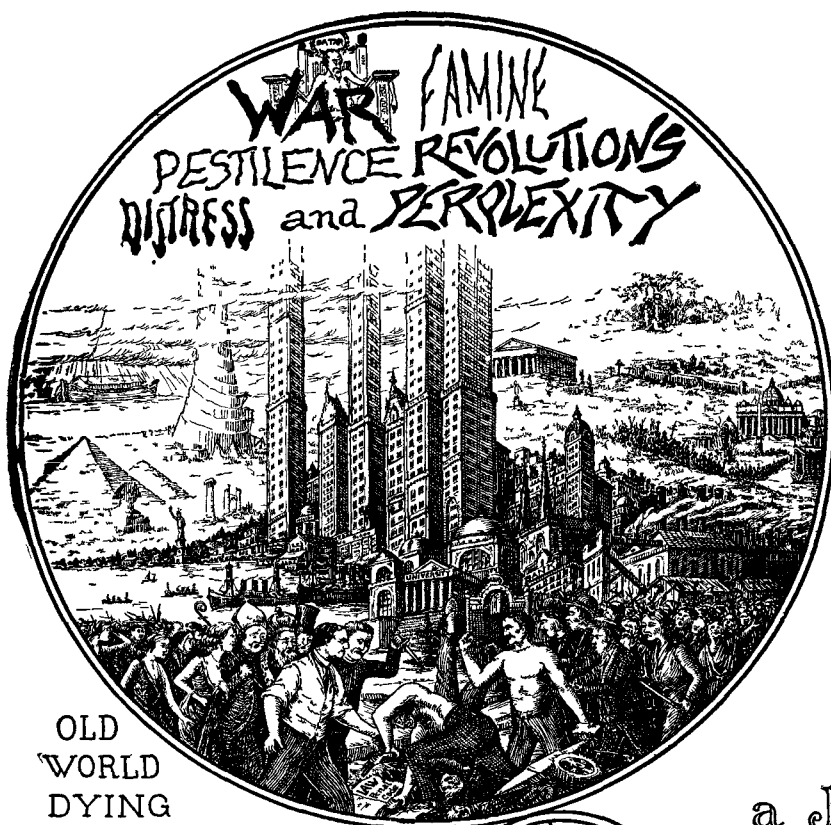




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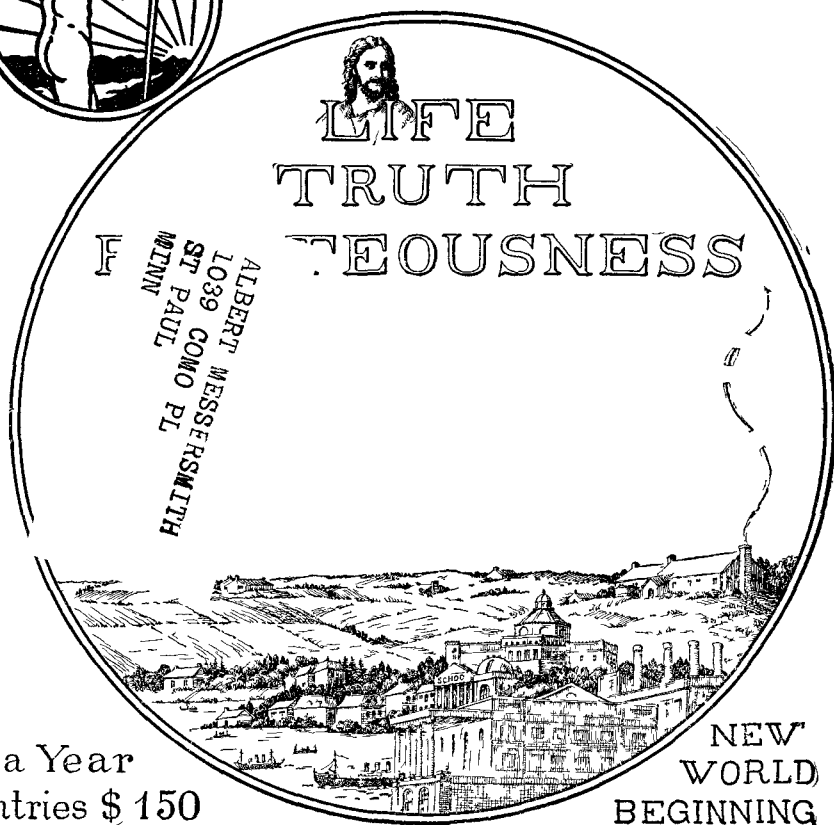
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Here and There About the World

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The Great Mississippi Flood

UNTIL the Lord changes the weather conditions it seems an impossible thing to control the waters of the Mississippi. Reforestation would do something. Tremendously expensive spillways at the mouth of the river would do something for New Orleans and vicinity. Levees along the entire length of the lowlands will do more. But when the waters of thirty-one states have added to them the flood waters caused by heavy rains on a heavy fall of snow, and all these waters must pass through one channel on their way to the sea, the Mississippi must always remain not only the Father of Waters but the Father of Sorrows for those who live along its banks from Cairo to the sea.

Henry Tells the Truth

IN A recent article in the Los Angeles *Examiner* Henry Ford made this truthful and startling statement:

The old world is dead, dead, dead. It is beyond recovery. God himself will not restore it, and Satan cannot. The old world is dead. The things you see going to pieces are its funeral, its decay.

Ford has Forty-One Turnovers

IN THE management of his fourteen Detroit stores Henry Ford turns his money over forty-one times a year. This enables him to pay his clerks \$7.20 per day for a five day week; and incidentally it so frightened the keepers of other Detroit stores that they tried to work up a general boycott of Henry's products elsewhere. Mr. Ford has announced that he will hereafter sell commodities to his employes only and not to the general public. The usual retail store has but twelve turnovers a year; chain stores two and one-half times as many.

Incomes of a Million a Year

IN THE United States 207 persons have incomes of a million dollars a year, while seven of the number have incomes of five million dollars a year each. The total number of millionaires in the United States is now set at 30,295. About 9,000 of these were added to the list during the last year. Control of the means of production is what does it.

Five Big Money Makers

FIVE big money makers are the United States Steel Corporation, General Electric Company, General Motors Corporation, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and the Allied Chemical Company. Since 1922 their cash and marketable securities have increased by \$256,300,714, or 55%. Their shareholders have shared in the prosperity.

82% Have Small Incomes

THE incomes of 82% of the people of the United States are small enough so that they pay no income taxes, while the tax returns show that approximately one person out of every 400 pays 95% of the individual taxes. Of those who did pay taxes 10,000 persons paid as much as was paid in income taxes by all the rest of the country put together.

The Saving Wage

WRITING on the subject of "The Saving Wage" in the Manchester *Guardian*, the Hon. James J. Davis, Secretary of the United States Department of Labor, says:

The saving wage tends to promote the necessary spirit of goodwill and cooperation between manager and man. The worker who is anxious over the future of himself and his family is a poor producer, even when regularly employed. If he is not able to provide for his wife and

family what he feels is their due he has a quarrel with all society. In a thousand ways his interest in his work is lessened. Hence the payment of a wage that permits of saving is first of all good business. The saving wage has brought about mental relief to the worker and profitable business to the employer, as well as practical material and social benefit to all.

