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Sending Forth the Truth unto the Clouds

"God shall send forth his mercy and his truth. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds."—Psalm 57:3, 10.

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S lecture, October 1, 1933, entitled "The True God", broadcast on 104 stations, thoroughly covered the entire United States, from Maine to California and from Florida to the state of Washington. Only 8 of the 48 states were not directly represented in the chain; several of these are small or sparsely settled, and all were covered thoroughly.

It is really true that God is now sending forth His mercy and His truth, and none can say Him nay. It is really true that God's mercy toward those who really wish to honor His name is great unto the heavens, and it is because of that mercy that the truth regarding the Fountain of all mercies still rises unto the clouds, to the dismay of all His adversaries. The broadcast of October 1 was a triumph over the enemy in an hour when he was looking for exactly opposite results. We review the facts.

Judge Rutherford's broadcast last spring on "Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity" angered the Devil greatly, as did also the published challenge:

"RESOLVED, That the Holy Scriptures prove beyond doubt that the head of the papal church system and its many priests who act officially under its direction do not act by the authority of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus and do not represent God and Christ on earth, but said Catholic institution is a part of this world and operates under the supervision of the god of this world, that is to say, Satan, the Devil, and that thereby the people are deceived and kept in ignorance of the truth, which truth is now vital for them to know."

Unable to make defense of their doctrines, and not daring to publicly debate the above question, all the power of the Roman Catholic system in America was suddenly put to work to force Judge Rutherford off the air, and we had an exhibition of Roman Catholic bigotry in

this country that is enough to make any decent American hang his head for shame to think that a thing like it could be done in this enlightened day.

How the Devil Operates

The heaviest pressure was brought to bear in New England, where the city of Providence cringes under the lash of a bigoted bishop. In that city two station managements broke their contracts and gave up their manhood and independence, because covertly threatened with a boycott which it was hinted would include 400,000 Catholics. The owners of these stations had other businesses which they foolishly believed would be ruined unless they complied with the threats. The Providence *Visitor* was the paper used as the "bludgeon". Had the men who owned these stations stood their ground, nothing such as they anticipated would have occurred.

A similar campaign of intimidation was put on in St. Paul, where *The Catholic Bulletin* was the "thumb-screw" used and the radio people were bluffed into believing that "some 515,000 Catholic people in the state of Minnesota" would turn against them and against their advertisers unless they showed the white feather.

In St. Louis the bludgeoning was entrusted to *The Watchman*. This sheet, after an exhibition of bigotry unmatched in this part of the world, had the hypocrisy to say, "*The Watchman* wishes to thank the officers of KMOX in the name of its readers for this step [refusing to broadcast Judge Rutherford's lectures] in the work of preventing the spread of bigotry." Most bigoted of all institutions under the sun, the Roman Catholic system takes the position that any questioning of its doctrines by others is an act of bigotry. Needless to say, this very doctrine itself is bigotry of the worst kind.

In Baltimore the sheet entrusted with the work of bigotry, *The Catholic Review*, failed completely in its attempt to force two stations (one owned and operated by Roman Catholics) to give up the broadcasts of Judge Rutherford's lectures. After writing several columns of lurid editorials *The Review* was finally forced to shamefacedly admit in print that "this week *The Review* has received just one letter of protest against Rutherford's address. Just one protest! And *The Review* is read by 125,000 Catholics."

The Blessing of Jehovah God

It is true that by resorting to methods peculiarly un-American the Roman Catholic hierarchy, operating through its papers, was able to frighten 28 stations into temporarily discontinuing the Rutherford broadcasts, but more than offsetting this is the fact that thirty stations desired to get into the network for October 1-8-15 that could not be accommodated, and numerous other stations were anxious to take the broadcasts except for the fact that local church organizations that had previously engaged the required periods positively refused to stand aside for these vitally important messages, even though station managers were entirely willing to give them other time in their schedules on the day of the chain broadcasts.

The big coast-to-coast hook-up of 104 stations was made entirely without aid of the so-called "regular" chain broadcasting systems. The Watch Tower organization made its own arrangements, as is its custom. Jehovah's blessing was manifestly upon the efforts.

In a very special sense it was fulfilled on October 1 that God's truth reached unto the clouds. Indeed, while we may not know of it, it is entirely possible that on that day not merely one but many persons that were sailing along in airplanes beneath the clouds or even above them, were listening to Judge Rutherford's lecture on "The True God".

Those who heard Judge Rutherford's address on "The True God" were charmed by its kindness, its goodness and its truth. It seems right to spend a moment thinking of how God identifies himself with truth, and especially the most important of all truths, those about himself. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God."—John 17:3.

Moses delighted to refer to Jehovah as "a God of truth". (Deuteronomy 32:4) David said

that "all the paths of [Jehovah] are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies" (Psalm 25:10); that He is a God "plenteous in mercy and truth" (Psalm 86:15); that "the truth of [Jehovah] endureth for ever" (Psalm 117:2); and then, as stated in the text at the head of this article, and elsewhere stated in the psalms, "Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds."—Psalm 108:4.

God's Watchcare over His Truth

"God shall send forth . . . his truth." He will give it His own attention. What must be the futility of all efforts to impede what He has declared shall go forward! How chagrined the Devil must feel when he reflects on the fact that in the United States (and possessions) there are now on the air each week, with transcriptions, 261 stations laden with essential, all-important information about The True God! Throughout the world the stations broadcasting the truth number more than three hundred.

Some stations were so disappointed at not being included in the coast-to-coast network of October 1-8-15 that they expressed their keen regret by wire. Some of these will be accommodated, of course, on future programs. A great station that believes that its broadcasts reach 2,000,000 listeners in a district embracing Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri, wrote, "We feel very keenly the loss of your three great programs which will be broadcast on October 1, 8 and 15. It is doubly regrettable because all that stood between us and the acceptance of your offer was your return of our station form as requested in our wire. We don't know whether you or ourselves are to blame for this grievous loss to our audience."

The Courier, published at Atlanta by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in its issue of September, 1933, said in part:

"Roman Catholic newspapers the country over have broken out in a rash of criticism of what they term anti-Catholic radio programs. They are in particular begging the Federal Radio Commission to place a ban on Judge Joseph F. Rutherford's 'Watchtower' programs. . . . The Catholic attack on the Rutherford programs is one of the hottest they have launched on any Protestant project recently. Some spineless stations have already eliminated the feature to which the Catholics object, while others, with more backbone, have told their Catholic critics to go stick their heads in a bucket of holy water."

A Brief Answer to a Long Article

THE *Catholic Bulletin*, in its issue of August 18, 1933, devotes six columns to what purports to be an open letter to Judge Rutherford. It is written on such a low plane as not to justify much space in our columns. The priest who wrote it misstates the facts, missapplies the Scriptures, uses some of the prophecies in an effort to support his wrongful position, and then tries to answer the proper application of other prophecies to himself and other priests by saying that the prophets have been dead since 600 B.C., thus showing his deliberate purpose to deceive Catholics. At one time we thought to answer the whole article, but later thought it not worth while to devote so much space to it. From the original draft we cite two paragraphs from the *Bulletin* (Cleveland), with our replies thereto:

Rome Addresses Her Followers as Apostates

O ye listeners to this false prophet, remember, he deceived you once, and the Lord cries out, "Woe to you, apostate children, that you would take counsel and not of me." (Isaiah 30:1) No matter how he pleads with you, "Consent not to him, hear him not." (Deuteronomy 13:8) He is blind and the leader of the blind and all who follow shall fall into the ditch. (Matthew 15:14)

It seems to us a peculiarly appropriate thing that a Roman Catholic writer should address his fellow Catholics as "apostate children", for it is very true that they have all apostatized from the true faith, and instead of taking counsel of Jehovah God, and drinking at His fountain of pure truth, the Scriptures, they have fed on the effluvia of papal bulls until they are sick unto death.

The text Deuteronomy 13:8, 9 was addressed to the Jews, who were being enticed by another to worship wicked ones in violation of Exodus 20:2-5. We are glad that the *Catholic Universe Bulletin* made use of this citation and applied it to Judge Rutherford, for now it shows how a misunderstanding of the Scriptures may make murderers out of people that are thus misled.

The text in full reads as follows in the *Douay*, and shows just why the Roman Catholic officials at Plainfield wanted to kill Judge Rutherford, and half felt as if they had a commission to do it, in spite of the laws of the land to the contrary; and why it is a dangerous thing to have a bigoted Catholic in any official position, or even as a neighbor:

"Consent not to him, hear him not, neither let thy eye spare him to pity and conceal him, but thou shalt presently put him to death. Let thy

hand be first upon him, and afterwards the hands of all the people. With stones shall he be stoned to death."*

In Matthew 15:14 (*Douay*) Jesus is speaking about the unfaithfulness of the scribes and Pharisees, the clergy of that day, who represented the similarly unfaithful clergy of our own time. Concerning all of these he said: "Let them alone: they are blind, and leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both fall into the pit."

Blindest of all the blind leaders of the blind is the 'pope'. Not discerning that the governments of this world belong to the Devil (Luke 4:5-7) the 'pope' has done the exact opposite of what Jesus did when confronted with the same temptation, i.e., the offer of temporal power as a ruler of earth.

Jesus said, "Get thee behind me, Satan"; but the 'pope' in effect said, "Thou art my father and I am thy child," and threw himself headlong into his arms, accepting from earthly monarchs the little kingdom of Vatican City, over which he now reigns as a potentate. Now, when Satan's reign has ended, and his governments are in distress, the 'pope' and all who cling to him are booked for a one-way ride to the ash-can.

The Temple of Jehovah

"And now at the temple of Jehovah Christ pronounces"—Strange no one hears Christ except the ventriloquist judge. And what and where is this "temple of Jehovah"? Why dear bless your innocent heart, there ain't no such temple "at anywhere". According to the judge, "The temple is Christ's righteous organization," of which, we suspect, the judge is the visible head, the acting pope, the busy leader, etc., and which you can join for fifty-five cents and more or less faith in Rutherford.

God's temple, or dwelling place, is His organization for the vindication of His name, composed of Jesus Christ, the Chief Foundation Stone, the Vindicator, and the 144,000 members of His corporate body, The Christ. (Apocalypse 7:3-8; 14:1) This temple, this Servant, was brought together in the first resurrection in the spring of the year 1918, at which time the sleeping members of The Christ were awakened, and the judgment of the living members began. Jehovah's witnesses is another name for the col-

*It was probably a misunderstanding of this scripture that caused a Scranton citizen recently to hit the editor in the face with his fist. At the time he did this he loudly shouted that we were circulating bigotry. The poor sap! The only violence ever visited upon Jehovah's witnesses is by Roman Catholics, whose whole training is that of the bigot and persecutor.

lective Servant whom Jesus, "The man whose name is The Branch," began to gather together into a compact organization immediately after the Foundation Stone was laid in Zion in 1918. Jesus was made Jehovah's King in 1914, and the text Zechariah 6:12, 13 says that He shall build the temple of the Lord at the time He is made king. In Revelation 11:17, 18 we are told that when Christ takes His power and begins His reign it is coincident with a world war and that then, and not until then, the temple of God is opened in the heavens. We have condensed this all it will bear, but it is all true. Nobody is under any compulsion to accept this great truth, or to receive the blessings that follow its understanding and acceptance.

The Roman "church" is especially avaricious and especially shameless. None of the prisoners of this system can be born, get christened,

get confirmed, go to church, get married, have a baby, or even turn over on their back and die, without being hounded for money at every step of the way. Wherever men or women are paid for their services, there the black-robed messengers of avarice stand with outstretched hands, looking for a rake-off to stow away under their maternity gowns. They never travel alone. They do not dare. They travel in pairs, so that if one should squeal as to where all the foundlings come from, the other will be there to report it to the jailer when they get back to their prison.

Because of this vicious system of racketeering the politics of American cities are so rotten that things are fairly falling apart. Surely this system is a fine specimen to accuse Judge Ruthenford of covetousness. A silent virgin is an unanswerable reproach to a loud-mouthed harlot.

And Lest We Forget —

Chicken Fanciers Blessed

POPE PIUS, who has been exhibiting some prize chickens at the International Poultry Congress, blessed his fellow exhibitors. Just what this will mean to them is unknown. It looks as if it might be a hard winter for somebody.

Spreading Hard Luck

FROM an advertisement in the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* of January 29:

Help wanted: women and men: to sell in their territory the recorded words and voice of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, bestowing the benediction and papal blessing: first time offered; sells on sight to every Catholic; earn big commissions, spare, full time; cash in tremendous demand. Holy Record Corp., 2 West 46, Dept. 17, New York.

