixty words a minute. She has been appointed to a clerkship in a British government office.

The Taxicab Business

IT GIVES one a start to be told that the taxicabs of the country now carry more passengers every year than do the railroads, and that their revenues are five-eighths of the passenger revenues of the railroads. In New York city last year 380,000,000 passengers rode in the city's 20,000 taxicabs.

Development of Odorless Polecats

A ROCHESTER (New York) man has discovered a means of breeding odorless skunks. The new animals are without stripes and have been deprived of some of their fragrance. Now won't it be wonderful if by some device a class of preachers can be developed that will tell the truth about this "hell" business? What a wonderful world this is getting to be!

Keeping Exteriors of Buildings Clean

NEW YORK has a big business in cleaning the exteriors of buildings. Various methods are used, sand blast, abrasion by carborundum wheels, washing with live steam, muriatic acid and hydrochloric acid, and impregnation of the stone with paraffin wax. In the cleaning process many ornaments and other parts have to be removed and replaced, to keep the streets safe for pedestrians beneath.

Coal Tar Dyes Make Serums Harmless

THE newspapers are telling us of some great discoveries at Washington University, St. Louis. The account is so naive that we give it just as it appears, merely remarking that another way to avoid the serum sickness is to avoid the serum itself:

The scientists at Washington University found that by combining organic compounds, which they call "diazotised amines", with the active substances in diphtheria and tetanus antitoxins they could eliminate serum sickness. The "diazotised amines" are similar to substances used in making many coal tar dyes.

No More Ice-Covered Planes

THIS Goodrich Rubber Company has invented satisfactory overshoes for airplanes. When passing through freezing clouds these overshoes are inflated and deflated by a motor-driven air pump in the cockpit of the plane. The ice breaks up and disappears, carried away by the wind. Thus one of the greatest enemies of the airplane is subdued. Hitherto many an aviator has lost his life because the wings of his plane became overloaded with ice.

Accidents in Sports

MORE persons are injured in playing golf than while traveling on railroads, and more than twice as many are injured while playing baseball as are injured in street-car accidents. There are more persons injured while dancing than are injured in subway accidents. These figures have been collected by the Aetna Life Insurance Company. More accidents occur in the building-construction industry than in any other branch of work.

1,000 Workless Ministers in Southern California

IT IS estimated that at least 1,000 ministers are without work in the southern part of the state of California. The presbytery of Los Angeles has 108 churches and 324 ministers, and it is claimed that if every Methodist minister should vacate his pulpit the vacancy could be filled in a day. It won't be long now before all the rest of the churches will close and all the ministers will be at work at some honest kind of labor. After they get used to it they will like it.

How the Unemployed Live

IN PHILADELPHIA a check-up was made of fifty families in which the head of the family is unemployed. Here is how they manage to live. In twenty-six of these homes there is some member of the family still working, and bringing in \$5 a week or more; the whole family lives on this. Of the 24 families left, half were supported by relatives and neighbors. The rest were being taken care of by churches, relief agencies and former employers. Today, in Philadelphia, men who formerly made \$60 to \$75 a week as expert mechanics are now collecting junk at 2c a pound.

Monolithic Structures Withstand Earthquakes

AT THE time of the San Francisco earthquake it was found that the monolithic concrete structures stood the shocks best of all. Now the same thing has been found true at Managua, these structures having suffered but little in the shocks which razed the city. The Managua losses are put at \$20,000,000, of which only \$2,000,000 was covered by insurance. Managua lies in the midst of the most insecure land surface of the world.

Facts About Seasickness

IT HAS been found that deaf mutes are immune to seasickness, as are also very young children in whom the semicircular canals of the internal ear are not fully developed. Our sense of balance is provided by fluids in the canals mentioned, and seasickness is an involuntary and natural result of the disturbance set up in these fluids, so the doctors say. But now why is it that if you eat half a dozen Brazil nuts you won't be seasick, anyway?

The Supply of Xenon

YOU have all seen the xenon signs which have as their base the rarest of the noble gases found in the earth's atmosphere. Do not be alarmed with the thought that the supply of xenon may soon be exhausted. Dr. Humphreys, of the United States weather bureau, says there is enough of it that, loaded on freight cars, 19 tons to the car, the train would reach forty times around the earth and, traveling at twenty miles an hour, would be six years passing a given point.

Still Waters Run Deep

EDUCATORS have just discovered anew that it is not the child that has the most to say that is most intelligent. It often happens that the child that is less glib is more capable than the talkative one. However, one may not assume that all still waters are deep. The shallowest puddles are often and usually perfectly calm. In other words, neither talkativeness nor silence can be taken as a sign of intelligence. Some people are talkative to cover up their absence of thought, and some are silent because they have nothing to set their vocal organs in operation.

The War of the Future

TH E war of the future is described by John Galsworthy, novelist. He says:

There will be no chivalry, honor or glory in a future war; no distinction of age or sex, or between the sick or healthy, will be shown. There will be no immunity for culture. There will be nothing but flying, invisible shapes, raining death and desolation. The country that indulges in war will become a shadow of its former self and slink down into the pit of the past. This is no cry of alarm, but common sense.

Executives Got Nearly Half

IT SEEKS that since 1911 the stockholders of the Bethlehem Steel Company have received dividends amounting to \$40,000,000, and that seems like a considerable sum of money. But besides this, and without the knowledge or approval of the stockholders, \$36,000,000 more was drawn off in bonuses to the executives. The oft-repeated claims of the Big Business crowd, that they have no honest men in their ranks, none who can really be trusted by the people, seem quite well substantiated by the facts.

No Money to Bury Her Babe

ONE of the saddest cases of poverty of which we have heard was that of a Cincinnati mother whose babe died on the day of its birth. She had no money to provide a funeral, and kept the little body in the house eleven days, washing it every day and nestling it in her arms at night, trying in vain to think of some way to give it a burial, until finally the police took the body away. Even after turning it over to the officers she begged that she might be allowed to hold it once more.

Big Fellows Reducing Pay Rolls

THREE of the largest industries in the United States are the Ford industries, the Steel Trust, and the Telephone Trust. All three of these have turned over thousands of their employees to be fed by the public in the bread lines. They continue to have millions of dollars for stockholders. When business picks up the men who are now in the bread lines, being fed at public expense, will be brought back to work for indigent Big Business. But as soon as they have piled up sufficient surplus for Big Business they will go back again to the public bread lines.

The World's Tea Trade

CHINA now supplies only 8 percent of the world's tea trade, as compared with 73 percent from India and Ceylon. The people of Australia are the greatest tea drinkers in the world, consuming 8.15 pounds of tea per head per year. New Zealand and the Irish Free State are a close second, Britain next, then Newfoundland, Canada and Holland. The United States is way down on the list, using only $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pound of tea per inhabitant per year.

Ford Company Profits

THE Ford Company profits in the last two years were \$126,000,000. In the two preceding years the loss was \$115,000,000 due to the shift from Model T to Model A, with heavy expenditures for plant and tools; in 1925 and 1926 the profits were \$190,000,000; and in the two preceding years, \$197,000,000. For the two years ending February 28, 1923, they were \$177,000,000. Of the total assets of \$782,000,000 which the company now has, nearly one-half is cash. The Ford family own all the stock.

Behold What Hypocrites We Are!

THE Prohibition Enforcement Bureau has ruled that there is nothing wrong with the sale of non-intoxicating fruit juices which may develop a wine alcoholic content in the home afterward. With this ruling in their possession, salesmen of grape juice are traveling all over the country urging Prohibition Enforcement officials and others to stock up with their wares, assuring them that in a few weeks it will turn into Burgundy or port or whatever is wanted, and that they will service it free of charge.

Juries Are Sometimes Fooled

A BROOKLYN jury convicted a fellow citizen of first-degree robbery, despite the fact that six other witnesses corroborated his alibi. At the last minute he was saved from going to prison for twenty years when another, arrested for another crime, admitted his guilt for the crime charged against the convicted man. The detective who caused the innocent man's arrest and conviction admitted afterwards that he had all along felt doubt of his guilt. Seems too bad, does it not, that an innocent man should have to go through all that, and without any redress?

Daniel Willard on Starvation

DANIEL WILLARD, president of the B. & O. Railroad, in an address at the University of Pennsylvania, defended the theory of capitalism, claiming that it is the best yet developed but admitted that it has the very serious defect of not providing employment for millions who are now willing to work, and that if he were so situated he would steal before he would starve. Here is an honest admission by one of the world's great men that poverty is a direct incitement to crime. He who labors to put an end to poverty labors to put an end to crime. He who is indifferent on the subject is responsible for crime. God's kingdom, which will put an end to poverty, will put an end to crime.