Average Income of the Workers

SOMEBODY has taken the trouble to figure it out that the average income of the American working person, from the highest paid actress down to the humblest of us, is 90¢ an hour. The President of the United States gets \$30 an hour; so do the presidents of most of the railroads, and the larger banks; while a prize actress may get as much as \$400 an hour for her work.

200,000 Superfluous Miners

MINING is not such an attractive occupation. The American soft coal miner averages to get only 140 days of work a year, so that on a basic wage of \$7.50 per day his annual earnings are only \$1,050, and that is not enough to live on. Moreover, 2,500 miners were killed outright in 1926. Yet we are told that there are 200,000 too many soft coal miners in the United States. Evidently here is a place for the government to step in. The government should make the mines safe for the men, regardless of cost; and it can be done. Mines that cannot be profitably worked should be closed. Those that are worked should be worked steadily. The government is or ought to be properly interested in the conservation of coal, and it is freely claimed that by present methods of mining fifty percent of all coal is left irrecoverably in the ground. The un-unionized mines of the South are crowding both the operators and union mines of the northern states, causing loss of markets and a general unsettling of the industry.

New York's 48-Hour Law for Women

AFTER fourteen years of useless political wrangling over something that should never have been made a political matter, New York has passed a bill making the work week for women 48 hours. In industries where they are given a Saturday half holiday the hours of labor may be 49½ hours, and an allotment is made of 78 hours during the year in which, upon approval by the State's Industrial Commission, extra work may be done.

Chain Stores Covering the Earth

CHAIN stores are rapidly covering the earth. The American chain stores are spreading out over England and the Continent. One of the American chain stores expects to have 290 branch stores operating in England before fall. The individual storekeeper is up against a hard problem that will increase in difficulty from now on, daily.

The Power of the Power Trust

JOSIAH T. NEWCOMB, general counsel for the Electric Bond and Share Company, is reported to have declared, prior to the defeat of the Boulder Dam legislation:

I represent an investment of \$9,000,000,000, and we do not propose to let the government enter the power business at Boulder Dam. The bill has no chance to pass. It will not pass as it is. If changed, it can go through at this session.

Now is a fine chance to get this new emperor to write out a new constitution and tell these 120,000,000 free Americans just what he will allow and what he will not allow. It would make interesting reading.

Less Waste in Citrus Belts

ANY who have visited the citrus belts in the season when these delectable fruits are ripe can hardly fail to have been impressed by the waste which seemed manifest. This is because about 30% of the orange, lemon and grapefruit crops have been classed as culls. A way has now been found to turn these culls into money. Plants have been started in the citrus belts which manufacture citric acid, orange juice, orange oil, marmalade and pectin; and even the waste product is now sold as dairy food. This is as it ought to be.

New Method of Ripening Fruit

AT THE annual convention of the American Chemical Society, held at Richmond, Va., Dr. Harvey's method of ripening green fruit by exposure to ethylene gas was the subject of much favorable comment. It is declared that fruit picked while green and placed in a chamber of this gas is ripened at once and made more palatable than if allowed to remain on the trees. Celery and other products are also improved by this method. The gas is produced cheaply.

Southern Corn, Wheat, Oats and Apples

IN THE year 1926 the southern states raised 190,000,000 bushels of corn in excess of that raised in 1925; they raised 83,000,000 more bushels of wheat, which was almost double the yield of the year before; they raised 90,000,000 more bushels of oats, and 33,000,000 more bushels of apples.

Begging as a Business

A STREET begger picked up in Los Angeles had on his person five bank books, showing that he had over four thousand dollars on deposit in Chicago, Salt Lake City, Miami, San Francisco and Los Angeles. He also admitted that he had accounts in five other banks. Getting a living by professional beggary ought to be easy for some well-known evangelists. Here is an honest way for many preachers to make a living, too. Most of them have had extended experience, and would only need to alter their canvas a little in order to get results; and it would be far more honorable than to try to frighten money out of the people by telling them of the possibility of having to go to a place of torment—which exists only in the mind and for revenue only.

No Charity Fund Drives in Topeka

TOPEKA, Kansas, has taken a step forward. By an act of the state legislature Topeka people now have their public charities on the public payroll, and there will be no more charity drives in that city. In view of the fact that the public must take care of the unfortunate anyway it seems as if this law would work out well for everybody. At any rate it seems worth trying.

Hard Outlook for Burglars

A NEW invention of the Westinghouse people makes an exceedingly hard outlook for the burglar business. It will turn on a light and ring a bell if a hand approaches within several inches of a door knob or window fastening or other object. Additionally, it automatically turns on lights at night and shuts them off at daybreak, warns of thunderstorms, guards gas and oil stoves by turning off the fuel supply in case of emergency and will count people, automobiles or anything else passing a given point. It is the most sensitive electrical device known.

The Causes of Crime

WARDEN LAWES, of Sing Sing, after a studious attempt to find the causes for crime, gave up the fight, saying that he had found as many as fifty factors entering into a single theft. Some of the factors are alcohol, drugs, cards, dice, ignorance, unemployment, godlessness, poverty, stupidity, loneliness, family troubles, illness and juvenile delinquency.

Halt the Parade

AUGUST HECKSHER, pleading for a halt in the parade from the slums to the hospitals, jails and insane asylums, and declaring that only decent, sanitary homes would halt that parade, in a remarkable speech on the housing problem of New York's poor recently said in part:

I seek no redistribution of wealth. Let every man and woman, so long as they are honest and play the game, accumulate the wealth that seems so much to them. But let them be held, through taxation, to contribute the modest share that will be needed for our plan of providing for the poorer classes, unable to protect themselves, the comfort and health to which they are entitled. The erection of tall apartments with ample open spaces and with elevators must be undertaken. Private enterprise will not do it. It is the duty of the municipality to respond. Brushing aside, until we can get all the facts and act understandingly, the question of costs and revenue, I respectfully insist on the cardinal principle that cost means less than the successful outcome. The question of land values, of cost of buildings, of taxation, of revenue, are all secondary to the question of this dire need of the poorer classes, whose appeal for so many years we have disregarded, whose misery and misfortune accumulate as our population increases and our unparalleled wealth reaches mountain high.

Oregon Dentists Out of Luck

OREGON dentists are out of luck. The old people of the state have contracted the habit of sprouting new sets of teeth, and that means an end of the store kind. Something will have to be done about this. In one issue of the *Portland Journal* it tells of two old folks in that state who have become discontented with the false teeth which have served them faithfully for twenty-five years, and now they have started growing their own. Here is a chance now for the serum squirters to get out a new serum that will prevent anything of this kind.