An Expensive Faith

BOLESŁAW UKLEJEWSKI, of Manitoba, writes us: "I have been a Bible student now for about six months and have a common Bible. But in the community where I live faithful Catholics do not want to believe in this Bible. So, in order that I might better proclaim the truth to them, I sent \$5 to Winnipeg for a Catholic Bible; but they want \$15 for it. Their faith is expensive. Most Catholics around here are like parrots, because the parrot also speaks but does not understand."

Levied for Church for 19 Years

FOR nineteen years workers for the Helvetia Coal Company, Yatesboro, Pa., had the money to support the Roman Catholic church taken out of their pay envelopes, if they were Catholics; and for the last two years the same plan was worked for the local Presbyterian church. The miners at this mine are said to have recently averaged to receive but about \$4 per week for their work. The compulsory contribution to the church is 50c per month.

Society of the Divine Savior

THE Society of the Divine Savior, Salvatorian Seminary, "Father" Bede, S.D.L., superior, St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, would like to have the names of Catholic adults who have coin of the realm that could be obtained to help support the seminary. It is suggested that printed lists be sent in, such as are issued by some parishes, showing the names of parishioners who have contributed during the year. It would be a big help if before the lists are sent in they would be checked up so as to make sure that they can probably come across with the long green if worked hard enough. What is the use of paying postage to work a list of names if you can't get anything out of them?

The Federal Reserve Swindle

THE clergy tell the unsuspecting and gullible citizens that the United States of America is a Christian nation and that it is operated according to the will of God, but they fail to tell the people which god. Every person who believes in the Bible knows that the all-wise, just and loving Jehovah God and Christ Jesus would not approve of any government that swindles the people or permits them to be swindled by heartless corporations. Satan is the god of this world and the oppressor of humankind. The clergy, big business and professional politicians stand together, and the people hold the bag, which is usually empty, especially at this time. The following taken from the *Congressional Record* speaks for itself.

The compilation from the *Record* is from addresses of Hon. Louis T. McFadden, so highly respected in his own state of Pennsylvania that he was nominated for Congress by all three parties, republican, democratic and prohibition.

The Government is in the banking business as never before. Against its will it has been made the backer of horsethieves and card sharps, bootleggers, smugglers, speculators, and swindlers in all parts of the world. Through the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks the riffraff of every country is operating on the public credit of the United States Government. Meanwhile, and on account of it, we ourselves are in the midst of the greatest depression we have ever known. Thus the menace to our prosperity, so feared by Senator Lodge, has indeed struck home. From the Atlantic to the Pacific our country has been ravaged and laid waste by the evil practices of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks and the interests which control them. At no time in our history has the general welfare of the people of the United States been at a lower level or the mind of the people so filled with despair.

Before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, while the Federal Reserve bill was under discussion, Mr. Crozier, of Cincinnati, said:

In other words, the imperial power of elasticity of the public currency is wielded exclusively by these central corporations owned by the banks. This is a life and death power over all local banks and all business. It can be used to create or destroy prosperity, to ward off or cause stringencies and panics. By making money artificially scarce interest rates throughout the country can be arbitrarily raised and the bank tax on all business and cost of living increased for the profit of the banks owning these regional central banks, and without the slightest benefit to the people. These 12 corporations together cover the whole country and monopolize and use for private gain every dollar of the public currency and all public revenues of the United States. Not a dollar can be put into circulation among the people by their Government without the consent of and on terms fixed by these 12 private money trusts.

In defiance of this and all other warnings, the proponents of the Federal Reserve Act created the 12

private credit corporations and gave them an absolute monopoly of the currency of the United States, not of Federal Reserve notes alone, but of all the currency, the Federal Reserve Act providing ways by means of which the gold and general currency in the hands of the American people could be obtained by the Federal Reserve banks in exchange for Federal Reserve notes, which are not money but merely promises to pay money.

I believe that the nations of the world would have settled down after the World War more peacefully if we had not had this standing temptation here—this pool of our bank depositors' money given to private interests and used by them in connection with illimitable drafts upon the public credit of the United States Government. The Federal Reserve Board invited the world to come in and to carry away cash, credit, goods, and everything else of value that was movable. Values amounting to many billions of dollars have been taken out of this country by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks for the benefit of their foreign principals. The United States has been ransacked and pillaged. Our structures have been gutted and only the walls are left standing. While this crime was being perpetrated everything the world could rake up to sell us was brought in here at our own expense by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks until our markets were swamped with unneeded and unwanted imported goods priced far above their value and thus made to equal the dollar volume of our honest exports and to kill or reduce our favorable balance of trade. As agents of the foreign central banks, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks try by every means within their power to reduce our favorable balance of trade. They act for their foreign principals, and they accept fees from foreigners for acting against the best interests of the United States. Naturally there has been great competition among foreigners for the favors of the Federal Reserve Board.

Mr. Chairman, I believe that the national-bank depositors of the United States are entitled to know what the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks are doing with their money. There are millions of national-bank depositors in this country who do not know that a percentage of every dollar they deposit in a member bank of the Federal Reserve system goes automatically to the American agents of foreign banks and that all of their deposits can be paid away to foreigners without their knowledge or consent by the crooked machinery of the Federal Reserve act and the questionable practices of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. Mr. Chairman, the American people should be told the truth by their servants in office.

In 1928, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks presented the staggering amount

of \$60,598,690,000 to their member banks at the expense of the wage earners and taxpayers of the United States. In 1929, the year of the stock market crash, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks advanced fifty-eight billions to member banks. In 1930, while the speculating banks were getting out of the stock market at the expense of the general public, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks advanced them \$13,022,782,000. This shows that when the banks were gambling on the public credit of the United States Government as represented by Federal Reserve currency, they were subsidized to any amount they required by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. When the swindle began to fail, the banks knew it in advance and withdrew from the market. They got out with whole skins and left the people of the United States to pay the piper.

It will take us 20 years to redeem our Government, 20 years of penal servitude to pay off the gambling debts of the traitorous Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks and to earn again that vast flood of American wages and savings, bank deposits, and United States Government credit which the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks exported out of this country to their foreign principals.

Every effort has been made by the Federal Reserve Board to conceal its power but the truth is the Federal Reserve Board has usurped the Government of the United States. It controls everything here and it controls all our foreign relations. It makes and breaks governments at will. No man and no body of men is more entrenched in power than the arrogant credit monopoly which operates the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. These evil-doers have robbed this country of more than enough money to pay the national debt. What the National Government has permitted the Federal Reserve Board to steal from the people should now be restored to the people. The people have a valid claim against the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. If that claim is enforced, Americans will not need to stand in breadlines or to suffer and die of starvation in the streets. Homes will be saved, families will be kept together and American children will not be dispersed and abandoned. The Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks owe the United States Government an immense sum of money. We ought to find out the exact amount of the people's claim. We should know the amount of the indebtedness of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks to the people and we should collect that amount immediately. We certainly should investigate this treacherous and disloyal conduct of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks.

The wealth of the United States and the working capital of the United States has been taken away from them and has either been locked in the vaults of cer-

tain banks and great corporations or exported to foreign countries for the benefit of the foreign customers of those banks and corporations. So far as the people of the United States are concerned, the cupboard is bare. It is true that the warehouses and coal yards and grain elevators are full, but the warehouses and coal yards and grain elevators are padlocked and the great banks and corporations hold the keys. The sack of the United States by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks and their confederates is the greatest crime in history.

Mr. Chairman, the bank holidays in the several States were brought about by the corrupt and dishonest Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. Those institutions manipulated money and credit and caused the States to order bank holidays. Those holidays were "frame-ups". They were dress rehearsals for the national-bank holiday which Franklin D. Roosevelt promised Sir Ronald Lindsay that he would declare. There was no national emergency here when Roosevelt took office except the bankruptcy of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks—a bankruptcy which has been going on under cover for several years and which has been concealed from the people so that the people would continue to permit their bank deposits and their bank reserves and their gold and the funds of the United States Treasury to be impounded in the bankrupt institutions. Under cover, the predatory international bankers have been stealthily transferring the burden of the Federal Reserve debts to the people's Treasury and to the people themselves. They have been using the farms and the homes of the United States to pay for their thievery. That is the only national emergency there has been here since the depression began. Someone asked Mr. Ogden Mills what caused the depression. He answered quite truthfully, "The Federal Reserve lent so much money abroad that it broke down the system." Mr. Chairman, those who have lost everything they possessed through the evil practices of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks should at least be told the truth about how it happened. The veterans of the World War should know that the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks paid the dole in England, and are still paying it, and that that is the reason why the resident agents of England in this country have cut the pensions of the United States soldiers \$400,000,000 a year.

At noon on the 4th of March 1933 Franklin Delano Roosevelt, with his hand on the Bible, took an oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States. At midnight on the 5th of March 1933 he confiscated the property of American citizens. He took the currency of the United States off the gold standard of value. He repudiated the internal debt of the Government to its own citizens. He destroyed the value of the American dollar. He released, or endeavored to release, the Federal Reserve banks from

their contractual liability to redeem Federal Reserve currency in gold or lawful money on a parity with gold. He depreciated the value of the national currency. The people of the United States are now using irredeemable paper slips for money. The Treasury cannot redeem that paper in gold or silver. The gold and silver of the Treasury has unlawfully been given to the corrupt and dishonest Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. And the administration has since had the effrontery to raid the country for more gold for the private interests by telling our patriotic citizens that their gold is needed to protect the currency. It is not being used to protect the currency. It is being used to protect the corrupt and dishonest Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. The directors of those institutions have committed criminal offenses against the United States Government, including the offense of making false entries on their books and the still more serious offense of unlawfully abstracting funds from the United States Treasury. Roosevelt's gold raid is intended to help them out of the pit they dug for themselves when they gambled away the wealth and savings of the American people.

Roosevelt's next haul for the international bankers was a reduction in the pay of all Federal employees. The poor clerk in a Government office is compelled to give up 15 percent of his salary while the international bankers are presented with all the gold in the country. Next in order are the veterans of all wars, many of whom are aged and infirm and others sick and disabled. Those men had their lives adjusted for them by acts of Congress determining the amount of their pensions, and, while it is meet that every citizen should sacrifice himself for the good of the United States, I see no reason why these poor people, these aged Civil War veterans, and war widows, and half-starved veterans of the World War should be compelled to give up their pensions for the financial benefit of the international vultures who have looted the Treasury, bankrupted the country, and traitorously delivered the United States to a foreign foe. There are many ways of raising revenue that are better than this barbarous act of injustice. Why not collect from the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks the amount they owe to the United States Treasury in interest on all the Federal Reserve currency they have taken from the United States Government? That would put billions of dollars into the United States Treasury. If Franklin D. Roosevelt is as honest as he pretends to be he will have that done immediately. And, in addition, why not compel the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks to disclose their profits and to pay the Government its share? Until that is done, it is rank dishonesty to talk of maintaining the credit of the United States Government.

Before he was elected Mr. Roosevelt advocated a return to the earlier practices of the Federal Reserve

system, thus admitting its corruptness. The Democratic platform advocated a change in the personnel of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. Those remarks were campaign bait. As a prominent democrat lately remarked to me, and he is not very far away from where I am standing at the present moment, "There is no new deal. The same old crowd is in control."

Mr. Chairman, we know from assertions made here by the Honorable John N. Garner, the present Vice President of the United States, that there is a condition in the United States Treasury which would cause American citizens, if they knew what it was, to lose all confidence in their Government. That is a condition which Roosevelt will not have investigated. He has brought with him from Wall Street, James Warburg, the son of Paul M. Warburg. Mr. Warburg is the head of the Bank of Manhattan Co. Mr. Warburg, alien born and the son of an alien who did not become naturalized here until several years after this Warburg's birth, is a son of a former partner of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., a grandson of another partner, a nephew of a former partner, and a nephew of a present partner. He holds no office in our Government, but I am told that he is in daily attendance at the Treasury, and that he has private quarters there. In other words, Mr. Chairman, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. now control and occupy the United States Treasury.

Mr. Chairman, I demand that all the gold in the custody of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks be placed in the Treasury of the United States. The Federal Reserve banks cannot be relieved of their contractual liabilities and at the same time keep the gold belonging to the Treasury and to the people in their private possession. That gold must be placed in the people's Treasury in the custody of the United States Government.

The Soviet Government has been given United States Treasury funds by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks acting through the Chase Bank and the Guaranty Trust Co. and other banks in New York City. England, no less than Germany, has drawn money from us through the Federal Reserve banks and has re-lent it at high rates of interest to the Soviet Government or has used it to finance her sales to Soviet Russia and her engineering works within the Russian boundaries. The Dnieperstroy Dam was built with funds unlawfully taken from the United States Treasury by the corrupt and dishonest Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks.