Concentration of Wealth

IN 1920 the incomes of wealthy men in the United States, men having incomes of \$1,000,-000 or more, totaled \$77,078,130. Nine years later this sum had increased to \$1,185,135,330, or more than fifteen times as much; so much for the ultrarich. But in 1920 the incomes of men of \$5,000 or less income totaled \$15,274,217,-215, while in 1929 these incomes, as shown by the income tax returns to the United States treasury department, had dropped to a total of \$8,282,000,000. In other words, the big fellows in the last ten years have multiplied their incomes by fifteen, while the smaller business and professional men have had their incomes cut in two.

The Crisp County Demonstration

TIRED of the excessive rates charged by the Georgia Power Company, Crisp county, Georgia, built its own power plant and cut the rates 25 percent. In the effort to hold its customers the Georgia Power Company made a cut of 35 percent in the Crisp county rates, effective for Crisp county only. Then the State of Georgia brought action against them to compel them to show cause why the rates they were offering should not be made state-wide, and the Power Company in sudden fright petitioned for the privilege of charging in Crisp county the same rates as Crisp county itself is extending to its citizens. Meantime the Power Company has lost almost all its Crisp county customers, and deserved to lose them. And it may have to reduce its rates 25 percent all over the state, and deserves to.

In Union County, Kentucky

ANDVERTISEMENT in the Sturgis, (Ky.) News tells us that in Union county this past winter hundreds of men, women and children have begged for their food, and at times have eaten from garbage cans. Honest, upright, hard-working men have stood in line, with tears streaming down their cheeks, holding sacks wherein to carry food to their loved ones. The farmers of Chenango county, New York, have been making a special effort to aid the hard-hit farmers of Union county, Kentucky. Contributions from the Power Trust, the Steel Trust, the Telephone Trust, Henry Ford, and others that are finding this country rich and prosperous, will not be rejected in Union county.

Several Ministers Get in Wrong

THE ministers seem to be having a hard time of it. A Newark (N. J.) dominie helped hold up a garage, a lunch wagon and a chicken market, and now is wondering how the bishop will take it. But the chances are that the bishop is holding up widows and orphans by some crooked stock scheme. Then a Missouri pastor shot and killed an evangelist of whom he was jealous. And a Chicago ecclesiastic framed up a bookseller and must pay \$5,000 for malicious prosecution. If he could get the bookseller to sell him a certain obscene book the dominie was to get part of the fine that would follow; but the fine did not just happen to land where he thought it would.

Enemies of the People

THE more units there are in an electric power and lighting system, the more efficiently the system can be run. One plant after another can be closed, and the load it formerly carried can be shifted to a central station where the added cost will be negligible. So the cities of Burden and Dexter, Kansas, sold out to the city of Winfield, which has a municipally owned plant; and do you know that the Kansas branch of the Power Trust, namely, the Kansas Gas and Electric Company, was so mean that it brought an injunction against the city of Winfield to restrain the people from getting the benefits they desired? Winfield Municipal, by the way, turns over to the city something like \$125,000 a year as a result of owning and operating all its own utilities.

The Cunard Company

THE Cunard Company still has plenty of money, but it won't have if its profits continue to fall off the next few years the way they have for the last two years. The net profits for 1929 were \$4,048,195, but last year they were only \$93,005. The loss of almost 98 percent of the previous year's profits is a good indication of the depressed condition of trade all over the world. It is noted that the demand for third cabin passage continues to increase while the more expensive and more profitable suites of rooms go almost empty. There is relatively little freight moving anywhere.

Would You Believe It?

WOULD you believe it that in a Michigan city the Power Trust had accumulated so much surplus, had so fully paid off all its debts and had made such low rates that it did not care to reduce them further, with the result that it deliberately refunded to all its customers 10 percent of their total net bills for the entire year? Why, no! Of course you would not believe it. The thing is impossible and preposterous on the face of it. But that is just what was done at Wyandotte, Michigan. The only difference is that Wyandotte is not on a Power Trust hookup, but its plant is municipally owned; and that is all the difference in the world.

Dorothy Beckman, of Otto, New York

THE QUEST tells us of Dorothy Beckman, eight years old, of Otto, New York. Diagnosed by two medical doctors and a medical specialist as having bulbar paralysis, and given up to die in two hours; two chiropractors came and stayed with the child three days and nights and effected a complete cure. When it became apparent that the child would recover, the home was quarantined by the health officer, in the expectation that the chiropractors could thus be kept away and the child would die as the diagnosis said she should of right do. But the chiropractors came anyway, and were used to save the child, though they faced a term in jail for doing so. What is this thing that has got us by the throat, anyway?

The South's Awful Murder Rate

CHICAGO is bad, with a murder rate of 14.4 per 100,000 population, and Detroit is bad, with a murder rate of 13.3 per 100,000; but the South is very much worse. The rates in Augusta, Jacksonville, Macon, Miami, Mobile, Nashville and Savannah are all over 30 per 100,000; Birmingham and Shreveport are over 40; and Atlanta, Lexington and Memphis are over 50; Memphis is the worst of all. The rate in Moscow from 1924 to 1928 was but 4.9 per 100,000, which does not make the Russians seem like such bad people after all.

The Dirigible LZ 129

THE dirigible LZ 129, now being built at Friedrichshafen, Germany, will be the largest dirigible yet constructed. It will be 812 feet long, and 145 feet high from the bottom of the control gondola to the top of the shell. It will use Diesel engines, burning crude oil, and be supported by helium gas, of which it will carry 7,070,000 cubic feet. In 1933 this ship will be in service across the Atlantic, and is expected to make the eastbound trip in forty-two hours, the westbound in sixty-three. Fares will be around \$800 to \$1,000. There will be accommodations for fifty passengers and a crew of thirty-five. In a pinch, twenty-five or thirty additional passengers can be carried.

Nineteen Years More of Liberty

WHEN economic liberty has passed in America, all real liberty is at an end. Some would say that has happened already and that it is already high time that the copper statue on Bedloe's Island should be dressed in black and placed in a reclining position with its arms folded; but not so, say others. The Columbia Social Science Research Council is not so pessimistic. It gives America nineteen years more to go. It will not be until that time, which will be the year 1950, that eighty percent of the nation's industry, transportation, mining, power, etc., will be in the hands of her 200 greatest corporations. During the past eighteen years, by the way, the assets of these 200 corporations have grown more than twice as fast as the assets of all other corporations in their class.

In Eulogy of the Cow

(By Malcolm R. Patterson, former governor of Tennessee. Reprinted from the *Butter, Cheese and Egg Journal*)

BLIND Homer sang of Trojan wars and heroes; Virgil, of men and arms; Horace, of love and Falernian wine; Dante, of the infernal regions; and Milton, of Paradise; but if I had the genius of all these old masters combined, a harp with a thousand strings, and the world for an audience, I would sing with all my heart and soul of a cow—proclaim her virtues—and perpetuate her name to the remotest generations. If I were a sculptor and had the power to chisel my thoughts in marble, I would search the quarries of the earth for the purest, whitest stone, and somewhere, in an enchanted wood, where the skies are bluest, and the waters purest, and the birds sing sweetest far into the soft and mellow moonlight nights, I would begin a work of love and duty.

I would bid the cold marble speak for me, as I plied the chisel to its sides until the rough, hard surface took the shape I wished, and at last a cow stood revealed, wide and kind eyes, in a posture of patient waiting to give the rich contents of her swelling udder, and bless the receivers with joy and health and strength.

I would make a base on which this spirit of my dreams would stand, and around its rim I would carve the figures of dear little babes, their hands and expectant faces raised toward their best friend in all the animal world, the friend that never fails them; the one that puts the firm pink flesh upon their tender frames, the one that brings dimples and smiles like the touch of angels' wings, when the sweet life-giving milk trickles in a velvet sugar stream down their tiny throats, until the bottle falls away and sleep comes to caress and hold them still in its protecting arms.

The cow is an uncrowned queen without a scepter, and her kingdom is all the land between the seas. Her motto is service, and she always gives more than she receives.

When the children are well, she makes them better, and they grow and flourish with her constant benefactions. When they are sick and wasted, she raises them up and starts them right again. Her milk is the one perfect food for young and old. It holds every element to sustain and strengthen life. The cow works for all humanity without a complaint, and was never known to strike for higher wages. All she wants in exchange for the myriad blessings that she

confers is enough to eat and a place to lie down at night. The cow is a lady among all the four-footed creatures—a lady that doesn't need fine clothes, or powder, or lip stick to set off her infinite beauty.