Oregon's Whistling Well

OREGON has a well, on a farm near Maupin, which whistles gently for 12 to 24 hours before the approach of a storm, the whistle rising to a roar while the storm is at its height. After the storm is over the whistle is reversed. The explanation is believed to be that the bottom of the well is connected with large air pockets of uniform temperature, which exhale or inhale through a small vent as the temperature of the outer air rises or falls.

Thirty Feet a Day

IN THE building of the new tunnel on the Great Northern Railway which is to bore the Cascade Mountains, a speed of thirty feet a day is made. The tunnel will be eight miles long, sixteen feet wide and twenty-one feet high, and when completed will be the longest tunnel in the United States. The work goes forward night and day, in three shifts of eight hours each.

Importance of Adequate Lights

THE importance of adequate lights as a preventive of motor accidents was illustrated in Cleveland, where for several years the annual motor casualties were fifteen, on two of the prominent streets. The system of lighting these streets was changed and improved, with the result that the motor deaths were reduced to two. In other words, seven-eighths of the previous deaths were chargeable to poor lighting of the streets.

Looks Like the Millennium

TWO prominent society women of Palm Beach bought out at the full price 180 persons who had invested money in a defunct Florida land boom. Surely this looks like the millennium. Next thing we know Teapot Dome statesmen, meat trusts, oil millionaires and a thousand other kinds of crooks will be rushing to refund what they have taken, and money paid for masses will be returned. That will be the millennium sure enough.

A Fine Tribute to Justice Holmes

THE *Union Record*, of Seattle, Washington, has paid a tribute to Justice Holmes that is worthy of wide circulation. The *Record* says:

Chief Justice Holmes, the youngest member of the supreme court, celebrated his 86th birthday the other

day. Congratulations, judge. May you live a thousand years. For there are few as brave and wise as you. But for you and Brandeis, the supreme court would be but a barricade of antique furniture erected against budding life. Union labor will never forget that you were the first in our generation to declare from the seat of justice that strikers have a right to picket the place of their former employment, providing they do it peacefully and without threats. But not only union labor but every lover of liberty, every believer in progress and devotee of even-handed justice, is indebted to you. With an honorable past and famous ancestry, your face is always turned toward the rising sun of a higher, finer and happier humanity, and never toward the dead past of outworn things and institutions.

The Modern Gladiator

IN ANCIENT times the gladiators went from town to town, testing their strength and skill against local talent. The fight promoter, Tex Rickard, prophesies that this will come soon in the United States, the modern gladiator being the prize fighter. Mr. Rickard points out also that at the Dempsey-Tunney fight in Philadelphia there were 15,000 women in the crowd, and that larger and ever larger numbers of women attend the fights.

Kitten Causes a Panic

IN NEWARK, N. J., the other day a harmless little kitten caused a panic, in which one woman was killed and several others were badly injured. Twice he arched his back and hissed as three elephants were being led toward him, on the way to the back entrance of a theatre. The second time was too much for the elephants. They ran wild and went trumpeting with fear out into the main street, where the crowd was unable to get out of their way in time.

Humanity Has a Good Heart

THE good heart of humanity never showed to better advantage than the other day in Philadelphia. A little lad needed blood transfusion to save his life. An appeal was broadcast, and within a few minutes fifteen hundred people had responded, urging that they be given an opportunity to give some of their blood to keep the little fellow alive. What a striking answer this is to those who still hold to the wornout theory that God, in whose image man was created, has a great plan for torturing to eternity almost everybody. In the face of this

exhibition of human goodness anybody ought to be able to see that the eternal torture theory is false from beginning to end.

President Coolidge on the Bible

CONCERNING the Bible President Coolidge is quoted as making the following statement:

Although it has been the subject of most careful and painstaking study for hundreds of years, its most thorough students find in it a constant revelation of new thought and new ideals which minister to the spiritual nature of the race. It would be difficult to conceive of any kind of religious instruction which omitted to place its main emphasis on the precepts of this great Book. It has been the source of inspiration and comfort to those who have had the privilege of coming in contact with it, and wherever it goes it raises the whole standard of human relationship.

April 8th a Great Day

APRIL 8th was a great day in human history. At that time television was opened up between New York and Washington. Listeners in New York both saw and heard Herbert Hoover at Washington; this was by means of wires. On the same day television was accomplished by radio, from Whippany, N. J. to New York. The practical value of the invention is yet unknown.

Borah Beards the Lion

FROM New Haven as the center, has gone forth the accusation by the Knights of Columbus that Mexico is in imminent danger of going Bolshevik; hence it took some courage for Senator Borah to go to New Haven and in an audience of 5,000 persons say to the citizens of New Haven concerning Mexico:

God has made us neighbors, let justice make us friends. The first step toward justice is to stop making false and unfair statements about Mexico.

Why the United States Entered Nicaragua

HORACE C. KNOWLES, former Minister to Nicaragua, says:

If there is anything the plain people of those countries know it is that the financial interests and Washington are always on the lookout for an excuse to intervene, and the first and greatest care of any revolutionary party is to see that the lives and property of foreigners are in no way molested. Such lives and property, as a matter of fact, are safer there than in New York.

A Thirst for Travel

MOST of us have a thirst for travel which we are unable to gratify; but Boston has a millionaire who has the thirst, and apparently he gets what he wants. Dr. Philip G. Peabody has been to Africa thirteen times, to Asia twelve times, to Russia ten times; and when it comes to merely crossing the Atlantic Ocean, he has just completed his 106th trip.

No Horses on Mexico City Streets

ORDERS have been issued excluding horse-drawn vehicles from the paved streets of Mexico City, on the double grounds that they are an impediment to automobile traffic and that the horseshoes and heavy wheels tear up the asphalt pavement.

Forced into Making \$150,000,000

SIMON A. PATINO twenty-five years ago was a collector in Bolivia. Given a debt of \$250 to collect he took in payment a parcel of land. The firm for which he worked refused to accept the land and discharged him from its employ. He paid them the \$250, retained the land for himself, and in the last ten years has taken tin of the value of \$60,000,000 out of the tract. This mine is now producing 10% of the world's tin output.

Phone Service Between London and Havana

THE New York Times contains an interesting account of the telephone service now maintained between London and Havana, Cuba, by way of Rocky Point, L. I., New York and Key West. The route is by cable from Havana to Key West, by land wires to Rocky Point and thence by radio. At Rocky Point the voice is boosted to eleven million times its strength at the time received. This is not the only boosting it receives. At various places along the route it is boosted from 3 to 3,500 times.

End of Fog Menace in Sight

SINCE the first man went to sea, fog has been one of the terrors of the deep, and in some respects the worst one; but its end draws on apace. A ray which will penetrate any fog or smoke screen has been invented by a Briton, J. L. Baird, and the apparatus is now being installed on British vessels engaged in service along the British coast. For want of a better

name, now being sought, the new ray is at present called black light; a curious name indeed. Noctovision has also been suggested as a suitable name. The new ray makes a sound when it encounters a solid object, or even a ray of light.

British Hold Auto Speed Record

A BRITISHER, Major Segrave, in a car of British construction, broke all records for automobile speed in America when he traveled a little over 203 miles per hour on the beach at Daytona, Fla. The British are up and doing these days. They now have beam radio communication between London and Australia, sending the beam either east or west around the globe as best suits them.