One would not suppose that Mr. McFadden would dare use such language as the foregoing regarding the most important financial institution in the world, and he certainly would not do it, unless he believed every word of it to be the truth. This is also our opinion, that America's greatest financiers are the biggest crooks that breathe.

The Big Intolerance Drive

IT SEEMS there is to be a big drive against intolerance. Prominent men from 44 states have agreed that Catholics, Jews and Protestants must get along together amicably and they might as well begin now as any time. The country will be traversed by units of clergymen, one from each of the three groups named going to make up a single unit.

One cannot but wonder if this all had its start in Plainfield, N. J., with the address on "Religious Intolerance: Why" by Judge Rutherford, on July 30. At the very moment when Judge Rutherford was giving that address a woman 71 years of age was in the Plainfield jail for giving out invitations to the lecture, and she had sixteen companions.

When the case came to trial in a higher court it was literally laughed out of court and the counsel for the prosecutors or persecutors admitted openly, 'It is another victory for Jehovah's witnesses.' The following details of this trial were broadcast over WBBR September 15. They will be of interest to many of our readers.

Many of you remember that the day before that memorable speech on "Religious Intolerance" given by Judge Rutherford in Plainfield, New Jersey, on July 30, seventeen of Jehovah's witnesses were arrested and locked up by the Plainfield police. They had been going from house to house in Plainfield distributing invitations to attend that lecture.

Those seventeen persons were held in jail over night. Immediately after the conclusion of his speech at the Strand Theater, Judge Rutherford arranged for release of these men and women under a bond of ten dollars for each. Their case was set for trial on August 7. On that day the city judge, William De Meza, at the request of the city attorney, William Newcorn, adjourned the hearing until September 14, one of the reasons stated being that William Newcorn desired to go away on vacation and also for the reason that there had been so much publicity regarding the case.

On September 14, yesterday, the seventeen appeared in Plainfield court and according to traditional practice of the court each was given ten dollars or ten days in the county jail, excepting one, who on being asked her age and stating it to be seventy-one, was dismissed with a suspended sentence.

The other sixteen were locked up and later the same day the attorney who represented them applied to Union county judge McGrath for a writ of habeas corpus, which was allowed. Under this ruling of Judge McGrath the sheriff was ordered to present the sixteen persons in court this [Friday, September 15] afternoon. This was done, and then followed a searching inquiry by the judge, who for about one hour

listened to the presentations of attorney Jacob Karkus and his learned adversary, William Newcorn. Newcorn, on behalf of the city of Plainfield, tried to insist that the law of the city must be upheld; that these people had flagrantly and defiantly violated the law in not applying first to the chief of police for a permit to distribute the announcements of the mass meeting to be addressed by Judge Rutherford. It was clearly brought out by reading from the law book of the city of Plainfield, which was produced by the city clerk, that there is not even a law on the books of the kind which it was claimed justified the arrest of these persons; and furthermore, that there is no law in Plainfield that provides for a person to request a permit to distribute announcements of the kind used by Jehovah's witnesses. After patiently and studiously drawing out all these facts for the court record, the judge suddenly announced his decision, that each and all of the persons held in custody by the sheriff of Union county be forthwith discharged; and they were immediately released. Upon hearing the decision, William Newcorn hastened to the bar and tried to tell the judge privately what terrible things these people had done in Plainfield. The judge listened and then let out one big, hearty laugh, and William Newcorn retreated to another part of the room, to join his city clerk, to whom he then spoke, sarcastically but truly: "Another victory for Jehovah's witnesses."

The Radio Witness Work

Farmville, Va. "Please send me a copy of your lecture which you delivered over the air today. I consider it a master message." J. T. A.

Buffalo, N. Y. "Please send me Judge Rutherford's talk. Am more than interested and think his talks and guidance taken from the Bible are wonderful." J. W. D.

Richmond, Va. "Judge Rutherford's lecture yesterday was wonderful. Please send me a copy." W. D. N.

Reading, Pa. "Your talk on the radio this morning was a revelation to me. Would so much appreciate a copy." Mrs. R. Q.

Wilton Grove, Ont., Canada. "After hearing the wonderful message you gave on Sunday over the radio, I am thanking you for the opportunity of being able to receive a copy of the same. May God guide you." R. K.

West Philadelphia, Pa. "Will you please send me the leaflet with Judge Rutherford's talk that he gave over the radio yesterday. It is the first time I have had the pleasure of hearing Judge Rutherford. I wish there were more fearless speakers like him." S. J. P.

Achievements of Medical Profession

CASE 1. At the Grady Hospital, Emory division, a hospital for the treatment of Negro patients, 426 infants, a great majority less than 24 hours old, a lumbar puncture was made in order to study the spinal fluid.

Case 2. Opening the brains of unsuspecting state hospital patients and brain material withdrawn performed by Udo. J. Eile Christian, M.D., at Pontiac State Hospital, Michigan.

Case 3. One thousand experiments on babies by Dr. L. Emmett Holt at the Babies Hospital. Most of experiments consisted of the ophthalmic test, the injection of tuberculin into the eye.

Case 4. Dr. Hideyo Noguchi vivisects 400 charity patients in New York, 146 of whom were children and babies. He injected an emulsion of culture of the supposed causative agent of the terrible disease known as syphilis. He was advised by Professor Welch, ex-president of the American Medical Association, to try this on human subjects.

Baking animals alive to discover effect of heat upon blood count. Pneumonia given to dogs. Making frogs jump with their eyes burnt out. Making cats vomit after poison. Flooding dogs'

kidneys by obstruction (female dogs). Mauling intestines of animals. Tying intestines of dogs. Working cats on treadmill, then immersing in cold water. De-nerving eyes of cats. De-pancreatizing animals. Pouring boiling water into dog's intestines till it fainted with pain. Rotting dog's liver with poison. Removing internal organs of dogs. Starving dogs to a shadow. Gall bladder tortures. Making cats walk with their brains protruding. Putting mustard oil in cat's eyes. Intestinal obstruction in monkeys, dogs, etc. Inflicting sores, inoculating with poison. Torturing pregnant animals. Mashing, scraping and "puddling" brains of cats. Sex gland tortures—freezing, starving, poisoning. Suspending dogs by ears and removing nerves. De-nerving hearts of cats.

When you pay taxes you are paying for all the foregoing, and being taught that it is pure science, whereas it is pristine, unadulterated, Simon-pure bunk, in exactly the same class as the eternal torture "spiritual food" fed to us in days of yore by the dog-collared 'sons of Ananias'.

And Yet —

A Very Inexpensive Doctor

WE HAVE thrown away all our aluminum," said Mrs. W. Carnes, Iowa, "and I feel like new. I used to doctor all the time, but I haven't had a doctor since I quit using aluminum, and that was last December."

No More Cancer Explorations

DOCTORS had me under the X-ray, exploring for cancer," said J. N. Peterson, of Minnesota. "Two and one-half years of total abstinence from aluminum dope have brought about a complete recovery, for which I owe your publication all credit and thanks. More power to you! The truth will prevail."

Remarkable Recovery of Sight

I WAS blind and couldn't work," said Ellen Williams, of Georgia. "My arms would fall dead at my side and my whole right side became useless. Two years ago I discarded my aluminum ware, and my eyesight has come back. I don't use glasses now and am regaining use of my body gradually. I am sixty-five years of age. Thanks to *The Golden Age* for this information."

How He Lost His Mother

O H YES!" said Harry E. Childs, of Michigan, "we *did* have a fine set of aluminum cooking dishes. But never again; we dumped them all overboard. I will acknowledge that it hurt somewhat to see all that invested capital on the ash heap, and to have to start all over again. I have advertised aluminum poisoning well and widely, and we have spoiled the sale of a lot of it. My mother died of cancer. We are quite sure it was aluminum that caused it."

Cabbage a la Gall Stones

A SUBSCRIBER, Mrs. Mary E. Lovette, writes: "Our health is 99 percent better since discarding our aluminum ware. I had a sore throat continually, also stomach, bowel and bladder trouble. Often had to resort to pain pills. I nearly died from eating cabbage cooked in an aluminum kettle. The doctor was called at one o'clock at night and pronounced it 'gall stones'. For one week I was terribly ill; then put on a strict diet. Having discarded all aluminum ware, also alum baking powders, I am no longer on a diet and am getting much better."

THE digestibility of foods and the time required for their digestion depend largely upon our mental and physical condition and dietetic habits. Proper preparation and combination of foods greatly aid in their thorough and quick digestion. Moderation and simplicity also are important factors.

It is well to let at least five hours elapse between meals; more if the digestion is weak, and especially should this time be allowed if the meal contains heavy cereals and proteins. The stomach needs complete rest from its labors. Two meals a day is a solution in some cases, or three light meals in proper combinations. The total digestion of the average meal and the passage of the residue into the intestines takes about eight hours. The stomach is merely a receptacle for food and a preliminary organ of digestion. The main part of the digestion is performed in the small intestine.

The digestibility of foods is by no means an indication of their wholesomeness; but it is a guide to go by in knowing how soon it is safe to put more foods into the stomach and what kind will mix most readily, in case, for any reason, the digestion of the last food taken has been retarded.

FRUITS, AND TIME REQUIRED FOR DIGESTION

The various acid fruit juices, such as orange, lemon, grapefruit, apple, raspberry, blackberry, pineapple, and tomato juice, take one hour.

Two-Hour Class. Watermelons, tomatoes, strawberries, raspberries, raisins, fresh prunes, plums, pears, peaches, oranges, gooseberries, fresh figs, cherries, cantaloupes, blackberries, avacados and apples.

Three-Hour Class. Fresh green peas, green onions, steamed celery, beets, salsify and baked sweet potatoes.

Three-and-One-Half-Hour Class. Raw celery, grated cucumber, canned green peas, steamed kale, mustard leaves, parsnips, spinach and Swiss chard.

Most nuts take about three hours to digest.

Most cereals take three to three and one-half hours for digestion. Hot biscuits take four and one-half hours. Cereals in gruel form such as barley and rice gruel, take about one and one-half hours.

Cereals in three-and-one-half-hour class are boiled barley, corn meal mush, pop corn, cooked macaroni, cooked oatmeal, and rolled oats, rye

bread, whole-wheat bread, and boiled whole wheat. Whole rice boiled takes one and one-half hours.

Legumes (peas, beans, lentils, etc.) take about three and one-half hours; except in puree form or made in soup form, about one and one-half to two and one-half hours.

MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS (time to digest)

Cow's milk, buttermilk, cream, whey and egg whites take two hours. Butter, cottage cheese and whole eggs take three hours; cream cheese, nearly four hours; yolk of an egg and poached egg, two and one-half hours.

Most meat and fish products take from three to four hours for digestion.

Advertising Doctor Crile

DOCTOR GEORGE W. CRILE, A.M., M.D., Ph.D., attending surgeon of the Cleveland General Hospital, ranks very high in the medical profession. He needs no advertisement from us, but we are giving him one anyway, and free. In his book of experiments, page 31, he speaks of pouring boiling water into a dog's intestines; it caused a rise of temperature; should think it might. On the next page he speaks of tearing out the eye and manipulating and bruising the socket after the eye had been torn out; never had this done, but cannot imagine it would be pleasant. On page 46 he speaks of forcing air into a dog's stomach until it finally burst; great man, that. On page 48, he applied a Bunsen flame to the nose of a fox terrier, and it seems that the dog struggled; now isn't that astonishing? How this man ever kept out of the ministry, we do not understand.

Cost of Removing an Appendix

HOW much would you think it would cost to remove from your anatomy that interesting little organ, the appendix, that aids the peristaltic action of the colon, and lubricates it with a minute quantity of oil, needed for its proper operation? It all depends upon the size of the roll of bills carried in the pants pocket adjacent to the appendix in question. A Pasadena doctor figured that he could get \$10,000 from the movie actor, Tom Mix, but Tom gave him \$300, which was plenty, and told him to whistle for the other \$9,700. The last we knew, they were fighting about it in the courts.

Five Minutes Rest per Hour

CAREFUL measurements, with an apparatus designed for the purpose, show that it is in the interest of efficiency for all workers, mental as well as manual, to have five minutes of rest in every hour. Prolonged mental concentration reduces the proper action of the lungs and the amount of oxygen in the lungs, and mental fatigue results.

Where Vaccination Certificates Are Necessary

ANTIGUA, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, British Guiana, British Honduras, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic (which also required that "married women traveling alone need declaration from husband justifying the trip and proof of marriage"), Dutch Guiana, Ecuador, Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Uruguay, Venezuela, Virgin Islands.