She is a thorough democrat in her habits and opinions. She gives to men and women and children of all races and creeds; is kind to all and favors none above the rest. She is dainty, too, in her tastes. She would rather die before she would feed on flesh. Her feed is clover, grain and succulent things of the vegetable world, grass, with which God carpets the earth in living green as it springs fresh from the heart of nature.

The cow is domestic. She loves home. She knows the place where she lives, and is faithful to it.

If she must wander away for feed, when the shadows begin to lengthen in the evening, she will be standing at the gate, asking for admission, and a chance to yield her rich burden which she has stored in daylight hours. The cow is the poor man's chief reliance, his tried and trusted friend. She is true to him when all the world is cold. The cow does not seek strange society, or run after the rich, as some of her two-legged sisters do. That is not her ambition. She has higher and different conceptions of life.

Her concern is to help all humanity, and the man who lives in a cabin with seven tow-headed children to bring him joy, and poverty is as much the recipient of her bounty as the rich man with three automobiles, two dogs and four servants, without one child to disturb his sleep or bring a smile of joy to his starving soul. I believe that a cow loves the poor man best, for he needs her most.

If all the cows in the world should die or dry up tomorrow, it would bring untold calamity upon mankind. We could get along better without railroads, banks or the cotton crop, for without the cow the race would sicken, decay and finally perish. May we honor and praise her as she deserves. I hope that as we advance in knowledge, when we cease to be cruel and selfish, we will quit murdering and eating cows that have given us strength and comfort and saved our babies' lives. When this happy day comes, I should like to see a large fund collected to build an "old cows' home", surrounded by luscious

pastures and running water, where these old and tried friends could pass their remaining days and die in peace.

In the fullness of age and the thought of duty well done, as they bow their knees in reverence

for the last time, and settle down for the last repose, may they pass easily and naturally into a better and fairer land, where the grass is forever green, and neither flies nor tiger men can molest them or make them afraid.

Discounting Doctor and Dental Bills *By a Subscriber (Pennsylvania)*

SOME three years ago my husband was having considerable trouble with his stomach and very bad spells of nausea and headache. About that time we began reading the *Golden Age* articles on aluminum poisoning and its ill effects on the human system, and at once decided to discard our aluminum cooking ware; everything went save the percolator. As a consequence, the headaches grew less and less frequent and less severe. In April, 1929, I finally found an all-glass percolator (*Silex* is the trade name) and out went my last piece of aluminum; and no more headaches or nausea till June of 1930.

Sometime previously we had finished all our jellies that had been made in the agate preserving kettle, and all that remained were a few glasses of grape jelly that had been cooked in aluminum. These I hated to throw out, thinking that we might use them in small quantities and "get away with it". We were using this made-in-aluminum jelly about one week in June, 1930, and at but one meal in the day, when my husband had another spell of nausea and headache, the worst one yet, and it almost laid him out. I recognized the symptoms at once and immediately threw out the remainder of the jelly, and neither nausea nor headache has returned during the last six months! Aluminum is fine for making chairs, automobile bodies and airplane motors, but not for cooking utensils.

In the same connection, I also had an interesting experience at the dentist's on the occasion of my last annual visit. The year previous

he had commented on how rapidly my teeth were "breaking down" and the tissue was softening; he told me my gums did not look as healthy as usual, and that I ought to come back to him in six months, not wait until the year had passed. After reading the first article on the aluminum poisoning and of its dire effects on the mouth and teeth, I immediately thought of what he had told me.

When I returned to the dentist for a couple of minor fillings, one of the first things he said was, "Why, Mrs. C——, what have you done to your teeth?" His look of amazement and surprise rather startled me, and I quickly plied the question, "Why, what is wrong?" I thought he seemed to be spending an extra amount of energy on the teeth when he was preparing them for the fillings, and wondered what could be wrong. He remarked, "Nothing is wrong, but what have you done to your teeth, they are so hard again, and your gums look so healthy, too? I recall telling you I was worried about the condition of your mouth a year ago."

He paused for my answer, and when I told him I was eating the same way as usual, and cleaning with the same kind of powder as heretofore, but that I had simply thrown out my aluminum cooking utensils, he smiled and replied he would like to believe that was all I had done. Of course, he is of the old school, and it takes time to change their habit of thinking. I know my teeth are stronger this year than last, and on my next visit in February I hope to have the dentist fully convinced.

The Uses of Chromium

TODAY chromium is used to produce a hard and tough alloy that will not rust. Razor blades, door knobs, coffee pots, cutlery, waffle irons, locomotive axles, driving rods, automo-

bile parts, battleship armor and towers for skyscrapers are some of the things now made in part of chromium or chromium alloys.

Common Salt By H. J. North (Estonia)

"Salt is good."—Mark 9:50.

FOR some years I have read with much interest the various articles in *The Golden Age*, respecting the way to health, and have gleaned therefrom many thoughts and ideas, which I have, to the best of my ability, tried to put in practice.

Not having seen in *The Golden Age* any article on "Common Salt", and having recently read a book with that title by Gumpel, I wish to express my opinion thereon, with the hope that it will be beneficial to many of your readers.

Salt is one of the commonest of earth's provisions for man and beast. In the sea it is found in abundance, and in many places there are vast deposits of this essential mineral. Salt, when mined from the earth, is, generally speaking, pure common salt, chemically called sodium chloride. It is this salt that is so vital to man and the human organism, and of which I write.

Strict vegetarians claim that all the salts necessary for health and strength are to be found in fruits and vegetables, and that other salts are not to be added. My experience with this diet taught me that it is insufficient to sustain the health of a vigorous colporteur, and with a return to a meat diet I had greater vigor and strength to carry on. Why is this? Why do strict vegetarians, in the main, look so pale, unhealthy and undernourished? I am convinced that it is due to the low percentage of common salt in their diet compared with that of a diet containing meat.

Strict vegetarians state that the addition of this salt is unnecessary, and some go to the extent of stating that it is injurious to the human body. This is a grave and serious error, and has led many of them to an early grave. Heart failure, syncope and strokes are due to a lack of common salt in the system, particularly in the blood. I believe that such diseases as cancer, influenza, anaemia, smallpox, diphtheria, typhoid, cholera, etc., are not contracted by any who have a sufficiency of common salt in their system, which keeps them immune.

Now let me state what I believe to be the proofs of these assertions. Common salt in solution has the wonderful ability of passing through animal membrane and tissue, and can be, and is, transferred from any part of the body to another part where it is needed, by this means and by the blood. The reader can test

this for himself. Take a good watertight leather bag and pour in water. The water will remain there indefinitely; but sprinkle a little salt in the water, and very soon it will begin to drip through the bag. After a fall of snow in London, salt is scattered in the streets. This results in salt water solution, which quickly penetrates the soles of boots and shoes, in this case causing many to suffer a severe chill, because salt and snow is a common freezing mixture.

The blood is composed mainly of red corpuscles and serum, the former floating freely in the latter. In order that the red corpuscles may be preserved and function properly, this serum must contain at least 0.2 percent of common salt. The serum will retain 0.5 percent, and any surplus is easily dispersed by means of the kidneys. In fact the kidneys cannot function and pass off waste without the aid of common salt.

In order that the blood may contain the minimum amount of this salt (0.2 percent) for its preservation, it will draw salt from other parts of the body and thus leave these parts deficient in salt and they become inefficient. For instance, taking salt from the nerves, heart, brain or muscles causes them to become water-saturated, flabby and diseased.

Should the serum lack sufficient common salt, the red corpuscles are destroyed. These corpuscles are in shape something like a dumb-bell, and can be seen with the aid of a microscope. When salt is lacking in the blood the red corpuscles absorb water, swell into globular shape and finally burst, and if sufficient are destroyed, the person becomes anaemic and subject to all kinds of diseases.

When the red corpuscles are thus destroyed they throw their contents, haemoglobin and potassium salts into the serum. The effect of free potassium salts in the blood is instantly poisonous upon the heart, and if the heart is inefficient through lack of salt, then heart failure follows.

It is not pleasant to see the obstinacy of strict vegetarians who absorb large quantities of potassium salts through eating fruits and vegetables and cereals only, and refuse the very thing necessary to turn the potassium salts into health and strength. Without the agency of common salt, these potassium salts cannot build up the body, but may poison it.