Storace Debate in the House of Commons

THAT was a strange debate in the House of Commons when Sir Arthur Ponsonby moved that the British air force be done away with and Britain become in fact as well as in name a Christian nation. In the course of the day's debate which followed, one member of the house read the Sermon on the Mount and called attention to the fact that during the recent troubles in China the safest foreigners in the whole country were the Germans because they were unarmed.

W. J. Lee for McCann Said

The Reverend Father McCann pictured the head of an unfortunate Catholic gent who refused to let his daughter become a nun. It comes that the gent died, and the priest sums up what happened to him as follows:

the judgment is over; and the loathsome figure [Satan] is near, gathering the soul to his breast, and the fire of victory and flame with burn to hell, after him. "There the soul will burn in the judgment day."

After McCraun got all this data we
 or we say, except that he did not get it from
 the Bible. He should take something for this,
 and get it out of his system. We advise that he
 communicate with Mussolini. A better way
 would be to send to the International Bible
 Students and get their book on Hell. It can be
 had for only ten cents and would clear the whole
 subject up in McCraun's mind.

The Unofficial War in Nicaragua

THE unofficial war of the United States Government against Nicaragua is not ended. According to the law the United States cannot go to war without the consent of Congress, but the consent of Congress could never be obtained for a war which has as its objective the placing of all power in the hands of the Roman Catholic Diaz, and the taking away of power from Sacasa, whose aim is separation of church and state, freedom of worship and free schools. Recent reports are that 15 cruisers and 5,000 American troops are still on the job, and that eight of the most important Nicaraguan cities are still occupied by America contrary to the wishes of a majority of the Nicaraguan people.

New French Conscription Bill

THE new French Conscription Bill conscripts the whole nation for war, including even the babies at their mothers' breasts. When a new French mobilization order is issued it is claimed by the politicians that it will leave no single individual free to express any opinion whatsoever on the issue, which has reduced him to the meanest condition of slavery ever known. This form of conscription will no doubt extend to all other lands.

Heating Soil by Electricity

THE U. S. Department of Commerce reports extensive experiments in Sweden in the raising of garden crops out of season, by heating the soil with electric wires buried forty yards apart. The object of heating the soil is to bring it up to the temperature of the air as nearly as possible. Near Stockholm lettuce was ready for the market in March, in a garden heated in this manner.

Formation of German Schools

MATTHEW H. HARTEN, a noted newspaper correspondent, is of the opinion that the Papacy will succeed in its present efforts to establish a concordat with Germany, and by means of the concordat to dominate the German schools. The reason why this is possible is because the Lutherans, as a whole, are more interested in present day taxes and customs duties than they are in the future of the country. Mr. Harten suggests what anyone ought to be able to see, that the domination of the youth of today means the domination of the men of tomorrow.

Germany's New Anesthetic

GERMANY has a new anesthetic, called E-107, administered rectally, which is said to have no ill effects on heart or kidneys, and does not cause vomiting or a feeling of sickness afterwards. In a few instances it has caused intestinal irritation, and in a few cases defective circulation; but the general results in most instances seem to indicate that it will likely replace ether and chloroform as anesthetics.

Autocracy Gone Mad

WILLIAM GREEN, President of the American Federation of Labor, justly characterizes Mussolini's latest move, the so-called labor charter, as a proclamation of the enslavement of the Italian people, and says of it that the world has never witnessed a greater exhibition of autocracy gone mad. The state is to absolutely control all labor disputes.

Turning the Screw Once More

THE Mussolini government has given the screw of tyranny one more twist. With the advice and cooperation of the Papacy a measure has now been enacted which provides imprisonment for three years for the publication, sale, distribution, purchase or possession of books, pictures, works of art, photographs, moving picture films, phonographic records, advertising copy or theatrical manuscripts considered offensive to Fascism or to the Papacy.

Mussolini's Horrible Penal Islands

RECENTLY 912 of the most intelligent men of Italy have been consigned by the Fascisti to the horrible islands of Ustica, Favignana, Pantelleria and Lampedusa, off the coast of Sicily, where soap is unknown. Women, children and pigs live in the same room. Water can often not be had for days at a time. Lice are everywhere. Dysentery is almost universal. The food is cornbread and soup of disgusting quality. Thousands of other men have disappeared altogether.

Gypsy Cannibals in Europe

TWENTY-SIX gypsies are in prison in Moldavia, eastern Slovakia, charged with murder and cannibalism. Twelve murders have been traced to them. The victims were Hungarian

smugglers. The bodies of the murdered men were eaten, and the cannibals seem not disturbed by the charges laid against them.

Michael Has the Right Idea

MICHAEL SZAPKOWSKI, 145 years of age, of the village of Laty, Russia, says that a sense of humor is the best guaranty for longevity. Good for Michael. He has the right idea. A sense of humor helps one that is down to get up. It helps him to view his own follies and the follies of other men with kindly eyes. It helps him to laugh where others cry; and honest, kindly laughter at the follies of one's self is good for the soul.

Beating Swords into Plowshares

AN ITEM in the New York Times states that the first oil well drills ever manufactured in Russia were made of metal obtained by dismantling one of the old Czarist warships, the "Potemkin". Who can deny that the second use of the metal was better than the first?

Palestine Gradually Improving

LAST year Palestine's exports amounted to over \$40,000,000, mostly in oranges. Among the imports were \$500,000 worth of American automobiles. A dispatch states that American Jews are developing Mitzpah, and that the Palestinian administration has taken over a large site there for the immediate erection of the central government buildings and the mansion for the high commissioner.

Treasures of the Dead Sea

THE Government of Palestine has officially estimated that in the Dead Sea there are 980,000,000 tons of Magnesium Bromide which, at the present rate of consumption, is sufficient to last the world 35,000 years. Additionally the Dead Sea contains 6,000,000,000 tons of Calcium Chloride, 2,000,000,000 tons of Potassium Chloride, 11,900,000 tons of Sodium Chloride and 22,00,00,00 tons of Magnesium Chloride.

Discoveries in Ur of the Chaldees

NOT only were the people of Abraham's home town well educated in mathematics and astronomy, but the recent excavations show that the average man had a two-story dwelling to himself. The family lived upstairs, while the

lower floor was reserved for receptions and other events in which persons not of the family were interested. The business of the family was conducted on the ground floor. The ladies were as fond of ornaments and various toilet preparations as they are now. Discoveries in Ur of the Chaldees indicate that the arch is older than has been hitherto supposed. Bricks bearing Abraham's name have been found in the ancient city. The ruins show what the Scriptures teach, namely, that the people of the city served other gods than the great Almighty God, whose follower and friend Abraham became.

Religious Population of Palestine

ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1926, there were in Palestine 158,000 Jews; 641,000 Moslems; 78,000 Christians; and 10,000 persons of other religious faiths. The Soviet Government of Russia has granted three hundred Jews who had been exiled to Siberia permission to leave that land for Palestine.