One-Sixth of Jobless Ill

A SURVEY of 1,600 families receiving relief in New York city disclosed that the head of the family had been out of work for an average of twenty-two months, and the family had been receiving relief aid for nine months. On the day the inspection was made one-sixth of all the persons on relief were ill. If that would not make your heart ache, nothing would. It is bad enough to be ill under the most favorable conditions, but to be ill and out of work in a country that is bursting because it has too much of everything, is pretty nearly the limit of misery.

In view of such conditions one wonders what there is about property that is so sacred that it may not be taken over by the state for the adequate care of those that are being destroyed through no fault of their own. The state that has encouraged such faulty distribution should not hesitate to take prompt and drastic measures to make correction.

Twenty-eight Kittens

THE learned doctors of the Rockefeller Institute put twenty-eight kittens to death; and here is how they did it. The cats were killed in pairs. The first cat of the pair was cut open crosswise more than halfway around, and the intestines were taken out. Then the entire mass of his kidneys and adjacent parts was removed and placed in a jar. That finished cat No. 1, and,

as there was no further use for him, he was put to death, and could be thankful that he got away from the learned doctors so easily.

It was cat No. 2 of each pair that was in hard luck. The second cat was treated the same way as the first one, except that the whole interior works of cat No. 1 was sewed in, in place of the apparatus with which the cat came into the world. It was great fun for the learned doctors. One cat had kittens two days before this highly intelligent (?) experiment, and another gave birth to her kittens two days after such an appalling operation as having the abdominal wall cut transversely.

Of course, all fourteen of the cats Nos. 2 died, but the learned doctors could and did watch all the details of their torture to the very end, which in one instance was delayed over a month. To be sure, they learned nothing, for the good and sufficient reason that nothing is ever learned by vivisection, but they had the peculiar satisfaction, if satisfaction it be, of being able to record minutely the sufferings which they witnessed. They saw and recorded at length the refusals of food, coughing, copious discharges from the nose, peritonitis, convulsions, emaciation, enlargement of kidneys, hemorrhages, adhesions of intestines, vomiting, abscesses, high temperatures, evidences of pain, and finally death.

Does it seem to be a desirable thing to be a learned doctor and have a share in such things? It might be for the Devil and for those who have his spirit, but how a human creature could sink so low is hard to understand.

Humanity Shines at Its Best

IN THE midst of the skyscraper apartment section of upper New York, a two-month-old puppy fell into a crevice in a great pile of rocks. In order to get that pup out of his predicament two squads of police and one from the Consolidated Gas Company rigged up hoisting apparatus, moved four tons of rocks, and finally drilled a hole through which a lank young man was lowered head first to a place where he could get hold of the canine explorer and drag him forth to the light of day. It is said that traffic conditions were confused for ten blocks around that pup, and that literally hundreds of people waited for hours to see if he could be gotten out alive. It is not thought that there were any vivisectioners in the crowd.

THE numerous prison riots have caused an investigation into prison conditions which has brought to light the terrible cruelty heaped upon some of the inmates of these places. The *Toronto Globe*, speaking thereof, says:

The unusual spectacle of convicts in Kingston penitentiary acting as their own counsel while being tried before a court on charges of rioting has been interesting because of the legal talent revealed. But there also have been startling consequences. An astonishing light has been thrown on prison life. Who but an inmate of the institution would have summoned as a witness a man serving a life term and who had spent 23 years in solitary confinement? This was a master stroke by the convict Sam Behan.

To objection by the crown prosecutor that the shocking experience of this witness had nothing to do with the charges against Behan, the convict counsel replied: "It has everything to do with them. What has happened to this man can happen to me."

Twenty-three years in solitary confinement! The mind almost fails to grasp the horror of such punishment. This man, emaciated and broken in spirit, gave his evidence in so low a tone that it had to be repeated to the court. Could a witness called from the grave have created a more heartbreaking impression?

Twenty-three years in solitary confinement! Without even the comradeship of other criminals, this unfortunate man had spent nearly half of the fifty-five years of his life. What conduct merited such punishment? The public does not know, but the public conscience will demand an explanation. Penitentiaries are the property of the people of this country; under their administration and in a secondary way the people share the responsibility for what goes on within the stone walls.

Twenty-three years in solitary confinement! Is that a common punishment for even the most refractory inmate of a penitentiary? No convict in this country ever has been sentenced to such torture of mind and body. Why and by whom is the sentence imposed? Human nature cannot stand such utter misery, long continued. Had it not been for Sam Behan, who knows what goes on behind prison walls, nothing would have come out about this emaciated and broken man who has spent the best years of his life in silence and alone.

What are the responsible authorities going to do about business such as this? There is in the public mind no thought that convicted criminals should be coddled and entertained; but there is also in the public mind a sense of proportion that regards this man's punishment as something terrible to contemplate. Twenty-three years of solitary confinement!

Prison Witness Flogged

Prisoners have been subjected, not alone to solitary confinement, but also to terrible flog-

ging, and in this connection the *Toronto Star* editorially says:

At a trial in Kingston yesterday morning a convict witness did not appear and it was explained that there had been new trouble at the penitentiary in which he had participated with unfortunate results to himself. When one of the counsel asked if he had received twenty lashes, a deputy warden said it was only five. In the afternoon the convict appeared in court with weals upon his back and said he had been flogged. According to the dispatches the warden denied on the stand that the man had been beaten wrongfully by him or on his orders. That he should receive any sort of beating just prior to appearing as a court witness is, of course, very unfortunate. It was explained that the convicts were getting out of hand again and that stern measures had been found necessary. But, as counsel pointed out, "if they had him in a position for lashes, he was in a position to be put in his cell."

The whole general question of prison-imposed penalties is raised by this occurrence. Should anyone in a prison have the power to order, without a proper public trial, a punishment such as lashes, which judges impose only with extreme reluctance and after the prisoner has had every opportunity to prove his innocence? The circumstances of the present case should be thoroughly investigated.

A short time ago the fiery Judge Lewis St. George Stubbs was removed from the bench by an order-in-council based upon a report by one Justice Frank Ford, the reason being (although the report does not so say) that he was a champion of the oppressed and told the truth. A Canadian Press dispatch in this connection says:

Removal of Judge Lewis St. George Stubbs from the Manitoba bench was the "most disgraceful episode in the history of the administration of justice", Captain Elmore Philpott, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation supporter, told a meeting here tonight.

"Judge Stubbs said what everyone knew to be the truth," said the speaker. "They put him on trial and they couldn't pin a thing on him except that he told the truth. Apparently a man can no longer be on the bench in Canada and be unafraid to tell the truth. They have done a good thing for the C.C.F. They have shown that judges can be removed from the bench by a mere order-in-council."

Police Ride Roughshod

That Canadians enjoy anything but liberty may be gathered from the following article appearing in the *Ottawa Citizen*:

"Individual liberties of citizens have suddenly been discovered to have definite and unexpected limits; on all sides we have seen men and women

thrown into jail simply for making speeches; peaceful meetings broken up by the police; street parades prohibited or dispersed; so-called agitators arrested and deported after secret trials before administrative tribunals, and the post office is exercising a growing censorship over literature from abroad."

This is not a report of recent developments in Germany. Nor in Russia, nor Japan nor the Ukraine, nor yet in Poland. It refers to this Fair Canada of Ours, as the politicians say. It is an extract from an address to the fifth annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association by Prof. F. R. Scott of McGill University, held in the shadow of the Parliament buildings.

It would be unfair to assert that Canada is following the most liberal course with respect to civil rights of all self-governing British countries, because we have not the complete record before us. But that Canada is among the worst offenders in this respect we have no doubt. Such a recital of limitations upon personal liberties as that quoted above ought to make the mass of Canadians very perturbed.

But the sad part of it is that so few display active dissent. It is particularly regrettable that men who are looked upon as leaders of opinion, and should see the danger of such limitations in right relation to their historic growth, do not find occasion to protest. Most of the invasions upon the liberties of Canadians are the outcome, as Prof. Scott says, of panickiness in time of stress. But such legal curtailments have a habit of staying on the statute books, as witness the repeated attempts to remove the notorious Section 98. While they stay, Canada cannot be called a genuinely free country. They will stay, however, as long as apparent apathy lulls the majority into a false sense of security.

"Evil Servant" on the Job

Jehovah's witnesses arranged to broadcast by electrical transcription a lecture by Judge Rutherford in Chatham, Ont., but the mayor, a man formerly associated with the I.B.S.A. and who was an "elder" of the local ecclesia, revoked the authorization. The Chatham *Daily News* states:

Albert Sheldrick, of the Bible Students, provides the *Daily News* with the following statement:

"The meeting which was advertised to be held in Tecumseh Park last Sunday afternoon, July 2nd, at which electrical transcription of Judge Rutherford's lectures was to have been given, and for which permission had previously been allowed by civic authorities in charge of the park, was objected to, on Sunday morning, by Mayor Davis and not allowed to take place.

"The local members and adherents of the Bible Students feel this announcement is due to the people and that they should be informed of the attitude of

Mayor Davis towards the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, the sponsors of the meeting advertised."

The rumblings of discontent are becoming louder and louder and were manifested in a riot recently in Winnipeg. We quote from a Canadian Press report:

Tear gas bombs, batons and bricks intermingled today as police and unemployed staged a sharp skirmish near Winnipeg's city hall. Before the fray was ended, two policemen were compelled to retire with minor injuries and six demonstrators were arrested.

Closing of the out-patients' department of the General Hospital and announcement of a new relief commission order limiting transients' relief to two days led to the demonstration which ended in conflict.

Chanting, "We want medical aid," the unemployed marched towards the city hall. A small squad of police shifted them onto Main street, the city's principal thoroughfare.

Traffic was tied up and when police charged in an effort to disperse the crowd, trouble began. A section of the mob rushed into a lane and assailed police with bricks and stones. Police reserves with tear gas bombs were called out and the demonstrators were quickly thrown into disarray.

Police charged again, wielding batons, when the crowd attempted to rally in front of a police station. Constable A. Bond suffered a cut on the head from a brick and Constable A. Singleton was removed from the melee partly overcome by tear gas.

Liberty Has Passed

Toronto's reputation for unlawful police interference in peaceful assemblies is well known. That the situation is not improved is evidenced from recent happenings concerning which the Toronto *Star* editorially says:

Toronto police continue their illegal interference with free speech in the public parks, and their latest device is to flood the park where a meeting is being held with smoke from the exhaust of motorcycles. This creates, as a morning paper puts it, "a dense, stifling smoke-barrage." The effect at Trinity park the other evening was that "in a few moments a choking, oily pall hung over the area, and people who respected their clothing and lungs made a hasty exit". Many of these innocent victims had no connection with the speech-making at all. There is, moreover, no indication that the speech-making itself was other than legal. But the police attacked in force and Toronto is in consequence advertised the world over as a city of riots, another Chicago where disorderly crowds have to be dispersed with smoke.

Whatever disorder there was seems to have been the result of the police attack. And even of this there was so little that only one arrest was made, the arrest of a man charged with vagrancy. As on previous occasions, the police did not bring their case into the courts

where it could be dealt with on a basis of fair trial and British justice. They create themselves judge and jury and presume the guilt of people who have not even had a charge read out against them.

This sort of thing is going on in Toronto in face of the fact that there is a simple and legal way to deal with the situation. That way is to let the speakers have their say, and, if they say anything that is seditious or punishable at law, to bring them into the courts and charge them with it. The courts will not fail in their duty.

Instead of that, the police pre-judge what is going to be said, presume that it will be seditious, and spread a smoke-pall over a public park. Nothing could be more un-British. It is un-British and an end should be put to it. Mayor Stewart suggests as a remedy that certain areas in the parks be set aside for free speech, but stresses the point that it must be "free speech within the law". To that there can be no objection provided that the courts, and not the police, are to judge what is within the law and what is not. As it is now the police not only judge, but pre-judge.

All sections of all parks should, when not otherwise in use, be just as available for free speech as any other activity.

Heaping Together Debts

The following editorial appearing in the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* is quite illuminating in regard to the enormous burdens heaped upon the people by the capitalistic system:

Much has been said in the last three years about Canada's indebtedness and the burden it imposes upon the people of this dominion. But it was not until a few months ago, when a committee of the House of Commons made an inquiry, that anything like an accurate estimate of the debt became public. That committee set the total indebtedness, federal, provincial, municipal and corporation, at \$8,855,596,800, or, roughly, \$855 per head of population. This is large, too large for comfortable payment. Meeting the yearly interest charges and repayments of capital is a heavy burden. It accounts for the weight of taxation and makes impossible any satisfactory reduction of government costs. But it is well to keep it in perspective rather than to accept at once, as is widely done in Canada, the idea that this dominion is about the most heavily indebted country in the world.