Anyone may observe the effect of salt. Take

a drop of your blood, and note through a microscope the above described shape of the red corpuscles. Now add a drop of water, and you will see them swell to the bursting point. If now two or three grains of salt are added, then you will observe that they discharge the water and return to their original shape. If the salt is not added they will burst.

Another serious effect of swollen or burst red corpuscles is that they cannot absorb oxygen from the air in the lungs, which oxygen is so vital to health and vitality. Neither can they so easily pass through the channels (veins, etc.), and so cause bad circulation, and extra force and pressure is required from the heart to force it. The red corpuscles can be kept functioning in a healthy state only if there is sufficient common salt in the serum of the blood.

It appears therefore that common salt must be supplied to the blood and that it is of first importance. Water supplied to a human body deficient in salt acts deleteriously, causing damage and disease. A body deficient in salt must have either water extracted or salt supplied in order to preserve the necessary minimum of 0.2 percent in the blood.

Common salt plays a most important part in the process of digestion. Food is digested by three juices, the saliva, the gastric juice and the bile. Saliva flows in the mouth and mingles with the food when chewed and enters with it into the stomach, where the gastric juice acts upon it. The bile then carries on the work, especially upon the fats in the intestines.

That digestion should be good, the gastric juice must contain salt and hydrochloric acid. This acid obtains its chlorine constituent from common salt, and is secreted by the blood. A body deficient in common salt cannot supply this chlorine to form the hydrochloric acid, and another acid is formed, called lactic acid, which is injurious to digestion.

The bile is secreted by the liver and normally contains a large proportion of common salt, and is necessary for digestion. Without hydrochloric acid in the gastric juice, and salt in the bile, putrefaction takes place, and large quantities of food cannot be assimilated by the body. A great deal could be said upon this subject, but this article must necessarily be abbreviated.

Salt can be supplied *naturally* in two ways. The first and most important is surely by means of the digestive tract; the second, by salt baths.

Cooking and eating food with the addition of salt as usual to suit the taste, is one means of supplying salt to the body, but not the best. Its action is limited because of chemical combination in the stomach. To insure noninterference, it should be taken in solution with water, not at meal times. Drinking at meals can be limited or stopped and substituted by salt water solutions at night and in the morning.

The solution of a half or three-quarters of a teaspoonful of common salt in a tumbler of water will be found very pleasant to the taste after a short trial. The object is to insure that the body has as nearly as possible the 0.5 percent of common salt in the solution in the serum of the blood. Care should be taken to see that not too much liquid (water in various beverages) is drunk without supplying sufficient salt to counteract the watering of the tissues of the body, nerves, muscles, brain, heart, etc.

The second means of supplying salt to the body is by means of salt baths of sea water strength ($2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of salt to every 10 gallons of water). Most people feel limp and languid after a "good hot bath". But everyone who takes a "good hot bath" with the above proportion of salt therein will feel invigorated, refreshed, and perfectly cleansed, although one may remain in the bath for half an hour or even an hour. One will feel the opposite of languid!

Why is this? The explanation is simple, when the wonderful quality of salt of passing through animal tissue and membrane is remembered. When one takes a bath without salt, the common salt inside the body is extracted because of its affinity for water, and water goes *in*, thus watering and desalting the system at the same time. Naturally the body feels the loss, and one feels, and is, languid.

When, however, a strong salt water bath is taken, the result is reversed: salt goes *in* and water is extracted. This explains the benefit many patients receive at watering places where brine baths are taken. Everyone can have the benefits of brine baths and salt waters in their own home, as soon as they will, with the very minimum of cost.

The argument in favor of salt is so simple, and the results so quickly appreciated in my own case and in that of many friends, that I cannot refrain from writing about it. I wish to learn more, and should like other persons' opinions. I am truly thankful for my health and

vigor, due to an unbiased trial, and hope others will receive similar vitality and glow of health.

There are very many other remarkable things regarding salt that I would like to write about, both in preventing and curing diseases, but this

article is long enough for its present purpose of showing a way to health and happiness. Common salt is one of God's greatest gifts to man, though, like many of His gifts, it is despised by many.

As to Dextrose in Honey—A Correction *By Roy A. Ryan (Missouri)*

IN *The Golden Age* of March 4, 1931, page 372, appeared an item, "Glucose Deal Goes Through," dealing with the recent ruling by the secretary of agriculture permitting the use of corn sugar (dextrose) as an ingredient in the packing of any article of food without declaring the fact on the label.

While I do not fully approve of the ruling, it appears that you overstated the facts when you said, "Hereafter maple syrup and honey can contain half glucose, which is nothing but starch treated with hydrochloric acid, and nobody will be any the wiser."

Here is the ruling as taken from the *American Bee Journal* of February, 1931:

"Corn sugar (dextrose) when sold in packages, must be labeled as such; when sold in bulk must be declared as such; but the use of pure, refined corn sugar as an ingredient in the packing, preparation or processing of any article of food in which sugar is a recognized element need not be declared upon the label of any such product.

"Nothing in this ruling shall be construed to permit the adulteration or imitation of any natural product, such as honey, by the addition of any sugar or other ingredient whatever.

*"(Signed) Arthur M. Hyde,
Secretary of Agriculture."*

The corn sugar bill as originally presented to Congress, if passed, would have permitted the adulteration of natural products, but Congress kept turning it down even when it was modified,

and finally the corn sugar interest turned to the secretary of agriculture and succeeded in getting him to pass the present ruling.

I hope that you will see fit to correct your statement concerning the adulteration of honey; for if the people are led to believe that honey can lawfully be adulterated it will naturally make many people reluctant about buying a product so easily subject to adulteration, creating a greater prejudice against the buying of honey than already exists. As it is, you will hear many people say that "most of the honey you buy in the stores is adulterated", but they make that statement because of their lack of knowledge concerning honey.

I am a honey producer, therefore interested in honey, and I have never yet seen or tasted any honey that was sold as such that I had any reason to believe was adulterated. But many people think that all honey is about alike. They become accustomed to eating one or two flavors or varieties of honey, and then if they get honey from another locality that is made from a different flower and is of a different flavor and texture, they instantly jump to the conclusion that it is adulterated or "manufactured"; while as a matter of fact there are about as many varieties and flavors of honey as there are varieties of apples. The flavor and texture of honey depends on what kind of flower the nectar is taken from; also the weather helps determine the quality. In this locality (northeast Missouri), white clover in the spring, and Spanish needle in the fall of the year, are the main nectar-producing flowers.

What New Martinsville Gained

ON APRIL 22, 1929, the town of New Martinsville, W. Va., purchased and took over the electric system for the town from a private corporation. The company's rate for the first 25 kilowatt hours was 8c, and that for the second 25 kilowatt hours, 9c, an average of 8½c for the first 50 kilowatt hours. The town re-

duced this rate to 7c, which meant crossing off about \$5,000 a year from the bills of its customers. Meantime, in the short time the plant has been operated by the municipality, the street illumination has been improved and the plant has made a clear profit of \$36,000.

Identifying the Insane By John A. Mackaye (Pennsylvania)

IN NEARLY all hospitals for the insane there are one or more patients whose identity is unknown when they are admitted. Either they refuse to talk or they have forgotten their names and addresses, and so are entered on the books as "John Doe No. 1", "John Doe No. 2," and so on. I have known as many as six "John Does" to be at one time in one such institution where I worked. Trying to find out from them the facts concerning themselves takes ingenuity.

Nobody can be legally kept in such institutions until he or she has been certified as insane; and so, when the police of a neighboring city sent a man to Benvenue, where I worked, he was at first confined for a day or two in what was called "The Home". He was locked up and, as he was a powerfully built chap, who did not want to stay, he was put in a strait-jacket and the arms of the jacket tied to the bed. It was my duty to unloose him at intervals to feed and care for him, and I was detailed to come from the asylum to do this. One afternoon I had him up (still jacketed) and, before putting him back to bed and tying him in, I put a lighted cigar in his mouth to see if he used tobacco. He seemed to enjoy the smoke. Close by was an inmate shaving himself; and, remembering the antics that monkeys go through when they see their reflections in a mirror, I took the mirror the man was using and held it in front of the smoking John Doe. He smiled at his reflection; and pointing to the glass I asked, "Who is this?" He instantly said, "John Blasko."

Then I pointed to him and asked: "This John Blasko, too?"

"Sure," was the answer.

I then asked all about John Blasko, whether he had children, as to his wife, where he lived; and he answered coherently. With the information I went to the office; and when they had communicated with the adjoining county, from which he had said John Blasko came, the man's wife came, identified him, and finally took him home.