Sydney's Great Bridge

SYDNEY, Australia, now has in process of construction what is claimed to be the largest arch bridge in the world. The span is 1675 feet. The bridge will carry a fifty-seven-foot roadway, two ten-foot sidewalks and four railway tracks, and be 170 feet above high water, so that vessels may pass beneath.

America Flooding China with Rice

THE Chinese Agricultural Association has made a protest in San Francisco against Chinese in California using American methods and receiving American wages of \$6 to \$8 per day, to flood China with cheaper rice than can be produced in China by coolies receiving only 10¢ to 15¢ per day.

Length of Life in New Zealand

THE direct relation between progressive legislation and length of life is nowhere more clearly seen than in a consideration of New Zealand. That country is admitted to have made greater strides in beneficial and protective legislation than any other country in the world; and it is interesting to know that its citizens have an average length of life of 62 years, which is also the greatest of any country in the world.

The Schools of New Zealand

A DISTINGUISHED New Zealand educator visiting this country notes that American schools have better buildings, smaller classes, poorer spellers, poorer penmen, better musical instruction, a greater spirit of rivalry, more juvenile crime and a higher regard for Latin and Greek than are shown in the schools of New Zealand. He states that in New Zealand the only boys who study Greek are those that are preparing for the ministry.

Brisbane and the Missionaries

REFERRING to the withdrawal of all the missionaries from China, Arthur Brisbane says:

The world at large will wonder with the missionaries, What used to happen to the Chinese before the missionaries went in? Is it conceivable that they all went to hell? Four hundred million, going below every few years would make soon a terrific population in the city of suffering. Billions of Chinese must be there now, even scores of billions, to say nothing of other heathen. It is a solemn problem that may well worry the missionaries. It is safe, fortunately, to assume that Providence has some solution that does not involve burning so many ignorant people forever.

The Bible answer to the solemn problem is that at death everybody goes to hell, with absolutely no exceptions. Even Christ went there. The Bible hell is the grave, where all await the resurrection. The heathen are no worse off there than are the Popes and other Doctors of Divinity. All are in the same place; and in the resurrection many of the poor heathen will fare far better than the theologians who have harassed their living and dying moments and clung desperately to them and to their relatives while there remained the shadow of a hope that they could scare a few shekels out of their clothing, and so make it temporarily easier for themselves before they land there, too. As money makers the hell and purgatory grafts have every other money making device backed off the boards. The worst of it is that they have had so much influence that the truth as to what hell really is seldom finds any place in the public press, and never finds any place in the pulpit. But gradually the truth is coming out anyway. It can be hid no longer.

THE history of human society from early days has been interspersed all along the line with accounts of individuals who more or less successfully indulged a penchant for doing away with, to them, objectionable fellow mortals by the subtle and cowardly method of poisoning. In this they have betrayed a family likeness to Satan, the great and invisible enemy of mankind.

Despicable however as the conduct of the class of debased humans here referred to has been, another class far greater in numbers and having apparently a much closer relationship to the father of lies have also been in existence. This class have likewise occupied themselves with the destruction or injury not only of individuals but of families, communities, and even nations; and by the same method, poisoning. The former class, however, have concerned themselves only with the destruction of the physical beings of other mortals; while the latter class, to accomplish their designs, have poisoned the minds of their victims, thereby jeopardizing human souls.

The arch-poisoner of all ages has been Satan, the erstwhile princely light-bearer. Beginning with his first successful attempt in Eden, Satan has progressed in the science of poisoning, until now under his supervision a steady stream of artfully disguised poison is very acceptably administered seven days a week to millions of human beings, ostensibly as food for the mind and heart, but in reality concocted for the purpose of deadening the perception in some connections and inflaming the passions in others.

The Three Chief Poisoners

THE three principal agencies for the administration of soul poisons are the church systems, institutions of learning, and public press. Of these three, the one that seems to be most popular, the one that serves the greatest number and administers the most easily, agreeably and constantly, is the public press.

As one who has been a subscriber to *THE GOLDEN AGE* since it was first inaugurated, I know that the principles actuating those who publish it are such as to guard its columns against the intrusion of propaganda designed to nullify those forces which make for the destruction of Satan's empire, characterized as it is by

the insanely selfish domination of the great mass of humanity by a comparatively small number of financial and industrial magnates.

Among several items of interest submitted by your Canadian correspondent, and published in No. 166 of *THE GOLDEN AGE*, is an editorial reproduced from the *Prince Albert (Sask.) Herald* entitled "Leave These Lunatics to Themselves." Now, while those who are even only half awake to the trend of events in Europe must and will concur in the general sentiment of the article, in justice to a group of peoples to whom the ruling powers of the rest of the habitable are and must be in the nature of things opposed, exception should be taken to the classification of the Soviet Union with the lunatics of Europe.

Russia's Gigantic (?) Army

THE following statement contained in the aforementioned newspaper article is a subtle piece of hurtful propaganda:

Russia is maintaining a gigantic army, partly for the purpose of giving state jobs to an otherwise pauper population but also with an idea that some day she might go about the task of imposing her communistic will upon her neighbors.

In the first place, while it is true that in 1920 the Red Army numbered 5,300,000, the army of the Soviet Union now numbers only about 562,000. In terms of population, the Soviet Union now has 41 soldiers for every 10,000 inhabitants, while Roumania and Poland have about 100; and France, exclusive of her colonies, 200. In other words, the western European "democratic" states have from three to five times more men under arms than does the Soviet Union. In relation to territory, for every 1000 square kilometers there are 27 soldiers in the Soviet Union, while there are 560 soldiers for the same area in Roumania, and 700 in Poland. So much then for the "gigantic" army of Soviet Russia.

But, says the editorial, this "gigantic" army is maintained "partly for the purpose of giving state jobs to an otherwise pauper population". According to the figures above given, the number of soldiers for every 10,000 inhabitants of the Soviet Union is 41. Assuming that each one of these soldiers represents an average family of five persons, even then only 205 of every 10,000 persons are 'preserved from poverty' by the

"state jobs" of these 41. This leaves 9,795 of every 10,000 to be classed not "otherwise" but as actual "pauper population". And since these calculations are based upon an approximated population of about 130 million souls, the Soviet Union today must be burdened with the appalling number of over 127,000,000 paupers. Blah!

What Are the Facts?

WHAT are the facts in this connection? Actually the possessors of an estate comprising one-sixth of the earth's surface, abounding in natural resources and corresponding opportunities for development and cultivation, with all the expedition that is possible commensurate with the tremendous task that has been undertaken, the Soviet peoples are being educated, trained and encouraged by their leaders to cooperate in the realization of the benefits that may accrue to them collectively and individually, but *not selfishly*, from the vast resources which are theirs.