It has been pointed out before that debts in Britain are larger per capita than in Canada. A comparison with debts in the United States has been difficult, for there has been no complete or reliable estimate available in the past. Now a careful and authentic compilation of domestic debt figures for the republic is available in a recent book, *The Internal Debts of the United States*, by Evans Clark and G. B. Galloway.

The authors divide debts into long-term and short-term classifications. The short-term class are those

maturing in a year, and include bank loans, brokers' loans, and many other items. They amount to \$104,000,000,000 and are actually less now than in 1929. The long-term debts are mortgages, bonded debts of railways, utilities, industrial corporations, as well as federal, state and municipal borrowings. They amount to a total of \$134,000,000,000 and have increased by more than \$10,000,000,000 in the last three years. That makes a total domestic indebtedness of \$238,000,000,000, or, roughly, \$2,000 per capita. However, the statistics compiled as to the United States seem to be more complete than those applying to Canada; but even making allowance for that, it is plainly evident that the total borrowings are far greater than in this dominion, possibly double.

It is shown further that long-term indebtedness tends to keep piling up. Growth in the last ten years has amounted to nearly 70 percent. If the contention is correct that these debts will keep on growing as long as industry seeks to recover them through retail prices, then it seems obvious the debt structure must eventually collapse through its own weight. That is to say, it is impossible to continue indefinitely taking capital costs out of the purchasing power distributed through production as at present.

Unemployment Here to Stay

Little by little even the capitalistic press is beginning to see that unemployment is here to stay. The *Ottawa Citizen* says:

There are said to be 32,000,000 unemployed in the world. But not all the unemployed are unemployed because of the eminent depression. As has been convincingly shown, if overnight we should resume industrial activity at the same level as in 1929, there would still be many thousands in every country who could not get back their jobs.

During the American Mining Congress a few days ago, a report was submitted showing that at least 200,000 coal miners "are never again going to make a living at their own trade". A similar condition exists in the British Isles, and no doubt it could be shown that in a score of major industries nothing like the former number of workers will return, prosperity or no prosperity.

This involuntary idleness for an increasing number of men is called "technological unemployment", and it is no easier to bear on that account. The point to be remembered is that technological unemployment cannot be cured by what is called restoring prosperity. Some workers may be absorbed in other industries, but a progressively growing army must find themselves unemployable.

This is the twentieth-century problem—to treat unemployment rather than cure it. Curing unemployment means its abolition. But as suggested, it cannot be abolished so long as industrial methods continue to improve and "labor-saving" machinery to be invented.

Several ways out have been suggested. Some argue that no more labor-saving machinery should be permitted. Others declare that when "prosperity" returns, the technological unemployed will be engaged at other jobs. But there must be an end to this process of absorption, and it may have been reached. Still some others, though not many just yet, say that the only way to meet the situation is to draw on national income based on goods and services. But the last method is so new and simple that we are afraid only desperation will drive the nations to it. In any case, unemployment is here to stay.

Achievements of Canadians

Rather an interesting article noting some of the achievements of Canada appeared in the *Mail and Empire*. It reads:

Canadian scientists and engineers have done much to improve the conditions of mankind and to make possible the large industrial and engineering developments of this country. But most of us probably could not recall off-hand many of these achievements. A partial list is given in "Canada Hoy en Dia", that is, "Canada to-day," a booklet in Spanish issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, for distribution at the Canadian pavilion of the British Empire Exhibition in Buenos Aires, which the prince of Wales opened in the presence of a large Canadian delegation.

Among the more important of these achievements by Canadians are the following: Canada originated Marquis and other more recent wheats which have built up the commerce of the West both in Canada and the United States; a Canadian invented the telephone, and the first long distance trials of that instrument were made in Canada; Canada pioneered in the field of electrochemistry, with the discovery of calcium carbide by a Canadian; Canada originated the idea of Standard Time, which has since been adopted by every civilized country in the world; Canada built and demonstrated the first submarine telegraph in the history of the world; Canada originated and demonstrated train telephones, making possible telephone communication between a passenger on a moving train and an individual within reach of land telephones; Canada operates the largest steam or Diesel railway engines in the world; Canada demonstrated the first practical electric railway in the history of the world; Canada originated the idea of electric heating; Canada built the world's first electric stove; a Canadian scientist discovered insulin.

We reprint the list here because it would be embarrassing if some enterprising Latin-American visited Canada with a better knowledge than we have of our engineering and scientific accomplishments.

(We publish the list as offered, merely remarking that the People's Line, Scranton, Pa., was the first practical electrical railway in the world, and is still in daily operation in "The Electric City".—Ed.)

The following interesting article concerning the Niagara falls appeared in the *Toronto Evening Telegram*:

The self-destruction of Niagara Falls already is written in its rocks.

They slope the wrong way, between the falls and Buffalo, dipping back from the brink downward instead of upward.

So, when a section of the cap rock breaks off, as did the big V on the American Falls, the new brink, formed a step behind, is also a fraction of a step lower. This, geologists say, means finally turning the falls into rapids.

Part of the proof for this prediction goes back 25,000 years in evidence that the falls at that time stood at Lewiston, seven miles below their present position. They have cut their way up-river since; but 25,000 years is too long a period to cause much concern.

However, proof of a more immediate nature, promising disturbingly rapid changes in the present, is on file in the records of Dr. H. Ries, head of the department of geology at Cornell University, at Ithaca, N. Y.

These records cover the 161 years ending in 1925. They show that the falls in that time receded 820 feet, nearly one-sixth of a mile. They show also that the average annual rate of cutting back has been more than five feet. From 1905 to 1925 the recession was 110 feet, just under six feet a year.

This rapid retreat is on the Canadian side, in the Horseshoe, where the greater part of Niagara runs.

Still Murderers at Heart

The *Christian World* says:

"In judging for a general survey," writes Dr. Peter Ainslie in *The Christian Union Quarterly*, "it would be quite safe to say that in the event of another war the churches could be counted on pretty generally, Catholic and Protestant, to take up the wholesale murder of their brethren as enthusiastically as they did in the last war, with the chaplains and many pastors praying for the work to be well done."

To say that one hates war and then support it amounts to nothing toward the abolition of war. All militarists say that they hate war, and continue to support it.

Tried to Kill Chiropractors

THE Paterson young man who tried to kill four chiropractors is going at things in the wrong way. If he really wants to kill somebody he should take up the work of selling aluminum cooking utensils. Then the results would be slow, but sure, and while they were coming he could point with pride to numerous advertisements, and editorials inspired by the advertisements, that such utensils are perfectly safe.

Big Business Items

Interest Toll Continues to Rise

FIGURES of the United States Department of Commerce show that even in the midst of the great depression the total payments for interest continue to rise; and rose still more when business began to pick up.

At the Height of the Panic

AT THE height of the panic in New York city, when all the banks in the country were closed, there were said to be some persons running around with hundred-dollar bills, offering to exchange them for seventy dollars in small change, and finding no takers.

Capacity of Rockefeller Center

SIX of the buildings that go to make up Rockefeller Center, the city within a city, are already completed. When the remaining six are completed, it is calculated, the tenancy will be 34,500, with 180,700 visitors constantly coming and going.

Buying Power Less than Half

ALLOWING for cuts in wages, shortening of hours and reduction in volume of employment, the National Industrial Conference Board reports workers receiving only 33.4 percent as many dollars as in 1929, but the dollars they do receive are worth more and they can now buy 46.3 percent of what they could in 1929.

Steel Kings Snub the Dictator

THE industrial life of the United States rests entirely in the hands of President Roosevelt, placed there by Congress. That includes the steel business, the same as every other business, yet when William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, showed up at the president's steel conference, and offered to speak on behalf of labor, the big six steel executives walked out of the conference. Union labor had its fight with the steel companies forty years ago and lost out in the conflict. Ever since the Homestead riots the steel business has been run on an open-shop basis, and the big steel magnates are so determined that it shall always be an open-shop affair that they even risked a break with the dictator in order to have their own way. By their act they virtually threw down the gauntlet and declared that under no circumstances will they have their plants operated by union labor.

Whistling in the Cemetery

THE United States chamber of commerce declares that 55 percent of the industrial equipment of the country is more than ten years old and is inefficient; that \$5,000,000,000 of it will have to be replaced in order to keep the competitive pace. That merely says that the cure for a condition where too much human work is done by machines is to have better machines that will save still more labor. Save it for what? Starvation or dividends?

Shrinkage of World Trade

THE shrinkage of world trade in 1930 over the previous year was \$13,369,000,000; the shrinkage of world trade in 1931 over 1930 was \$15,324,000,000; and the shrinkage of world trade in 1932 over 1931 was \$13,437,000,000. The total world trade for 1932 was \$26,160,000,000, and those interested are wondering what will be left of it along sometime in the latter part of next year unless something happens in the meantime to help it.

How Big Banks Take Care of Little Ones

SEEMS like a nice thing for every little country bank to have connections with a big one in some near-by city, does it not? On the witness stand Senator Couzens, of Detroit, explained how it worked for the people of Mount Clemens, Michigan. Their savings bank was connected with the First National Bank of Detroit. To use Senator Couzens' own words, "The First National crew went out to the Citizens Savings Bank there, paid themselves \$900,000 and left the depositors with 10 cents on the dollar, holding the bag."

We should all be grateful to the great financiers that have done so much for our country; they tell us so, themselves, and at every good opportunity explain that they are models of patriotism for the youth of the country to emulate. On this page we present a full life-size portrait, done in colors, of the one banker in the country in whom the people of the United States have come to have confidence.

Most of the people now, if they want to save a dollar, take out a United States Postal Money Order addressed to themselves, and cheerfully forego all the interest, because they realize that even now the interest system is staggering on its last legs. It is cursed in God's Word, and has never been anything but a curse to man.

Public Utility Items

Power Given Away at Penn Yan

THE municipally owned light and power plant at Penn Yan, N.Y., was embarrassed by making too much money and so presented its customers for the month of May with current for which the normal charge would have been \$5,200.

Canby, Oregon, Burns Her Bonds

CANBY, Oregon, has burned the last of her bonds, sixteen years before it became due. Free street lighting and free water for fire protection have helped reduce city taxes, which are now the lowest in Canby history. Yes, certainly, of course. You know the reason. Municipal ownership.

Holyoke's Profitable Utility Plants

HOLYOKE, Massachusetts, with the lowest gas and electric rates in the East, is now celebrating the thirtieth birthday of municipal ownership of gas and electric plants worth \$5,300,000, wholly paid for out of earnings. Last year, the plants being wholly paid for, they loaned the city treasurer \$227,000 without interest. If your city is served by some branch of the Power Trust, please do not ask them to give you their plant, or to loan a quarter of a million dollars to your hard-pressed city treasurer. In fact, you had better not ask them to give you a top electric rate of 4c per kilowatt hour. That is what Holyoke citizens pay.

The Tennessee Electric Power Company

THE Tennessee Electric Power Company has put in new rates, and they are something to ponder. The charge is 8½c per kilowatt hour for the first 20 kilowatt hours, 7½c for the next 20, 4c for the next 40, 2½c for the next 120, and 1½c for all over 200 kilowatt hours. With the rates goes an elaborate table, and it would certainly need to be elaborate to justify charging 8½c for something that the published rates show can be sold at a nice profit at 1½c.

A study of the table shows that the poor man, who, under their old and exorbitant rates, had to pay \$1.71 for 20 kilowatt hours, will now have to pay only \$1.70. Just think of the relief that will come to the poor! There will be thousands of them that will now have an electric bill that will be 1c a month less than it used to be, and they will have that 1c to spend on the better clothing, feeding and housing of their families. The poor are the ones who have to watch every

penny; and so, of course, every cent that they can save on their electric bills is worth saving. On the new rates 1,000 of them, all together, will save \$10.00 in a month. They have to pay \$1.00 per month each whether they use any current or not.

Glancing on through the elaborate table, which occupies four pages of an eight-page folder, we notice that a rich person who formerly (under the old and exorbitant rates now displaced) used 650 kilowatt hours per month and had to pay \$28.02 for it will now get it for \$14.55. The \$13.47 per month which he will save can be used toward a new limousine, or, better still, it can be used to buy more stock in the Tennessee Electric Power Company; and even if the dividends are a little less than they used to be, he will still have the satisfaction of feeling that 1,347 customers who feel the pinch of the hard times and were clamoring for relief have been granted new rates which give each of them 1c per month of the money that would otherwise have come direct to him.