On another occasion I was on night watch, in the receiving ward, where we had a youth of about eighteen, who to all intents was dumb, so far as we knew, and who was also listed as John Doe. It was a hot August night, and all the windows were open, although the bars were still there. I was sitting at a table in the dim light, reading, and occasionally the inmates

went noiselessly past me to the water cooler, to get a drink and then return to bed. Without looking up I sensed that one of them, on his way back to bed, had stopped and was leaning against the wall opposite me. Without looking up I ordered him to get to bed; and then, as I looked up, I saw it was the voiceless John Doe. To my amazement he did not move, but said, most distinctly: "I smell fire." Now fire in such a place is something that every worker dreads; and so I asked sharply, "Where?" and was on my feet and going toward him almost without yet realizing that the dumb John Doe had awakened.

"In my room," he said, and started toward the little room where, with three others, he slept. I was there before he was, and, to my relief, soon found that the smoke, from the burning straw at the stables, was coming in through the window and that there was no fire in the asylum building. But I kept up the conversation with him, and before morning had found out who he was.

The next day he was assigned to the dining room to help lay the dishes, wash them, and tidy up; and inside of a month he was able to go home. But for that chance smell of fire he might have been there yet.

Another time the police brought in a young man who was most unsteady on his feet. They had no name for him, as he would not talk, and they said he was "It". So while he was officially booked as John Doe, he was known among the attendants and the other inmates as "It".

After we got him bathed and put him in overalls he was put in a chair, and he immediately let his head and body fall forward until the crown of his head was touching the floor. This was his favorite position for three days; and, while he could have been strapped to the chair in an upright position, he was allowed to assume this funny posture which he seemed to prefer. He could remain in this position for hours. We had to feed him, and he had an enormous appetite. The explanation for this came on the third day, when he took an epileptic fit. This was the explanation of the riddle: As soon as he came out of the fit, we started to clean him out, and stopped feeding him until he was able to stand and sit upright. Then, for the first time, he spoke, when he began to get real hungry, by asking why he did not get something to eat when the others did.

An attendant told him: "You're in training for a prize fight."

"I'll get something to eat soon or I'll lick Jack Dempsey," he retorted.

So he got something to eat, but was put on a diet; for most epileptics are gluttonous. He soon disclosed his name and his relatives, who were informed of his whereabouts and came to visit him. He had simply been getting over a series of fits when the police got him and thought he was insane.

Another John Doe, who turned out to be a victim of too much synthetic "hootch", would not eat. Before forcibly feeding any such inmate it is usual, if they are otherwise physically all right, to let them go hungry for at least a week to be sure they are actually not wishing to eat. Food was offered the "hootch hound"; but he would always go away from it, without tasting it. The attendant got the idea that he believed the food was poisoned. So the attendant prepared a bowl of food for himself and, after everybody was served, began to eat from his own bowl, letting the hootch victim see him. When he had taken about half a dozen spoonfuls gustily, in sight of the patient, he was called away, by prearrangement. He hastily put the bowl on the table and went out; and the hootch man grabbed the bowl and finished the last morsel in jig time. He saw that it did not hurt the attendant, and thought it was something special. This proved he was hungry; and it was easy to get him to eat, after that. When he had eaten for several days he began to see that there were

no sinister plots against him, and finally told who he was and in what bank he had his money.

But not all the John Does are so easily overcome and their identity established; and sometimes men who are perfectly sane will be taken into poorhouses and asylums and give misinformation. In more than one such instance men have, to my knowledge, died and been buried as friendless, only to have relatives finally locate them and go to the expense of having them dug up from the potter's field to be taken to the family plot. There are so many folks with grievances against their relatives. They claim to have been cheated, or mistreated, or to be misunderstood. So they cast off their relatives and go into retirement in such places.

But the time is at hand when all such bad relations between people, all such lapses from whatever cause, will be removed, under the beneficent reign of the Messiah. Then instead of insanity and dourness and terror there will be a universal love that will do away with all necessity for John Does, barred windows, strait-jackets, and tricks to get hungry men to eat.

There is no place like the interior of an asylum for the insane to see that selfishness run to seed is insanity. The insane man or woman always wants his or her own way. They do not care how others are affected, so long as they can do as they please. For such as can be cured there is nothing that acts more quickly than regularity; for irregularity has, in almost every instance, been the primary cause of their unbalance.

How Wars Are Arranged *By Mark Twain*

"THE loud little handful—as usual—will shout for war. The pulpit will—warily and cautiously—object—at first; the great, big, dull bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war, and will say, earnestly and indignantly, 'It is unjust and dishonorable, and there is no necessity for it.'

"Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded; but it will not last long; those others will outshout them, and presently the anti-war audiences will thin out and lose popularity.

"Before long you will see this curious thing: the speakers stoned from the platform and free

speech strangled by hordes of furious men who in their secret hearts are still at one with those stoned speakers—as earlier—but do not dare to say so. And now the whole nation—pulpit and all—will take up the war cry, and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth; and presently such mouths will cease to open.

"Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame upon the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing falsities, and will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them; and thus he will by and by convince himself that the war is just, and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception."

What Is the Methodist Hell?

THERE is confusion in the minds of some of the readers of the Grand Rapids *Herald* as to what is the Methodist hell. This may be said to be principally due to the letter of Rev. A. T. Cartland, Lowell, Mich., which letter appeared in the *Herald* of December 28, and said, in part:

"Doubtless here and there may be found a preacher who believes in a hell of literal fire, where the wicked suffer torment; but such men are a long ways from being representative of the Christian ministry of today. For 32 years I have been a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, and have never believed or preached such a doctrine. My father before me, a Methodist minister 'of the old school', did not hold or preach it. Among my associates and friends in the ministry I do not know a single man who, to my knowledge, believes or teaches a hell of literal fire and torment. I have heard a good many sermons by ministers of my own and other denominations, but I have never yet heard any man preach a hell of literal fire. In my library are a goodly number of volumes of sermons by representative ministers of the great Christian denominations—Congregational, Baptist, Presbyterian and Episcopal clergymen of England and America; but I have not discovered in any of these volumes a single sermon that teaches the doctrine of a hell of literal fire. I would not know where to look for such a sermon preached in the last one hundred years. I think that Mr. Rutherford and the I.B.S.A. are guilty of a gross injustice in broadcasting such a charge against the Christian ministers of our day."

We presume Rev. Cartland has heard of Rev. Dr. L. W. Munhall, of Philadelphia, now 88 years of age, a Methodist minister and evangelist for the past 63 years. It is said of Dr. Munhall that he has induced 200,000 persons to hit the sawdust trail, that this is probably more than can be credited to any other evangelist, and that he is an admirer of Billy Sunday and Aimee Semple McPherson. Surely Rev. Cartland has heard of Dr. Munhall. Surely he knows of Billy Sunday and Aimee Semple McPherson, and knows full well that they preach hell-fire and brimstone.

The reason why we bring this matter up is because The United Press had an interview with Dr. Munhall, on the occasion of the recent meeting of the Evangelists' Association at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Dr. Munhall is dean of that association, and it would be a discourtesy to Rev. Cartland to intimate that he did not know of the Evangelists' Association, and did not respect it. Well, the United Press

quotes Dr. Munhall on the "hell" question, and here it is:

"The preachers who don't stick to the Bible are nothing but perjurers," he said today. "When they were ordained they took an oath to preach the Scriptures, and if they don't believe in the Bible as it was written they should quit the ministry." "Do you think evangelism is on the decline?" he was asked. "It is," he replied. "Church pews are empty all over the country. The church heads have decided to let these young ministers preach their fool notions and the people have decided there is no use being saved. I am an old-time Methodist. I know my Bible from cover to cover. These modernist ministers can't fool me. The Holy Word says there is a hell, and a hell there is. I preach it—fire, brimstone and eternal torment for the wicked. If there is no hell, then what is there to be saved from? I ask you."

We can leave Judge Rutherford out of this. All he did in his lecture "Is Hell Hot?" was to prove from the Scriptures that the Bible hell is not hot, and anybody who is interested can prove this for himself in five minutes by looking up the marginal readings of the following five texts in his own Bible at home. See Psalm 49:15; 55:15; 86:13; Isaiah 14:9; Jonah 2:2; 1 Corinthians 15:55; Revelation 20:13.