It must be remembered that up until 1917, under autocratic czarism and a profoundly corrupt religious system, the great bulk of the Russian people were kept in a state of semi-barbarism, and were probably on a considerably lower level in the matter of literacy, culture and economic intelligence, than were the Negroes of the southern states in slavery days. Wonderful changes have taken place in these respects in the Soviet Union since the revolution of November, 1917, but much yet remains to be done. The point that I desire to make here is that the immense amount of human raw material in Russia requires time in order to be worked into suitable shape, by education and proper training, before the resources of that enormous estate itself can be made adequately available.

Not Many Unemployed

SOVIET Russia has done magnificently for her unemployed. In August, 1925, the actual number of all unemployed (both registered and unregistered), according to the estimates of the Institute for Planned Economics, was only 1,265,000, or 1 in each 110 of the population. And these figures have been further and steadily reduced since that time. True it is, this was a large number. But let it be noted that this number is comprised partly of the surplus agricul-

tural population and partly of those previously employed in occupations which have become superfluous since the revolution, with only the smaller part consisting of industrial workers (unskilled) and officials. Hence in other countries a large number of those whom Russia classed as unemployed would not be included at all in the statistics of unemployment.

Then let it be remembered that in September of the same year the official figures of unemployment for Great Britain totalled 1,418,000, out of a population of but approximately 43,000,000 people, which is 1 in every 30 of the population.

The Soviet Union, however, in contrast with the capitalist states, has not the slightest interest in the existence of an industrial reserve which forces wages down; and therefore it is resolutely attacking the problem of unemployment with the expectation that it will almost if not entirely disappear within two years. As an instance of the practical way in which the situation is being handled, unemployed agricultural laborers are being trained to manage tractors. One consignment alone contained 12,000 Ford tractors which were shipped to Russia via Seattle, Wash., early last year.

As to whether the Russian army is maintained "also with an idea that some day she might go about the task of imposing her communistic will upon her neighbors", I will leave the readers of this article to judge from what follows.

Would Even Abolish War Industries

A CELEBRATION was held in Chicago last year, on the occasion of the purchase by the Soviet Union of the American Rambouillet sheep, to be used for breeding purposes. Boris E. Skvirsky, head of the Russian Information Bureau, Washington, D. C., was one of the guests on this occasion; and in the course of a speech which he made he stated the following concerning the Soviet Union:

The appropriation for the army and navy was less than half of pre-war; and the Soviet Union, which has reduced its army from five millions to half a million, would be willing to support the most sweeping universal disarmament proposal.

Speaking in Paris, France, in December, 1925, Georges Tchicherin, Foreign Minister of the U. S. S. R., concisely set forth the attitude of

the Soviet Union with regard to matters military, in the following statement:

After the termination of the war we were, I believe, the first nation to advocate disarmament, and we officially expressed our approval of this policy in our reply to the draft of the treaty of mutual assistance. We not only vehemently criticized that treaty for giving enormous international power to a few states, but we rejected it as delaying the practical settlement of the disarmament question. Incidentally, I have just received the report of the speech made in Moscow by M. Rykoff, chairman of the council of commissaries, in which he makes the downright offer to abolish not only the army, but also *Russian war industries*, provided complete disarmament becomes general. He goes on to say that he is ready to give his fullest support to any attempt at even part disarmament. This readiness of ours to disarm is not a mere rhetorical gesture, it is implied in our fundamental attitude to the world. We renounce not only the policy, but even the very idea of conquest. And we need an army and navy only for defense.

If the Bolsheviks Get You

THE esprit de corps, the animating spirit of the Red Army, is well conveyed in the following extract from a speech delivered in London by George Bernard Shaw, in January, 1920:

Supposing the Bolshevik Red Army captures you; what is it that happens to you? You are told beforehand, if you are a European, that you are fighting Bolsheviks because you know that they are monsters and committing atrocities. You are told that if the Bolsheviks capture you they will put you slowly to death over a period of twenty-one days. By cutting off the tips of your fingers, your nose and your ears, and by horrible scientific tortures will slowly kill you; therefore you fight pretty hard—if you believe it.

Supposing you are taken prisoner, in spite of your heroic struggle. If you are an Englishman you naturally do struggle; if not to the death, still very close to it. But supposing you are overpowered by numbers, say one Englishman by 200 Bolsheviks. What happens to you? You are brought into a military depot, and the first thing that happens to you is that they give you a good meal, and when you are in a tolerably good humor a man comes in with a lot of literature: he says, "Are you an Englishman?" You say, "I am an Englishman"—proudly. He immediately produces a bundle of Bolshevik literature in *English*, and you are set to reading that literature.

You are not given anything else to do. Of course, if they would let you do anything at all, being an Englishman you would do it rather than *read*—play football, for instance. But the Bolsheviks throw you back on

your own mental and intellectual resources to such extent that you begin to want to read their literature. Then you find out the truth about what they are actually doing. They send you about three times a week to the theatre, and let you go about pretty freely so that you can see what is going on.

But now, in view of the foregoing, some one may well inquire, "Wherein lies the secret of the wonderful fighting morale of the Red Army?" And to this question I shall reply by asking the inquirer to pay an imaginary visit with me to the Tretyakov Art Gallery in Moscow.

Attitude of Red Soldiery

SINCE the subject under consideration is the mental and moral attitude of the Red soldiery towards war, our interest focuses particularly upon those works of art depicting the field of battle. Here then are huge canvasses executed by the greatest of all modern Russian painters, Verestchagin. They convey the one message—the utter dreadfulness of war. Battlefields are depicted in all their ghastliness and shame. Battles are painted with every horror that accompanies them. The desolation and misery of military bivouacs and camping grounds are faithfully reproduced. "The Spoils of War" is a work of art, but it portrays but a huge pyramid of human skulls upon which a number of carrion crows are perched, picking whatever morsels of decayed flesh remain.

We stand in the great gallery devoted to the artistic creations of Verestchagin, considered by some to be the greatest anti-military genius of the last century if not of all time. It is divided into three chambers by a series of permanent partitions. A bronze bust of the great painter occupies a pedestal near the main wall. Opposite the large windows hang his tremendous canvasses, his prototypic works of art, where the fight may give them every advantage.

But it is not these terribly realistic anti-war masterpieces done that inspire us solely on this the occasion of our first visit to the gallery. In front of them in each of the three chambers stands a group of soldiers, men of the Red Army of Soviet Russia. They are without officers; and number perhaps about fifty, all told. They stare with lively and intelligent interest at the anti-war paintings in all their horror, while an art instructor (there are two men and one woman instructors) delivers to them a graphic lecture

upon the message the picture is intended to convey, together with details concerning its achievement.

Each instructor is an enthusiast; enthusiasm is written on the brow, and the voice vibrates with it. He points with delicate finger to the wealth of detail, or lack of it; he explains atmosphere, movement, suggestion, perspective, and every fine point of consummate artistry. Then he takes the ensemble; and his gestures, facial and bodily, change; his voice alters, his eyes flash, and pink leaps to his cheek; he becomes twice as animated and twice as vehement; and his audience of Red Soldiers is moved to the quick, as the orator points out to it the savagery and futility of war.