Consolidated Gas Company

THE Consolidated Gas Company supplies millions of very poor people in New York city with the fuel which they must have to cook their scanty meals, and so it is a matter of vital public interest that between the years 1927 and 1932 the officials in charge of that company boosted their own salaries from \$279,650 per year, which certainly was enough, to \$380,300, which was too much. The president had his salary moved up from \$60,000 to \$100,000, and now you know one of the reasons why all the big newspapers, which are owned by such men, hold up their hands in holy horror every time the subject of municipal ownership of public utilities is mentioned. Suppose now that the Consolidated Gas Company were owned by the people themselves, how would its president have been able to get that additional rake-off of \$40,000 per year? You can see for yourself what a disappointment it would be to the president and the rest of the gang. One of the assistant secretaries got his salary moved up from \$15,000 a year to \$30,000 a year, and he might not have got that either. The president and general manager of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, a woman, had her pay boosted from \$14,000 to \$20,000 in the same short interval.

Hugh S. Johnson, Administrator

HUGH S. JOHNSON, administrator of the National Recovery Act, is a graduate of West Point and of the University of California. He is the man who wrote the selective draft law of 1917.

Ogburn Resigns from NRA

PROFESSOR WILLIAM G. OGBURN, of the University of Chicago, resigned from the Consumers Advisory Board of the NRA on the ground that the interests of consumers are not being properly protected, their complaints being relegated to a group inadequately equipped to learn the facts of costs and prices, which are the topics of most of the complaints.

Inconsistencies of Uncle Sam

UNCLE SAM, ruling with strong hand, compelled private industry to reduce hours of work so that more could be employed, but in his own case, in place of reducing the hours of labor, he fired employees right and left, without stopping to figure that he was thereby prolonging the unemployment problem instead of solving it.

Some of President Roosevelt's Powers

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has been given power to fix prices of farm products, limit the production of farm crops, tax all processors of farm products, refinance farm mortgages, inflate the currency, reduce the gold content of the dollar and accept payment of foreign debts in silver. He is conceded to have the most power of any president and to be at present the foremost figure in world affairs.

Business Under the Recovery Act

IN A BOOK bearing the above title, written by two successful advertising men, and published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., the authors point out that what the government has really done is to declare all industry a public utility. While expressing the belief that the Act is basic and will remain permanently on the books, the authors do say in one place that "any one who has mingled with the hordes that have descended on Washington seeking favors, and furnishing misleading information to those whose job it will be to apply the Act, has every reason to believe that this new venture will be honeycombed with just about everything that is rotten".

Government by Emotion

CARL W. ACKERMAN, dean of the Columbia School of Journalism, thinks the public is already tiring of government by emotion and that there can be no effective substitute for the free and complete publication of news and editorials which are unfavorable to the government. He thinks a national unity based upon public opinion is far more reliable than national action based upon public emotion, and is right at that.

Industrial Recovery Act

MOST people are hopeful of the effects of the National Recovery Act, and the cooperation manifested by employers and employees alike, to make the act a success, is most remarkable. Occasionally some man in public life is skeptical. Alfred E. Smith is alleged to have said that the act, if carried out literally, will tend to "cripple initiative, legalize and even officially encourage monopoly, raise prices, and require higher tariffs to maintain the new structure".

Food Destroyed—for Want of Judgment

A SUBSCRIBER writes in and cites Proverbs 13:23, and wants to know what it means. The text says: "Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment." The subscriber seems to think that the plan to have farmers destroy their crops so as to help the poor is not in harmony with the wisdom of Solomon, and the text certainly seems to intimate something of the kind.

It is a fair inference that Jehovah rewards bountifully the efforts of the poor to raise food for their needs, and that when, instead of being used for that purpose, it is wantonly destroyed, it is evidence that somebody has not shown the best of judgment. Jesus was unwilling to destroy the scraps of loaves and fishes, either at the feeding of the five thousand or at that of the four thousand.

Who can guarantee the judgment that destroys food or inhibits the production of food when there are millions in the earth that never have enough to eat? Our statesmen are more eager to save the capitalist system than they are to prolong the lives of their fellow men in India and China. Suppose we have a great crop failure next year; what then?

Transportation Notes

The Italian Seaplane Record

THE Italian seaplane record of 423.7 miles an hour, made on Lake Garda, on April 10, was made in a machine which is so powerful in proportion to its wing area that it cannot remain in the air at a speed below 130 miles an hour, and therefore in landing hits the water at that terrific speed.

Tunnel Under Mont Blanc

THE highway tunnel under Mont Blanc will, if it is constructed, be at 4,000 feet above sea level, and approached by good roads on both the French and the Italian side. It would be 8 miles long, or $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles shorter than the St. Gothard tunnel, and $4\frac{1}{3}$ miles shorter than the Simplon.

Some of the Crack Trains Will Go

SOME of America's crack trains will have to go. There is no doubt about that. The National Transportation Committee, which has been studying their problems since October, 1932, has recommended to the railroads that before they present any more hard luck stories to the public they would do well to discontinue the racing of crack trains back and forth across the country, empty, or nearly so, merely to maintain competitive reputation for service.

Steel Rails May Go

STEEL rails may go if the invention of a Russian turns out as hoped. The track will be a single concrete groove eight feet wide, and the trains will run, not on wheels, but on spheres with flattened sides. Experiments with a model seem to work out surprisingly well. The inventor claims that a speed of 186 miles an hour can be attained by a full-sized train, and the Soviet government is building a fifteen-mile stretch of track to try it out.

Flight from New York to Damascus

IN THE flight from New York to Rayak, Syria (near Damascus), the French fliers took off with the heaviest load of gasoline ever used in a transcontinental flight. While the airline distance between the two points is fixed at 5,713 miles, yet the distance actually flown was 500 miles greater. In calculating the record, however, the fliers receive credit only for the airline distance. They surpassed the Gaylord and Nichols record by 372 miles.

Five to Eight the Age of Danger

FORTY percent of all the children killed on the streets of New York are between the ages of five to eight inclusive. At that time the child's body is more active than his mind, and he is just breaking away from the parental care. The most alert, traffic-minded persons in the city are youths from age 13 to 16 inclusive.

United States Most Mobile Nation

OF THE 33,568,295 automobiles registered in the world on January 1 of this year, 72.4 percent, or almost three out of every four, are recorded in the United States. If necessary, the entire population of the country could all be moved at the same time. France, England and Canada, put together, have a little more than one-sixth as many cars as the U.S.A.

Largest Drydock Opened at Southampton

THE world's largest drydock, built at a cost of \$6,250,000, has been opened, at Southampton, and is now ready to receive the Cunarder 534, the world's largest vessel, still on the stocks at Clydebank. The inside length of the dock is 1,200 feet, which can be increased to 1,486 feet if the sliding caisson used to close the entrance is placed in its emergency position.

Highways Cost \$15,000 per Mile

SINCE the Federal emergency construction highway fund was made available at the end of July, 1932, about 10,000 miles have been placed under construction. The total cost is estimated at \$156,000,000, or around \$15,000 per mile. The cost of railway construction, in the days when America built thousands of miles of new lines every year, was usually figured at about \$50,000 per mile. No new railway mileage is being built now, but plenty of old mileage is being torn up.

Balbo's Careful Preparations

FOR the seaplanes used in Balbo's transatlantic flights 88 different models of propellers were tried before final selection was made; and eighteen types of radiators were tried. The men were carefully trained in taking off and landing with heavy loads under all weather conditions, and were taught blind flying, how to scatter to prevent collision when visibility became bad, and then how to gather together again. Aeronautically speaking, Italy is now admitted to be at the top.

Balbo Flight a Great Achievement

FOR the Balbo flying armada to get back to their destination with the loss of only two planes and two men was a very great achievement. It is confidently believed that if the pope had not gone out of his way to bless them again just before the return trip, they would have got back home without a scratch. They made every effort to be careful, remaining for a long time in Newfoundland before they hazarded the 1400-mile jump to the Azores. Lieutenant Squaglia, the man killed in the Azores, was a fine-looking man, and it seems too bad that the pope could not keep still and give the man a chance to live.

Italians Have the Fastest Steamer

ONE Italian triumph follows hard on the heels of another. Scarcely were Balbo and his men back in Italy before the Italian Line steamer Rex broke all records for crossing the Atlantic. On three successive days, with fogs considerable and seas heavy, the Rex made records of 716, 719 and 736 miles respectively, the best running time ever made on the high seas by an ocean liner. The average speed for the 3,181 miles from Gibraltar to New York was 28.92 knots an hour, as against a record of 28.51 for the Bremen and 27.92 for the Europa.

Tunnel Under the Scheldt

THE tunnel under the Scheldt, at Antwerp, Belgium, has a capacity of 2,000 vehicles an hour. It is 6,924 feet long, with a roadway 22 feet wide and a free height of 15 feet. The adjacent pedestrian's tunnel is 1,869 feet long, with an inside width of 12½ feet; it has a capacity of 16,000 persons an hour.

American Locomotives Much Too Heavy

WILLIAM GILBERTSON, famous British engineer, on his return from a visit to the Century of Progress, at Chicago, pulled the Twentieth Century Limited 101 miles, from Chicago to Elkhart, in 105 minutes, including a four-minute stop on the south side of Chicago. Noting that the Century locomotive weighs 175 tons, where the Royal Scot weighs but 35 tons, and that the coal consumption on the American roads is five times as much per mile as on the British roads, Mr. Gilbertson thinks the equipment here could be much lightened without sacrificing speed, safety or comfort, and with a considerable decrease in operating costs.

Auto as Fast as a Plane

ON A CIRCULAR course at Salduro, Utah, recently, a Pierce-Arrow 12 car was driven for 25½ hours at an average rate of 118 miles an hour; almost as fast as an airplane. The distance covered in that time was 3,000 miles.

Zeppelins Not a Great Success

THE circumnavigation of the earth by the Graf Zeppelin was perhaps the most spectacular transportation feat of history, yet in practical use the Zeppelin lags far behind. The Los Angeles, which was built in Germany and flown to the United States, has been decommissioned and dismantled, the Shenandoah buckled and crashed in Ohio in 1925, with the loss of 25 men, and the Akron went down in the ocean with a loss of seventy-three men. The Lakehurst naval air station will be decommissioned. The annual pay roll there has been \$500,000.

Older Men Are Safer Drivers

THE facts show that, given an equal number of drivers of automobiles under twenty years of age and over fifty years of age, the young drivers will be in two and one-sixth times as many accidents as the older men. The curve of carefulness is steadily upward according to maturity. The youngest drivers are the most dangerous, and the oldest ones are the safest. The reason is readily apparent. The young are more inclined to take a risk; the older heads know that if they take risks they are likely to suffer as a consequence. The right of way at a crossing has landed many a young man in a cemetery ahead of time.

World's Greatest Bridge Project

THE world's greatest bridge project, the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge, has a main structure length of 22,720 feet, more than four miles. The maximum height of the towers above the water is 505 feet, and the maximum depth of piers below the water is 235 feet. About halfway between the two cities the roadways will pass through a tunnel on Yerba Buena island which will be 540 feet long and 76 feet wide by 58 feet high, providing for eleven lanes of automobile, truck and interurban traffic and will be the largest bore tunnel in the world. The project is estimated to cost \$71,600,000, and to save 30 minutes in automobile traffic and 20 minutes in interurban traffic between the two cities.

Mayor O'Brien Recommends Prayer

MAYOR of New York city, John P. O'Brien, issued a proclamation calling upon all the ministers of the city to pray that Balbo and his associates should return to their native land without misadventure or mishap. One of Balbo's men was killed in the Azores on the way home.

Karachi to Cairo by Air

ON ITS airplane service from Karachi, India, to Cairo, Egypt, travel has so increased that a thirty-eight-seat plane has been substituted for the twenty-four-seat plane heretofore used. The first time the larger plane was put into service, Prince Ali Khan, son of the Aga Khan, came aboard with twenty-nine trunks and handbags, in itself a pretty good load for the plane.

Mollisons Given Another Batch of Medals

THE Providence (R.I.) *Visitor* reports that the Catholic Actors' Guild of New York gave the flying Mollisons another brace of St. Christopher medals to take the place of those lost when the Mollison plane crashed in the mud at Bridgeport. Christopher is the Roman Catholic "saint" that prevents aviators from landing in the mud and losing their medals. According to the *Visitor* the Mollisons spoke of their faith in the guidance of the saint on their previous flights. That would, of course, include the time they got stuck in the mud and lost their previous St. Christopher medals. When they lose this last pair of medals, they now know where to get more, if they live.