The thing we should like to see done is to have Reverend Cartland or Reverend Munhall or somebody qualified tell us all just what the Methodist church does stand for on the "hell" question. It would seem that Reverend Cartland has never heard of one of the leading lights of the Methodist ministry or that Reverend Munhall has a poor opinion of Reverend Cartland's theology, or both.

Is it possible that both these men, who differ so markedly in their views, are in error, and that both are trying to hang on to a hell which the above marginal citations show exists only in their imaginations? We think such is the case, and that Judge Rutherford is right on this question, just right, because his position is Scriptural, and unanswerable, Scripturally.

Dr. Cartland mentions the Presbyterian belief on this subject. Well, it was a president of the famous Presbyterian institution, Princeton University, that gave us this gem:

"After you shall have worn out the age of the sun, moon and stars in your dolorous groans and lamentations, without rest day and night, or one minute's ease, you shall yet have no hope of ever being delivered. After you have worn out a thousand more such ages,

you shall have no hope, but shall know that you are not one whit nearer to the end of your torments; but that still there are the same groans, the same shrieks, the same doleful cries incessantly to be made by you,

... Your bodies, which shall have been burning all this while in those glowing flames, shall not have been consumed, but will remain to roast through eternity."

This celebrated divine also expressed most eloquently the peculiar idea that the happiness of the saved would be increased by the sufferings of the lost.

"The sight of the torments which they suffer," said Dr. Edwards, "will exalt the happiness of the saints forever; for it will make them more sensible of it; it will give them a more lively relish of it.

"Parents will see their children, children their parents, wives their husbands and husbands their wives, in ineffable agony, and prize their own felicity the more; a sense of the opposite misery in all cases greatly increases the relish of any joy."

The Roman Catholic view of this subject remains unchanged, as witness the following ex-

tract from a sermon by Rev. J. M. J. Quinn, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York city, November 23, 1930:

"At the close of the ecclesiastical year the church desires to impress upon us the fact that there is a hell. Those who say that this business of the fear of the Lord is not the Lord's way of requesting service and love because God would never coerce love, have not apparently read God's own words. If God were asked by a soul up for judgment if there is a hell, He might answer, 'What do you think I died on the cross for? Wasn't it because I loved you and wanted to save you from hell's fires and eternal punishment? You wouldn't fear a just judge, if you were innocent.' Christ said that it would be better to go into heaven with but one eye than go to hell with both eyes. God said, 'Depart from me, ye sinners, into everlasting hell.' "

Let us have the authoritative Methodist view. Is hell hot or not?

Some Facts About the Body

ONE-FOURTH of all our muscles are in our neck and face. If one-third of our skin is destroyed by fire, acid or other accident, we die. To balance our head on our spine we use twenty muscles. To balance our spine when walking we use 144. In walking, each leg rests half the time. We tire standing because neither leg gets rested. With every step we take, about 300 muscles are used. Our body temperature is regulated and remains constant at 99 degrees. We average about one square yard of skin surface and about ninety square yards of lung surface. Normally we take one breath for every four heart beats. If you stay quietly in bed you save your heart 20,000 beats a day. Your heart beats 40,000,000 times a year. It drives the blood through the arteries at the average rate of thirty feet a second. When you sit quiet it

pumps about five pints of blood a minute. When you run uphill it pumps seven times as much, or thirty-five pints. The motor mechanism with which we walk weighs about eighty pounds. Sixty is muscle and 20 is bones. It is impossible to commit suicide by holding the breath, because as soon as consciousness is lost breathing automatically begins again. About fifty percent of our body is carbon. The average muscle is 25 percent efficient. The trained muscle is only 40 percent efficient. We have 2,000,000 tiny pores of sweat glands. There are 500 to the square inch on most of our body, and 2,000 to the square inch in the palms of our hands and soles of our feet. A 160-pound man has about eight pounds (or four quarts) of blood. He can lose up to one and a half quarts at a time and recover.

Makes a Difference Who Smokes *By W. E. Higgins (Ohio)*

READERS of *The Golden Age* will be interested to know how a young woman of the German Catholic church here lost her job. She is a stenographer.

When she went to mass she left her purse in the seat. It was turned over to her pastor, who also happened to be her employer. He found 1½

packages of cigarettes in her purse and asked her, "Do you think St. Mary would smoke these things? and do you not think you ought to be ashamed of yourself?" She retorted, "Do you think Jesus Christ would smoke cigars and drive a big Buick sedan?" And she lost her job.

Moral: "Turn the other cheek."

Boldness Pays By L. C. Ross (Georgia)

DURING four years in the pioneer colporteur field, I have had only four experiences of police interference: one in Colorado, one in Pennsylvania, one in Georgia, and the main one in South Carolina. Mrs. Ross and I were sent to Orangeburg county, S. C., by the Society. We had been warned that we would probably be arrested there, so we took the bull by the horns.

The officials had previously arrested two colporteurs. I went first to the police station and asked for the chief. He was at home. I found out where his home was and started to canvass the block he lived in, just in a matter-of-course way. He came to the door in person and I canvassed him, telling him firmly but kindly what our work was. I then offered him a combination of books for cash. He acted as if he had never heard of them before. I finished his block and another block, and nothing happened. The next forenoon I worked the business district. He and three of his officers stood and watched me, but said not one word. I had previously hired a lawyer and told him I would not pay a fine under any condition, but would fight the case to the bitter end. We were not molested, and left the territory of our own accord.

In Pennsylvania I told the burgess that the only way he or the preachers on his town council could make me stop going from door to door was to throw me in jail, and then I would go at it again every time I regained my freedom. He took me at my word, and said, "Go ahead." We completed the territory with no more trouble.

If you call the Devil's bluff boldly the chances are ten to one he will "get behind you". I have not even been put in jail, and I talked mighty straight in all four cases. I have never meant

to be unkind, but am outspoken and call a spade a spade. Now do not mistake this as a boast or as braggadocio, for I will confess that after the flesh I am a rank coward. But I took the Lord at His word. (Heb. 13:5, 6) If we are doing the Lord's work in His appointed way, we do not have to be brave. Just take God at His word. He said, "I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts." (Hag. 2:4) In the February 15 *Watch Tower* (paragraphs 28 and 29) is the best advice in this world as to just how to meet opposition in all cases.

I would like to call to your attention that if you turn and run from a cur, in nearly every case it will bite you; if you face it boldly it will drop its tail between its legs and scurry off. The same principle will apply to the Devil and his crowd; for the Lord has said, "The fear of man bringeth a snare."—Prov. 29:25.

Again I state that without the help of God's organization I could not go at all, for my flesh surely rebels daily at the rebuffs. I would not go from door to door with anything but the "truth" for \$50.00 a day just to make a living. But since God has shown me His will and my part in the covenant with Him, I thank Him for the great privilege of being able to go and take the rebuffs, and pray daily for strength to push a broken body to the limit, which is unto death in any form it may come.

Anyone can get along in the pioneer field who enters in "the love of the truth" and whose purpose is to sing praises to Jehovah's name, and sings those praises at least two-thirds of the time one would have to give to any part of Satan's organization.

The White Hope By A. J. West (Denmark)

THERE was a review of a book (*Problems of the 20th Century*, by David Davies) in the *Fortnightly Review*, and speaking of the peace pacts it says:

Like prohibition in America, they look well on the Statute Book of civilization; but under them the preparation for war goes on as lustily as the supply of drink in the United States. The United States originated the Kellogg Pact; Mr. Kellogg's countrymen are spending more on armaments than any other

country. Next to them comes that other pacifist power, Great Britain, with an outlay of 115 millions in 1928 — 24 millions more than that of France, whose militarist tendencies Great Britain deplores. We all know this (though I do not think we all realize the Anglo-American preeminence in military preparation) and we all know that this way lies ruin.

America can stand it best; she will have what Lord Hervey in Walpole's day called "the poor consolation of being ruined last".

Hid in the Day of God's Anger

SECURITY, safeguard, that is what the governments today claim to be seeking. Regardless of whether the governments or the politicians are sincere or not, Heaven knows that surely the people want security. They want peace, established on an unshakable basis, and for ever assured. The World War was enough for them. They want no more of that. Yet they are aware that the armaments of the nations are larger today than at the commencement of the world conflict. They know that the lion's share of the revenues of all the governments are squandered for military purposes. They know of the peace bargainings between nations, but also notice how hesitant, uncertain, and suspicious the bargainers are, and the reservations they insist upon, and the safeguard clauses, which allow loopholes in the whole bargain. When a British workingmen's party recommends that all governments disarm without agreements between themselves, thus setting one another the right example, they give it scant notice. When a conference delegate makes a bold bid that all nations agree to disarm absolutely, they shrink back into their shells. Those with clear insight into the basis upon which the present world system rests know that selfishness will never permit the nations to disarm, nor *will* they lay down all arms. Nations which have built themselves up and acquired territories and markets by the use of armies and ships will never kick the foundation from beneath their feet. Where or how, then, will the people get security?