The War-Loving Imperialist

AND now I will conclude this article by reproducing the comment of a prominent British writer on the scene just described. He says:

That is the difference between the Russian Communist "militarism" and the class-made, war-glorifying,

hatred-organizing, truth-distorting, murder-sanctifying brigandage of Imperialist militarism. The latter seeks to teach with calculating cunning that war is a "noble calling" and "brings out the best in human nature". In Russia they teach abhorrence of war, that it is cruel, bloody and futile, and brings out the worst in human nature.

Imperialism deliberately propagates its false doctrines and elevates the ignoble trade of murder into the "noble profession" of warfare, because its whole existence is based upon mean and sordid theft, graft, spoliation and slavery. Its propagandists dare not tell the truth; they must lie and equivocate or their rule could not last a week. Communism does not lie to its people, to its soldiers. Communism teaches its soldiers how to use the weapons of Imperialist militarism, teaches them militarist tactics and discipline, in order that they may the more successfully resist their would-be enslavers and preserve their freedom intact.

And because the soldier of Communism knows the truth about the causes of war he fights the better. His determination is that no servile army of Imperialist "hired assassins" shall ever succeed in imposing their system of banditry upon him and his fellows, if fighting will prevent it; and his strength, to use Tennyson's expression, "is as the strength of ten, because his heart is pure."

An Armenian View of Turkey By David Davidian

THE article on the Turks which appeared recently in THE GOLDEN AGE was good. Of course if one has lived in Turkey for a while, as I have, there would be added information. The Turks are products of environment, and their religion has not hindered them from killing Christians and such as call themselves Christians. But now that the old religion of the Turks is falling to pieces, there is great hope for improvement.

One thing in the article amused me, and that was the impression which some Americans have that the Turks are almost sanctified and "cannot tell a lie"—like the George Washington cherry tree and hatchet myth. If that were really true of the Turks I would be glad—glad to know that they are better than the Armenians, to which race I belong. But my honest opinion, based upon experience and observation, is that when God confounded the language of the people at the tower of Babel, and they spread out in different nationalities, there were excellent liars among all of them.

The darkness resting upon the Armenians is largely due to the influence of the Armenian Catholic Church, which of course gets her supply of "wine" from the chief distributor mentioned in Revelation 17. There is a long history behind the Armenian revolution; and once the revolution began, the massacres were started by the Turks. During the World War Armenians in turn massacred the Turks and devastated towns and cities; and, all being under their father the Devil, we could not expect anything else.

Another point is, the Turks have found out that the European civilized diplomats are great liars; and for that reason they have no respect for them. Furthermore, for years "Christian" missionaries have hypocritically patted the Turks on the back to save their own necks during the massacres. All that any Armenian had to do was to turn Turk, or solemnly pretend to do so. Thousands refused. Many were tortured in indescribable ways. When the Turks would

massacre a town during the war they would tell the people to get ready and they would be sent to America. Then the Armenians would be taken out a distance, the Turks would pick out the beautiful girls for themselves, and massacre the rest right before the eyes of the people.

I believe that Europe is responsible for these massacres. I certainly believe that the Turks have been overrun and mistreated by European powers. I lived in Smyrna. There the Euro-

peans came in and established English, German and French post-offices, and generally helped themselves. Now Wilson's "self-determination" idea is working there, and no one can blame the Turks for finally awakening to their rights as a people. In due time they will be just as honorable as the English, and the Armenian must shake hands with the Turk. When the Armenian clergy have passed away, then the people will see the light.

Who Believes in War? Who Wants War? *By Lydia G. Wentworth*

WHERE is the woman who believes in war? Where is the man who will say that he *wants* war?

Where is the woman who will declare that she approves war as good or righteous? Where is the man who will venture outspoken approval?

Probably some one will say that war is a necessary evil. That thoughtless, ignorant remark has been made countless times.

Are evils necessary? Is any kind of evil necessary? If so, what kind? Is war to be an exception as the one and only evil that must be endured?

If so, what is the reason for this exception? Why are we forced to submit to that particular evil? And why must we continue to submit to an evil so dreaded?

"War is the blackest, least excusable, most damnable crime against mankind and God Almighty," says the *American Legion Magazine*.

Shall we, the people, remain passive and submit meekly to the most far-reaching and stupendous evil in the world, the blackest crime that can be instituted?

War is an established custom. It was begun and practised ages ago when mankind was in a savage state. Is that a reason for nations who claim civilization to practise it?

War has descended to us from savagery. Shall we, who claim civilization, continue to pattern our customs and practices by savage customs and practices? Can't we improve on ignorance and savagery?

Let us see. We have already abolished certain established customs which we recognized as evils. One was piracy. Another was dueling. Another slavery. We need only to arouse people to the incalculable evil of war, to make up

our minds that we want no more of it, and then it can be abolished *without difficulty*.

War is the greatest of all evils—therefore all the more reason that it should be abolished.

War is futile. It never settled anything that could not have been settled better by reasonable means in a manner consistent with civilization.

War is senseless. Even the victorious side pays penalties in many ways as great as the vanquished.

I challenge any person to state any reason or cause which will serve as sufficient or adequate ground for declaration of war by one nation to another *in these days*.

Causes of war are disputes and should be settled by arbitration or legal procedure. What are some of the causes of war as represented to the public?

First: Circumstances or events that involve national honor.

Wherein does killing by wholesale—the massacre of millions of the enemy and perhaps as many of your own people—the bombing of villages, towns and cities—retrieve or avenge or *maintain* the honor of any nation? Does it not drag honor in the mire? Is honor more likely to be maintained by persons "seeing red" or by the calm and deliberative procedure of arbitration by the best minds among a nation's people?

Second: Circumstances or conditions involving vital interests.

Wherein are vital interests furthered or maintained by collective homicide, the sacrifice of millions of persons innocent of wrong doing or thought toward each other? Does it not seem reasonable to assume that the vital interests of any nation would be far better sustained by peaceable procedures ensuring the preservation

of property rather than by destructive methods?

Third: The preservation of rights in a foreign country.

Again I ask: Wherein does the extermination of legions of lives—the greatest possible number of opponents that can be killed—maintain with justice the rights of any foreigners in a land other than their own? If the laws or practices of any land do not suit, let foreigners keep away. We claim the right to make laws to suit ourselves. We must grant that same right to every other country. Why should any country dare to claim the right to interfere with or dictate the laws of another?

There are causes of war which are not publicly announced but which are falsely represented as national honor, vital interests, et cetera. To misrepresent these to the people of any country by false propaganda is the most gigantic betrayal, the most colossal wrong, that can be perpetrated upon a people.

That is what was done in every country before the World War; for, as Lord Robert Cecil has said: "*If the situation had been known to*

the world no nation could have forced its people to fight."

It is for the people to see to it that they are not deceived and betrayed again. It is for the people to refuse to believe war propaganda—however specious it may be—and to demand the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Then the war-mongers will have no chance to ply their trade. War persists solely because people have been brought up to believe in its necessity; and this atrocious, antiquated and absurd falsity keeps the world in darkness on this point, obscuring the light of truth. War is a left-over product of savagery.