Pope Takes a Ride

IN AN article occupying almost a column the New York *Times* explains that the pope has just had an automobile ride outside the Vatican grounds. It says that "the journey was made in three automobiles with lowered blinds, unaccompanied by any retinue or armed forces and without any pomp or ceremony". Just why it took three automobiles to carry the pope, or what it was they had behind the lowered blinds, that they did not want the people to see, was not explained. Anyway, a breathless world now knows that the pope had a ride. He has just been fitting up the Castel Gandolfo as a summer home. It contains an elevator so large that the three automobiles were lifted by it at one operation.

Brooklyn Expecting Many Street Accidents

BROOKLYN may expect many street accidents. At one of the principal Roman Catholic churches a big string of automobiles was blessed in the name of "Saint" Christopher, supposed to be the patron saint of travelers. When the Mollisons flew from Great Britain and landed upside down in the mud at Bridgeport, the only thing they lost was Amy's medal of St. Christopher. Everybody else got out of the wreck all right, and they even got all their things, but Christopher, having no power to help himself or anybody else, could not even save the medal of himself that had been specially blessed by a priest in Ireland. Why Brooklyn should have a string of automobile calamities wished upon it is hard to understand.

St. Christopher Turns Up at Detroit

WHEN the flying Mollisons landed in the mud at Bridgeport, the only thing they lost was a medal or statuette of St. Christopher, patron "saint" of travelers, which had been blessed by a priest in Ireland. For many weeks Christopher was stuck in the mud and could not get out.

It seems now that he must have got out somehow, for the Detroit Sunday *Times* of August 13 says that certain persons acting on his behalf would bless automobiles around back of the Dominican church, West Warren and Trumbull avenues. Probably Chris feels so ashamed of getting stuck in the mud at Bridgeport that he does not feel like coming around to the front door, yet.

It mentions that the people that would be present to see about the blessing would be Reverend Martin J. Foley, Mrs. W. L. Mahony, J. A. O'Donnell and J. B. Briggs. They will see to it that all those whose cars are blessed get for their cars St. Christopher plaques. These plaques will resemble somewhat the medal that was given to Amy Mollison, which got stuck in the mud.

No mention was made of it in the papers, but we presume that something will be expected in return for these plaques and "blessings"; in fact, that is what the plaques and blessings are for, and the religious business is so hard now that it is absolutely necessary to get a dollar, or a quarter, or even a nickel, by any method by which it can be pried loose. Detroit is in now for many automobile calamities.

Churchianity and Christianity Items

Anglo-Catholics Get Soaked

AT THE White City stadium, London, 45,000 Anglo-Catholics gathered to celebrate mass in the open air, Roman Catholic style. Although the sun was shining when the ceremony began, there was a sudden deluge at its close and thousands of people were drenched, the same as at Mundelein, Ill., on a similar occasion, some years ago.

Sixteenth-Century Graft

THE farmers of England are still paying the sixteenth-century graft loaded on them by Henry VIII under the designation of tithes. In County Suffolk the annual tithe rent is calculated at \$1.70 an acre, or the equivalent of the wages of five workers at present English rates. It is said that there are ten thousand farmers now banded together in Southern England to resist tithe payments.

Religion and Warfare

A BULLETIN of the United States Ship "Concord", in a section devoted to urging all fighting men to go ashore and attend 'church' said, in part, that "religion and warfare go hand in hand". How very true! Religion is a man-made thing, a matter of forms and ceremonies, outward professions and inward hypocrisies. Religion and warfare do indeed go hand in hand, but Christianity and warfare are as far apart as the east is from the west.

Foley and O'Donnell in Lace

THE Detroit *Free Press* contains pictures of "Reverend" Martin J. Foley and "Reverend" J. A. O'Donnell dressed in lace gowns. Foley has quite a large bay window and he would really look better in men's garb, but if he wants to wear a lace gown, that is strictly up to him and to the gown makers. The two persons aforementioned wear pants under their gowns. They are shown sprinkling automobiles, using bottles with perforated tops, such as are used for sprinkling clothes. May we make a suggestion? Why not consult Henry Ford and a few other makers and put in a blessing department, thus by this simple process putting a stop to all automobile accidents, which now cause 30,000 deaths a year? At the moment Henry seems to be in a jam on the NRA business, but that could be fixed, and the blessers could be paid on the same basis as the other employees.

Reverend Christopher's Promotion

A FRIEND has sent us a picture of "Reverend" F. O. Christopher, pastor of the Breckenridge Methodist church, near Tarentum, Pa., busily engaged dumping garbage into a garbage wagon. This is honest if humble toil; it is useful and necessary, and of value to his fellow man. We congratulate "Reverend" Christopher on his promotion, and would be glad for them if all the clergy of all denominations would permanently leave the institutions devoted to the dishonoring of God's name and obtain jobs hauling garbage, where they would no longer be a curse to their fellows and candidates for destruction because doing the Devil's work in the earth.

A Priest at San Bernardino

A POOR Mexican woman here, says Mrs. J. A. Boag (San Bernardino, California), was buying a sewing machine under a contract which calls for a payment of \$1 per week. On one occasion when the collector called the woman informed him she had no money for him; she was in much distress because her infant was very ill; she had called her priest to say prayers over it and he had demanded \$25 for his services. The next time the collector came he found that the infant had died and the poor woman had sold the machine to raise money for the priest; so now she has lost her baby, her machine and her \$25, and besides must still pay for the machine. This is a sample of how Roman Catholic priests help their parishioners.

King of the Swazis a Jonadab

IN *The Golden Age* No. 351, in the serial article "Africa — A Continent in the Making", we carried a little description of Swaziland, a country to the north of Natal. Now, in a recent bulletin from the Cape Town office of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, we see something that will interest all our readers very much:

"The paramount chief of the Swazi nation recently extended a royal welcome to two of Jehovah's witnesses who were pioneering in his country. He readily availed himself of the opportunity to secure all the books and booklets published by the Society and is now looking forward to the regular arrival of the *Golden Age* magazine. His personal bodyguard of 100 warriors was assembled at the royal court while two of Judge Rutherford's talks and a musical selection were put over by means of a transcription machine."

Demons Interested in Churchianity

NEWSPAPER reports from Bulgaria tell of a young girl, oppressed by demons, whose clothing on five successive nights was torn into shreds. At length she slept in a church, and that night her clothes were unharmed. All should be able to see that the real motive of the demons responsible for these occurrences is to fasten more securely on the backs of the people the institutions that have been their greatest curse and done most to dishonor God's name.

Catholic Radio Hour Hard Hit

THE American people do not wish to hear the stuff that is broadcast in the Catholic Hour, have no interest in it, do not desire to pay for it, and would be well satisfied to have it discontinued. All this was brought out in an official statement by the National Council of Catholic Men at the very time when the Catholic press of the country was engaged in a shameless conspiracy to force Judge Rutherford off the air. The official statement of the council admits the following facts:

"The maintenance of this nation-wide broadcast is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions. And while we have thus far been able to weather the depression by dint of cutting salaries, slashing all other costs to the bone, and imposing on our creditors, we have now about reached an impasse. Our revenues have been falling off alarmingly, and unless they are now recruited by new and renewed subscriptions, we hesitate to think of the consequences."

The Disaster in Eden

YOU always thought a great disaster happened in Eden, did you not? That is because you noticed in the Scriptures that that is where sin and death had their beginning. "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin." "In Adam all die." All the scriptures are in accord, and we can trace all our aches and pains, sorrows and disappointments, to that one great calamity of disobedience. But the Reverend Doctor Robert George, pastor of the First Congregational church of Memphis, Tennessee, is reported as teaching his flock that "after [Adam] was driven from the garden he began to progress. He began to work and push toward the top. He has done more since his eviction than he did before." The natural logic of this is that it was a mistake to put Adam in the garden in the first place, and that it was really a good thing when he disobeyed, so that

he could be put out. On the same grounds it can be argued that it would be a good thing to close up heaven, turn all the angels out, and then the whole universe could be made over into something like what this world has been ever since Adam and Eve lost their home in Eden and were sentenced to death.

Ballyhoo of War Days

IN AN editorial on the ballyhoo of war days, the Reverend William B. Spofford of the weekly *Witness*, of the Protestant Episcopal church, said:

"All but the younger clergy recall how George Creel, hired by the Government to sell war to the American people, used to send neatly printed sermons to them, with the request that they be read in place of their own sermons in order that Christian people might know that we were fighting a war to end war and to make the world safe for democracy. What's more, the preachers generally were taken in by it."

This editorial is interesting, not so much because it contains anything new, but because those that allowed themselves to be used as a part of the Devil's war-making program are coming to suspect that perhaps they are not as much representative of true Christianity as they tried to make other people think was the case.

God (?) Expelled from Spain

THE new primate of the Roman Catholic church in Spain says that "God has been expelled from the country" and that "the immorality of the public coincides with the absence of God". Now doesn't that seem just too bad, that after the primate's god, by which he means the Roman Catholic church, had had everything its own way for centuries it should suddenly be called upon to walk the plank? One week later eight priests were jailed, along with others, for trying to overthrow the Spanish Government. They were trying to help their god get back into the place where he used to be; they had it pretty soft then, but now they have it pretty hard. If he could only get back, they think, everything would be O.K. The occasion of this outburst was that the Vatican had just got word of the fact that Spain was about to recognize the Soviet Government of Russia. Twenty nations have now done this, including Spain. Members of religious orders in Spain are permitted to teach if they do not act as representatives of their orders and in clerical garb.

Jersey's Sick Municipal Governments

PERHAPS having heard something of the silly, foolish and un-American way Jehovah's witnesses have been hounded in various New Jersey municipalities, and jailed for long terms at the expense of the taxpayers for doing something they had a perfect right to do, a joint committee of the New Jersey legislature has just issued a warning in which they have said:

"The time for soft words has long since passed and there should be no hesitancy in presenting the plain unvarnished facts. Our municipal governments are gravely sick, their credit is exhausted, their incoming revenues are no longer sufficient to meet their day-to-day expenses. Large numbers of them are insolvent."

Among the municipalities that have acted most foolishly in trying to restrain Jehovah's witnesses of their rights, and have thus unnecessarily burdened their taxpayers are: Asbury Park, Bayonne, Bergenfield, Burlington, Cape May, Dumont, Dunellen, Englewood, Fanwood, Fort Lee, Garwood, Hackensack, Jersey City, Livingston, Long Branch, North Haledon, Nutley, Oakland, Ocean Grove, Plainfield, South Amboy, Summit, Westfield and Wildwood. The aggregate expense in these instances runs to many thousands of dollars, for which the taxpayers got absolutely nothing except a vast amount of unfavorable publicity.

The Boycotting of Free Speech

WHEN, in his letter to the Catholic Press, Judge Rutherford drew attention to their un-American and unmanly methods of suppressing free speech, he stirred some of the hypocritical canines in women's clothes and dog collars into making some curious statements of just what they think free speech is. Such a statement appears in *The Sunday Watchman*, of St. Louis:

"... it is not the intention of *The Watchman* to ruin any radio situation [sic] but only to attempt to drive the 'Judge' from the air until he can curb his tongue and stop twisting quotations from the Sacred Scriptures to suit his own ideas."

In other words, Judge Rutherford would be allowed on the air only if he stopped using his own brains and used instead the brains of the 'pope'. The same issue says: "Let our Catholics in this trade area resolve that not one penny of their money will be spent with those firms which make Rutherford's broadcasts possible."

It is a good thing to have these things pub-

lished in the Catholic press and elsewhere so that when Jehovah God destroys the whole miserable nest of vipers every honest and decent person may rejoice that they no longer cumber the earth which they have disgraced.

The same issue says that the Scriptures "are the gift of the Catholic Church to the world". What consummate, what infinite, what astounding super-crust and unmitigated lie! The Scriptures are the gift of Jehovah God; and when "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed" proceeds to use them to the glory of His name, the Catholic church of the Devil is the only institution in America that would deny his right to do so, and they would back that denial with machine guns if they dared; but even when they had the machine guns trained on him they lacked the courage to pull the trigger, the miserable cowards.

In the Holy Year of 1348, 1,200,000 poor misguided dupes traveled to Rome to receive the 'pope's' blessing. It is officially estimated that more than 1,000,000 of them never lived to return to their homes. So much for the value of the blessing bestowed by the Devil's mouthpiece at Vatican City. Watch and see what blessings come to those he has blessed in this "Holy Year" and what curses come to those he would gladly curse if he could.