Christendom well knows that He who is called "The Prince of Peace" was born into this earth nineteen centuries ago. They know that at His birth in Bethlehem an angelic choir sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." To the people that song is practically a worn-out, stale song now. They have heard it quoted so much, but have never yet seen it fulfilled by the men and parties who claim that it's up to them to make the song come true. The people have all along been taught that "peace on earth, good will to men" must be established progressively, and they should be patient, for the political, financial and religious leaders will establish it by and by. But whatever "progress" there has been seems to have been backward, for after nineteen hundred years in which to make progress we have just had the worst eruption of 'war on earth, ill will to men' that the world has ever

lived through, and more and worse war is in the preparing. Something is wrong somewhere. Where? In this, that men are looking the wrong way for peace to come. Their security from evil will never come by institutions and arrangements of men. Men must come to peaceful relations with God, and find safety under His protection. They must first get rid of the great demon of sin and wickedness, that is, the Devil, and this men cannot do of themselves.

In Isaiah's prophecy, chapter forty-five, verse seven, the great God Jehovah says: "I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil. I the Lord do all these things." Jehovah God makes peace, and He is not so helpless that He has to depend upon men, and wait upon them, to make peace. Religious leaders, especially, have all along given out the idea that God has left it as man's job to patch up peace among the nations. Of course, this would allow of some men's having the opportunity to win worldly fame and glory and to receive praise and credit for the wonderful accomplishment. But this popular idea is at variance with God's own Word. "I make peace," He says, and in Psalm forty-six, verses nine and ten, He has had this recorded: "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder: he burneth the [war] chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the [nations], I will be exalted in the earth." All the prophecies of Sacred Writ unmistakably declare that human efforts at international peace will and must fail, and that God alone will establish world-wide peace by Jesus Christ His dear Son. Nor will this certain world peace be established gradually by orderly processes and conferences and mutual understandings between peoples, but it will be preceded by the greatest evil this earth will ever have known, and that evil Jehovah God himself creates.

In Isaiah's prophecy, above quoted, the Lord says: "I make peace, and create evil." This does not mean that God makes that which is morally evil, or wicked or depraved. It was the Devil that started moral evil, that is, sin and wickedness, in the universe. God did not create the Devil. The spirit creature who is now "the prince of devils" made a devil out of himself. He was originally, at the time that God made him, a holy, wise, and perfect spirit creature, named *Hey-leyl*, or Lucifer, which means "the

bright-shining one". "Devil" means "slanderer" or "defamer" of God's name, and Lucifer made himself such by using slander against God to deceive the first woman Eve into disobeying God's sacred law. Through the medium of the serpent the Devil said to Eve: "Ye shall not surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened; and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." It was the selfish aspiration to be worshiped by mankind as a heavenly god, in other words, it was envy toward God his Father, that led Lucifer into the nefarious course which transformed him into Satan, God's enemy. Here was where, according to the Bible, moral evil had its beginning in heaven and earth. Here the evil of death invaded our earth. God had warned Adam against incurring this evil.

The evil which God creates is not morally wrong or sinful. The Prophet Isaiah, who wrote the divine utterance respecting evil, used the Hebrew word *ra*, which is translated in other texts of the Bible by the words "hurt" (twenty times), "harm" (four times), "adversity" (four times), "trouble" (ten times), "affliction" (six times, "sore" (nine times), "sad" (two times), "calamity," "distress," "grief," "misery," and "sorrow". The Scriptures record numerous occasions where Jehovah God visited evil of this sort upon sinners because of the violation of His laws. Such acts of God were the enforcement of His law, and not at all morally wrong, but right and in the interest of virtue. When Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the prohibited tree and God passed upon them the penalty of death, He brought an evil on them which hurt them and caused them misery, grief, distress and sorrow; but God was righteous and in thorough keeping with justice and truth in passing and executing this death sentence upon them.

In order to make the superstitious people stand in awe of them and submit to them through fear of divine displeasure, religious leaders have made the people believe that God, whose representatives they claim to be, is the One who has brought all the great horrors and calamities which have smitten the people from time to time, such as the San Francisco earthquake, the Mississippi river valley flood, the disastrous volcanic eruptions of Mount Vesuvius and Mount Pelée, the Black Death of Europe in the fourteenth century, and so on.

In calling these catastrophes "acts of God" religious teachers have wronged God's name, and have caused multitudes of people to curse God and to turn away from Him in bitterness and feelings of disgust. In reality, these disasters are traceable to the Devil, who the Bible shows has power to use forces of nature in a destructive way; as, for example, when he raised a hurricane to kill the children of the patriarch Job and then smote Job himself with boils from head to foot; also, when he stirred up the terrific storm on the sea of Galilee while the disciples of our Lord were crossing in a small boat and Jesus himself was serenely sleeping in the stern of the boat.

However, where the Scriptures expressly state that God brought calamities upon peoples or nations, it was because His holy name was directly involved. Hence He sent the evil as an expression of His righteous judgment, lest the profaning and flaunting of His name and law should continue to a stage where His creatures in heaven and earth would be eternally injured morally by it. But where the Scriptures do not attach God and His name to the widespread distresses and great adversities which have befallen mankind since Bible times, men, and particularly religious professors, are grossly wrong in casting the responsibility therefor upon God. They are blaspheming God's name. Therefore let no one think that the late World War was an "act of God". It was the work of the Devil, and those who see into the root causes of the war know that. Hence the great religious and spiritual uplift that it was predicted would come from the war has failed to materialize. You know what we have instead!

The Scriptures do show, however, that God will yet bring one great evil, the greatest ever known, upon this earth. The book of Revelation, chapter sixteen, verse fourteen, calls it "the battle of that great day of God Almighty", and connects it up with what is "called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon". In His prophecy on the end of the world, which is now fulfilling, Jesus pointed out that this great battle or evil will come no great while after our recent World War. He showed that between the close of the World War and the start of the battle of God Almighty "this gospel of the kingdom [of God] shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come".

Students of the Bible, whose searching of the

Scriptures has brought them face to face with the fact that God's kingdom is at hand and the great battle of Armageddon draws near, have keenly felt their obligation to preach the glad tidings of God's kingdom to all nations for the consolation of the people; and they are doing so by means of radio and by millions upon millions of books in many languages, doing this on Sundays no less than on other days of the week. By this very work another part of Jesus' prophecy is being fulfilled before the eyes of Christendom. It is a sure sign or visible proof to the people that the end is near.

Jesus warned the readers of His prophecy to flee or insure themselves against the extreme trouble that would mark the final end, and told why, saying: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world, . . . no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Thus Jesus spoke of the battle of that great day of God Almighty as the great tribulation such as would never rise up again on earth.

God brings or creates this great evil, that is, He fights this decisive battle, for the vindication or setting right of His name, which has been maligned and misreported by His enemies. His name stands for that which is true, right, holy, pure, beautiful, good, loving and just, and therefore the battle will be in behalf of righteousness and truth. In this battle, will true Christians take up literal guns and swords and hand grenades and gas bombs and fight with them for God? No, positively no! God needs not men with carnal weapons to fight for Him. God's people are commanded never to take up carnal weapons, but are under instructions to tell the people of God's acts and of the setting up of the kingdom of His dear Son and also of the day of God's vengeance against organized wickedness.

Well, then, will God fight against men? No! God's great battle is against Satan and his organization. During the six thousand years in which Satan the Devil has had considerably free hand in the affairs of men, he has built up a powerful organization. In heaven he has drawn away many spirit creatures from the ways of God and led them to become demons and devils and to line up and organize under him as their prince. In earth he has overreached govern-

ments, business systems, and popular religious systems, and has made them a part of his organization. This explains why the people have always waged a vain struggle. Satan's organization has always been in the saddle on the people's backs, and the invisible or heavenly part of that organization has always supervised and engineered the earthly part thereof; and the people have futilely kicked and reared up and tried to unseat their cruel rider and driver.