"Too Controversial"

A RADIO station director in Indiana gave as his excuse for not fulfilling his contract to broadcast Judge Rutherford's lectures that "it is our policy not to broadcast any talks of a religious nature which are too controversial or might give offense to the religious feelings of other persons". If that is the right standard, then we here and now object to the broadcasting of all Roman Catholic talks, on the ground that nobody with any common sense or any knowledge of history could possibly take any stock in any of them. They are entirely too controversial to go over with anybody except persons of moron or infantile mind, and they give offense to the religious feelings of everybody who has any of those things. If the simpleton who wrote that letter had said, "I stopped broadcasting Judge Rutherford's lectures because I am afraid of the Roman Catholic 15 percent of the population," we could have some respect for him, for then he would have told the truth. The "too controversial" and "offense to religious feelings" is all poppycock intended to conceal the truth.

Obedience Brings Joy to the Sorrowing Heart

GOD'S people are a waiting people; His promises have made them so. "Wait on [Jehovah]; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on [Jehovah]." "Rest in [Jehovah], and wait patiently for him." "Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually."—Psalms 27:14; 37:7; Hosea 12:6.

The very first promise of Jehovah God, that the seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent, automatically causes every one who has confidence in it to wait for its fulfilment. Satan and his crowd wait for nothing; their thought is that if a thing is to be done they will do it themselves; it is farthest from their thoughts to wait on God for anything. They thus dishonor Him with their plans and schemes which leave Him altogether out of consideration.

How different, this, from the attitude of the most powerful One in all the universe next to Jehovah God. When the Lord Jesus had been raised victorious from the grave, and when all power in heaven and on earth had been entrusted to Him, He yet waited upon the Father to know when to act.

"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool."—Heb. 10:12, 13.

And so it comes about in a natural way that the people of God are less aggressive than the children of the Devil. They wait upon God, to ascertain His will. They only seem to be less enterprising. Actually they are more so, as the Devil and all his angels found when once Jehovah God pronounced the word that the time of waiting was over, and the wicked spirits were to be dispossessed from the heavenly realm. Out they went, in a hurry.

From the time of mother Eve to the time of Mary every woman in touch with the divine promises hoped that she might either be the mother of the Savior of men or else be a link in the chain of His genealogy; and the men hoped likewise that they might be used to perpetuate the seed through which eventually the Savior would come to the world that needs Him so much.

Jewish Desire for Posterity

The desire for posterity is inborn in every man and woman, but it was especially strong among the Jewish people, on account of their

certain knowledge that the Messiah would be some descendant of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Judah. All the tribes were interested. Ruth, the Moabitess, one of the Lord's earthly ancestry, was in the line of descent by reason of her marriage to Boaz. And so any woman might hope to be in the line, and any man, no matter what his tribe, might hope to have a daughter that would be in the line, or, if of the tribe of Judah, he might hope himself to be in the line with a son or a daughter.

It thus came about that among the Hebrews the more children a person had the more was he honored, it being considered a mark of divine favor, while sterile people were, on the contrary, held in disesteem. We find this cropping up in the case of Sarah. When Hagar found she was with child by Abraham she no longer gave Sarah proper respect.

When Rachel saw that she bore no children to Jacob, while her sister was already the mother of several, she complained to Jacob that she must have children or else, said she, "I die." We do not know that this was a threat of suicide, but it may have been so. Oddly enough, Rachel did die in bringing Benjamin into the world.

The case of Hannah, the mother of Samuel, was very similar to that of Rachel. Because she bore no children to Elkanah, her life was made bitter by the taunts of his other wife, who was the mother of several children. Weeping bitter tears she went before Jehovah God, in the presence of the high priest, at Shiloh, and vowed a vow that if Jehovah would give her a man child she would give him to Jehovah all the days of his life.

In due time her prayer was answered and the little one that came along was called Samuel, which means "Asked of God", and in faithful obedience to her promise, as soon as he was weaned (which was usually at about three years of age), she took the child up to Shiloh and left him there in care of Eli the priest.

Hannah Rewarded for Her Obedience

Hannah was richly rewarded for her obedience. Not only did she have the fun of being constantly with her child during the three most amusing and interesting years of its existence, but she had the joy that comes from faithfully, meticulously, keeping the covenant she had made with her God.

When Hannah and her husband came down to Shiloh with the child, they did not come empty-handed. They brought along three bullocks, an ephah of flour and a bottle of wine, and when she brought the child in to Eli she said: "Oh, my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto [Jehovah]. For this child I prayed; and [Jehovah] hath given me my petition which I asked of him: therefore also I have lent him to [Jehovah]; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to [Jehovah]." (1 Samuel 1:26-28) She probably had him by the hand as she said it.

Then follows the interesting statement that "he worshipped [Jehovah] there". This can mean nothing else than that the little fellow of about three years of age was in full accord with his mother's wishes. And from that day to the day of his death there is nothing to indicate that Samuel was anything less than wholly devoted to Jehovah God.

There is no account of any weeping on the part of either Hannah or Samuel at the part they each played, yet we may be sure that the love between them was unusually tender. They both knew they were doing God's will; and that is the greatest joy this life holds for anybody. There is a joy that comes from giving, or, as Hannah put it, 'lending' to the Lord, that is unmatched by any other joy of life.

Hannah was overwhelmed and exultantly happy at giving up the dearest treasure of her heart; and don't you suppose that the Lord knew what she was doing? And don't you suppose that He compensated her? And did He not accept the 'loan' and make Samuel one of the very greatest of all the sons of men? We could say that Samuel came from the Lord and went back to Him. Did any other mother in Israel in her day have as great an honor as did Hannah?

As Hannah Left Samuel She Prayed:

My heart rejoiceth in [Jehovah]; mine horn is exalted in [Jehovah]; my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as [Jehovah]: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly: let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for [Jehovah] is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she **that** hath many children is waxed feeble. [Jehovah]

killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave [*sheol*], and bringeth up. [Jehovah] maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are [Jehovah's], and he hath set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of [Jehovah] shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: [Jehovah] shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his King, and exalt the horn of his Anointed.—1 Samuel 2:1-11.

There are many interesting things about this prayer, one of the longest recorded in the Scriptures. It speaks of the King of the Anointed, when as yet there were no kings and none anointed except the priests. It speaks of humanity's going down into *sheol* and coming out of *sheol*, which is something that the clergy of the Devil do not believe and are unwilling to teach. It contains more than a hint of Armageddon in its declaration that the adversaries of Jehovah shall be broken in pieces when He thunders upon them.

Hannah was one of those who "obtained promises" (Hebrews 11:33), and no doubt is included among the faithful witnesses of old. We can gather some idea of what she suffered from the tongue of the other wife in her expression, "Talk no more exceeding proudly: let not arrogancy come out of your mouth."

As she was faithful to Jehovah God she was, of course, a target for the Devil; but Jehovah God was faithful, too, and there is more than poetic fervor in the statement, in the prayer, that "the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble". We do not know that the other wife thereupon ceased to bear children, but we do know that Hannah thereafter became the mother of at least three sons and two daughters.—1 Samuel 2:21.

And So to Zacharias and Elisabeth

Centuries later Zacharias and Elisabeth appear in the record, in the days of Herod, king of Judea, and we find here another of those little domestic tragedies that meant so much to the women involved, and to their husbands too, for anything that affects the happiness of a woman is bound to affect the happiness of the man that truly loves her. Elisabeth considered herself under reproach. Zacharias was a righteous man.

Let us have the whole story, just as it appears in the Scriptures:

And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without, at the time of incense.

And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the [holy spirit], even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel, answering, said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after those days, his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me, in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.—Luke 1:6-25.

Zacharias Richly Blessed, Too

At the appointed time the child was born, and her neighbors and relatives rejoiced with her; and her husband was most happy, too, for it seems from the account that it was specially his prayer for a child that was the one that was answered.

The kind of man that Zacharias was may be judged from the fact that after he was stricken dumb he continued faithfully to exercise the duties of his office until his term had expired. No so-called "emergency" was superior to the duty he owed to God. We continue quoting from Scripture:

And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered, and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.

And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judea: and all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the [holy spirit], and prophesied, saying:

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us, in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began.

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.—Luke 1:59-79.

"The Elias Which Was for to Come"

And thus started the career of the man of whom Jesus spoke:

What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in king's houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Verily

I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.—Matthew 11:7-15.

Consider now how great a reward came to Zacharias and Elisabeth for "walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, blameless". Through the path of a sorrow that covered all their married life until they were well stricken in years, they came to be the parents of one of the most noted servants of God of all time and one of the most noted men of history.

The divine mission of John was the subject of prophecy many centuries before his birth. "This is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Matthew 3:3; Isaiah 40:3) "This is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."—Matthew 11:10; Malachi 3:1.

The angel Gabriel came all the way from heaven to earth to announce John's birth. This is the one to whom the Messiah was first revealed. This is the one who baptized Jesus in the Jordan. This is the one to whom thousands came for the baptism of repentance and remission of sins against their covenant. This is the one who proclaimed, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." This is the one who said of Jesus, "one mightier than I," 'whose shoe latchet I am unworthy to loose.' This is the one who said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." He was a burning and a shining light and died as burning and shining lights have been wont to do, a martyr to the cause of truth and righteousness.

The parents of John the Baptist were well paid for their obedience; don't you think so?

Here they were, an old couple, with no chance of a posterity, yet they prayed for a son, and at length God gave them their hearts' desire. "Delight thyself also in [Jehovah]; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto [Jehovah]; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass."—Psalm 37:4, 5.

Parents Well Paid for Obedience

We have considered four instances in the Scriptures where God sent children into childless and lonely homes because one or both of the parents sought that mercy at His hands. The children that came as a result of these prenatal parental prayers were all remarkable children, Isaac, Joseph, Samuel, and John the Baptist. It is as we would expect.

No longer is it in order for parents to hope that they shall have children that will do such work as was done by Samuel and John the Baptist. The Messiah in all His power has come; the Kingdom is really here. The prophets and apostles have all done their work. The work now is not to bring babies into the world, however delightful parental joys may be, but the work to be done is Kingdom work, the work which God has commissioned to the remnant.

The world will see to it that the human family does not die out. The remnant need feel no undue concern on that score. Nor, on the other hand, if little ones come, should they be unwelcome either before birth or afterward. In any event they are gifts from God and are to be so considered.

The point of our lesson for today is that obedience brings joy to the sorrowing heart. It matters not what the sorrow may be, if it is not a selfish one, it can be assuaged by bringing it to the Burden-bearer and letting Him take the kinks out of it. He knows how to do it. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." —Matthew 11:28-30.

Honest Catholics in Baltimore

IT GIVES us genuine pleasure to reprint the following letter, which appeared in the Baltimore *Catholic Review* of September 1, 1933 (and that despite the use of two *participles* in-

tended to designate Judge Rutherford's talks but that would better have been substituted with something more courteous and kindly). What it does plainly show is that there are some hon-

est men in the Catholic church who resent being led around by the nose by a bunch of crooked priests, and that they are honestly trying to use their own brains in a matter that is of vital public concern, and not afraid to express their resentment at being treated as if they did not know anything.

Editor,
The Review.
Sir:

We dislike controversy much; we resent unwarranted criticism more. In your issue of August 25 The Review states, "The Baltimore and Washington Sections of the Holy Name Society seem to have a difficult time making up their minds to the fact that the Rutherford talks are anti-Catholic. One judges from the actions of these two sections that the Catholic editors of the country do not know what they are talking about."

We admire most of the Catholic editors, we sympathize with all of them, especially when their readers do not jump through the hoop at the snap of an editor's fingers. After all, inerrancy is confined to Rome, and to her in limited matters.

The Holy Name Union meets quarterly, and there are some of us who consider that even Rutherford's *ramblings* do not justify the call for a special meeting.

In parenthesis we add that The Baltimore Catholic Review was critical of the Holy Name a couple of years ago for having too many meetings.

At the July quarterly meeting a Holy Name man presented a resolution execrating this same Rutherford. After an hour's discussion by priest and lay members present, there was practically unanimous opinion that the chair name a committee of ten laymen, who would listen in on the Rutherford talks on three succeeding Sundays and, if his *vaporings* justified it, that this committee would wait, in person, not by letter, on the management of the local broadcasting station and voice their protest in the name of the Baltimore Holy Name Union.

On Friday night, August 25, nine of the ten members of this laymen's committee met and were unanimous that on the evidence from these three broadcasts no protest against a "campaign of bigotry and slander" was warranted. It is quite probable that the broadcasts on these three Sundays were toned down from previous intention by the activity of the Baltimore Catholic Review and other editors.

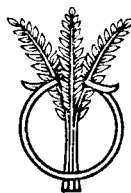
There are many of us in the Holy Name Union who have not much faith in "I move; I second, and a two or three cent stamp."

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MONSIGNOR IRETON,
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