The Bible calls this wicked organization "this world". Jesus spoke of Satan as "the prince of this world". Jesus and His apostles, and also the ancient prophets, spoke of the spiritual or demon part of that organization as "the heavens", and of the earthly or human part of it as "the earth". It is these heavens and earth that must pass away as though by a great fire, in order that the world to come, with its new heaven and new earth, may be established, and the poor, trouble-laden, crushed people may be freed and blessed with divine blessings unspeakable. Satan's organization it is that must meet its end in the battle of that great day of God Almighty, and Jehovah God, with His great Son, "the captain of our salvation," is He who gains the victory and exalts His name.

This great battle is now unavoidable. The people must go through it and bear up under it, for only by it will they be rid of the iniquitous organization of Satan and its malpractices. The Bible states frankly that because of failing to stand by God's Word and to refrain from courting favor with the world the religious leaders are greatly responsible for the people's suffering the painful experiences incidental to this battle. The prophet likens the battle to a whirlwind and says: "Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. They say still unto them that despise me, The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his

own heart, No evil shall come upon you." (Jer. 23:19-22, 17) The great conflict being therefore unescapable now, the people must face it.

This may sound like pessimistic or mournful news, for no doubt most of you have already been touched by the many sorrows of the world, and you long for righteousness and prosperity to rule the earth. But take heart: the Lord's Word comfortingly points out that those of the people who now turn sincerely toward God and His way may find safety while the "great tribulation" such as never was is working ruin and destruction on the heavens and earth of Satan's organization. Ages ago God moved His prophet Zephaniah (2:2, 3) to foretell the oncoming world trouble, and to say this: "Before the decree [of God] bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."

When the prophet says: "Seek meekness, seek righteousness," it does not mean what the world popularly calls "righteousness" or "character development". The world has been doused with this "character development" preaching for centuries now; and what has it accomplished for the world? It has created a lot of snobbishness, self-righteousness, hypocrisy, and many "holier than thou" people. Worst of all, it has done away with faith in the blood of Christ Jesus as being the basis for acceptance with God and for eternal salvation. The scripture says: "For as by one man's [Adam's] disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one [Jesus Christ] shall many be made righteous." (Rom. 5:19) Jesus said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness." (Matt. 6:33) The righteousness men should seek, if they would be hid, is, therefore, faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ and the acceptance of the message of God's kingdom and the preparing of themselves for the setting up of that kingdom over this earth, and that within our generation.

Psalm thirty-seven, verse eleven, states: "The meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Psalm twenty-five, verse nine, states: "The meek will he guide in judgment; and the meek will he

teach his way." Hence the absolute need for meekness if one expects the Lord to hide him from disaster. Meekness does not mean weakness and permitting the cause of God's truth to be stepped on without remonstrance, but it means teachableness toward God, and a willingness to learn from His Word and to do what one learns. God promises to guide such meek ones, and to them He extends hope of being hid.

On a number of occasions God has shown His ability to hide certain ones in times of great disaster and havoc. In the days of that grand old man Noah the earth was filled with violence, and outside of Noah's immediate family all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth. This was the Devil's foul work. The Bible calls that condition "the world that then was" (2 Pet. 3:6) or "the old world" or "the world of the ungodly". To cleanse the earth and give mankind another righteous start God brought down the great deluge and washed away that wicked organization; but during the indescribable convulsion of nature in which that "old world" perished God securely hid Noah and his seven dear ones in the ark and preserved them and brought them into the new world which followed that greatest of flood catastrophes.

Sodom and Gomorrah were wicked cities, given over to the worship and deeds of the Devil. The Bible uses these two cities as a picture of Satan's unrighteous earthly organization. Their destruction by fire and brimstone portrays in miniature how God will consume the great devilish organization which has filled the earth with iniquity and gross sin. Lot, the nephew of God's faithful servant Abraham, was dwelling in Sodom, but in no wise in harmony with it. In the day of the burning of that city and its neighbor cities, God hid Lot.

Jesus has stated that at the end of this present evil world it would be as in the days of Noah and as at the time when Lot fled from Sodom.

Relating how God hid His faithful servants amid the most destructive conditions, the Apostle Peter (2 Pet. 2:4-9) writes: "God . . . spared not the old world, but saved Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto them that after[ward] should live ungodly; and de-

livered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked; (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."

What God did back there in behalf of Noah and Lot, He knows how to do and has promised to do in behalf of those who seek meekness and righteousness now. Soon the great battle will begin in which those that oppose God's cause and truth and the kingdom of His Son will not find a way to hide themselves, though they were to cry to the mountains and hills and rocks to fall upon them and to hide them from God's just indignation against them.—Isa. 2:19-22; Rev. 6:15-17.

It will be remembered, also, that in the closing statements of His prophecy on the end of the world or Satan's organization, Jesus told a parable picturing how the people, particularly of Christendom, would be divided at the time of the setting up of His kingdom. Those who stubbornly resisted the message of the Lord's kingdom and mistreated Christians who were proclaiming His kingdom, even to the point of having them arrested and cast into prison, the Lord compared to goats. The Lord held out no hopes of their coming out of the approaching battle of Armageddon alive, but strongly indicated that they would die with the Devil's organization. Those, however, who sought meekness

and righteousness and showed teachableness and willingness to receive the message of the kingdom which Christ's brethren today are proclaiming to all nations, such meek and righteously-disposed ones the Lord compared to sheep, and upon them He pronounced God's blessing, saying, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Matt. 25:34-40.

These sheep-like people, not Christians, mind you, but people who treat Christians (Christ's brethren) kindly because they are proclaiming the glad tidings of God's kingdom, such the Lord Jesus said would go "into life eternal", this life being enjoyed, not in heaven, but on this earth over which the heavenly kingdom will rule. Let all people, then, even though not claiming to be Christians, turn from human systems unto the Lord's kingdom now, before the day of the "great tribulation" breaks over the world: "it may be," says God's Word, "it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." This will mean you will not have to go down into the grave and need to be raised therefrom in due time, but that you may survive to see Satan's abominable organization dashed to pieces and God's government put fully in charge of man's interests, with "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men". In God alone is your safeguard, refuge, and security.

Religious Liberty in Hempstead, N. Y.

THE case of People against William Evers, wherein the defendant was charged with going from house to house to solicit the sale of books without being licensed by the Town Clerk of the Town of Hempstead in violation of the Town Law, Section 10, came on for hearing before Honorable Cortland A. Johnson, at Cedarhurst, N. Y., on the 30th day of April, 1931. Mr. Evers was represented by attorney, H. Willard Griffiths, of Hempstead, N. Y., who contended in his behalf that under the constitutions of the United States and the State of New York, he was entitled to observe his religion as he saw fit, in his own way, and that the sale of the books of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract

Society and the International Bible Students Association was a privilege that could not be denied to him as a citizen of the United States, and further, that under the Penal Code of the State of New York, the sale of books on Sunday was exempted from the operation of the law which prohibits the sale of general commodities on that day, and that as the International Bible Students Association, the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, and the Peoples Pulpit Association are all corporations either of a benevolent, charitable or religious character, they are not taxable, and that the exacting of a license from its colporteurs is not permissible under the law.

The prosecution evidently felt the truth of these statements, as the case was dismissed without proof being adduced.

Mr. Anton Koerber, of Washington, D. C., regional director for the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, was present, as a witness in the case.

The same questions involved in this case were involved in the case at Garden City some time ago, when several colporteurs were arrested, and the case was tried and dismissed.

Mr. Griffiths was the attorney representing the defendants in those cases, and the same points were involved.

At the conclusion of the argument between Justice Johnson and Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Griffiths presented the judge with a copy of the book published by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society entitled *Government*. Mr. Griffiths said that he thought the judge would appreciate it when he had read it.

Interfering with Their Devotions

THE other evening, between 7:00 and 7:15, I walking down a long street, where there were many radios in use, one could almost keep step with the American people while they were at their usual devotions, the only ones that most of them have, i.e., Amos 'n' Andy, and their Mouth Wash friend, who offers tooth paste and mouth wash by radio.

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The Oldest Business in the World

In *The Golden Age* No. 307, the leading article discusses one of the oldest businesses in the world, that of whaling, which is about to disappear because all the whales are being destroyed by modern methods of hunting them with the explosive harpoon fired from cannon. We learn all about the different kinds of whales, including the cachalot, or sperm whale, which may have swallowed Jonah, and has been known to swallow other men, one of whom lived after the terrible experience.

There is also an article on attempts at calendar improvement; the changing structure of industry shows the drift of all industry towards some form of socialism; quotations from Mr. Harvey's *The Book* reveal the ludicrousness of our monetary system; and, at the conclusion, the radio lecture, "The New Song of the Christian," will be enjoyed by all.

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