Who will try to think up a reason or cause that is sufficient in these days for entering upon an orgy of slaughter of millions of military forces, accompanied by the destruction of non-combatants in villages, towns and cities by bombs and poison gases?

Who, wishing to maintain and preserve his country's honor and dignity on the high plane which such qualities deserve, will state an adequate cause for warfare in these enlightened days?

The Lion Farm By J. A. Bohnet

READERS of THE GOLDEN AGE will doubtless be interested to know that there is a lion farm—the only one in all the world—located two miles east of El Monte, which is about twenty miles east of Los Angeles, that southern California metropolis of a million and a half population.

This lion farm is reached from the big city via the Valley Boulevard Drive, and is easily found at its right hand by a massive crouching lion image at its entrance. The admission fee is fifty cents per person; and the number of lions, ranging from a few days to seventeen years of age, totals 92—all of the large black mane African variety.

The value of these beasts ranges all the way from \$1200 to \$50,000 each. The one called Cyclone manifests a vicious disposition, and cannot be trusted. He is father to about half of the herd. Another, a more gentle beast, is sire to the remainder.

The animals are fed horse meat exclusively, and that only six days a week. None are fed on

Mondays. The food requirement per day is upwards of one thousand pounds; and at feeding time, 2 o'clock p. m., they are separated and fed in the cages. If permitted to be together at this feast they would fight each other.

They are housed at night, but during the daytime they peacefully mingle all in one large, wire-netted, strong enclosure out of doors. In the large central enclosure, where nine of the larger of the male animals roam at will, one of them bullied all the others until they tired of his abuse, then they "ganged" him simultaneously and nearly killed him. He is now a mass of battle scars as a consequence, and ever since has been a good lion, docile and gentle.

The keeper, Mr. Gay, who is also manager and sole owner, fearlessly moves about amongst them, whip in hand. It will not do to manifest any fear amongst them.

Ninety percent of the lion scenes in movie shows are enacted in this arena. The use of a lion for a day is \$200. That is a lion's regular salary. One lion, a large male named Numa,

earned in 1926 alone, \$50,000 as a movie star. This is the lion that chases people through windows, doors, transoms, hallways, rooms, and shrubbery, but never injures anyone. He is duly rehearsed for the part that he is expected to perform, and seems to enjoy it. Sometimes he learns his part in two minutes, while for other scenes it takes hours to make him understand what is required.

At one time a movie scene was planned to be taken in a colored church, full of worshipers, old and young. This monster trained lion which, standing upright measures nine feet from feet to head, was suddenly and unexpectedly turned loose in the church and began to bound over the pews, across the aisles, onto the rostrum, and over the terror-stricken colored parson and parishioners. There was no need for rehearsing *them* for the speedy exit. They quickly grasped their part and performed well, while the cameramen proceeded to "shoot" the picture. This big brute would not injure even a child. But the startled assembly of colored folks did not know that, so the scene was one hundred percent realistic.

Some female lions eat their young of a day or two old, when they are only about one pound in weight. Others eat them when two months old. One female will make a good mother while another may make a very bad one—some utterly refuse to mother the young. In such instances they can be raised by bottle nourishment at the lion farm, provided they are nursed by the mother during the first week. The baby lions must not be touched by human hands while with the mother. Any human scent on the body of the kitten prompts the mother to immediately kill it.

Mr. Gay has been in the lion-raising business for over twenty years, and knows the native temperament of these beasts. He knows them everyone by name—and such names as some of them have been given! Four of them are called, High, Low, Jack and Game.

One big lion is called Slats, and is in the enclosure with Numa. These two huge males love each other and make much fuss when separated, even for an hour. Both are movie actors; in fact, they are stars in the profession. Mr. Gay has them trained to perfection.

In another enclosure are twelve half-grown lions, kind as kittens. In another enclosure are

twelve females of from four to twelve years of age. The young lions of a month to three or four months of age are especially cute and playful.

The large lions generally lie down and stay there, stretched out at full length on their sides, until struck with the whip. They are exceedingly lazy. None of them will remain in a standing position after Mr. Gay goes out of the enclosure. Lions are not quarrelsome nor vicious, except when with young or when being fed. Mr. Gay rides Numa as one would ride a horse.

On Mondays the farm is closed to visitors. This day the lions all fast and are not to be unduly excited. On Sundays the place is thronged with visitors. "Better than a menagerie", one hears the people say. The farm covers five acres, much of which is set out to natural lion habitation.

These animals know obedience perfectly. A nervous lion is to be feared, however. One never knows what it might do. There are now 92 lions on the place. The lions are greatly in demand for circuses, zoos and parks throughout the world. They are transported in cages of special design. The lionesses bear their young twice a year.

Only the owner or his wife ever enters the pens or is permitted to touch any lion. Mr. Gay slaps them in tenderness, as one would slap or pet a thoroughbred horse. The claws of a lion are as sharp as a needle, and a vicious swipe of its paw has power sufficient to kill a horse. A trained lion will stand up, elevate its tail, or "shake hands" at command. They do not readily make up with strangers, however. Nor would anyone want to enter the place at night, nor even in the daytime, to steal one of these valuable beasts.

At intervals the males give vent to their feelings in terrifying roars, while squatted on the ground; and an answering roar usually comes from one of the enclosures out of sight. The lions are never inbred at this farm. All the offspring have the same fathers and mothers. That is, only a few of the females are kept for breeding purposes, and no relatives are ever mated.

These animals are well content in their pleasant environment, despite the assertion often heard that lions cannot be productive in captivity. Here is a successful lion farm, and a money maker at that.

Governor Smith's Differences with Rome

THE controversy between Governor Alfred E. Smith and Charles C. Marshall made it clear, at least to our minds, that Governor Smith is a much better American than he is a Catholic.

Governor Smith believes in the freedom of the press; but Leo XIII in his encyclical of June 20, 1888, said, "We must now briefly consider liberty of speech and liberty of the press. It is hardly necessary to say that there can be no such right as this." In the same encyclical the same pope said, "It is quite unlawful to demand, to defend or to grant unconditional freedom of thought, of speech, of writing or worship." The Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church declares, "The Church has the right to practice the unconditional censure of books."

Governor Smith believes in freedom of religion; but Pope Pius IX, in his encyclical of December 8th, 1864, said, "It is an error to believe that every man is free to embrace and profess that religion which, guided by the light of reason, he shall consider true." In the same encyclical the same pope said, "The state has not the right to leave every man free to profess and embrace whatever religion he shall deem true."

Governor Smith believes in the freedom of the state; but in his encyclical of December 8th, 1864, Pope Pius IX said, "It is an error that the church ought to be separated from the state, and the state from the church"; and in his encyclical of November 1st, 1885, Pope Leo XIII said, "It would be very erroneous to draw the conclusion that in America is to be sought the most desirable status of the church, or that it would be universally lawful or expedient for state and church to be, as in America, dissevered and divorced."

Governor Smith believes in the sovereignty of the people; but in his encyclical of November 1st, 1885, Leo XIII said:

The sovereignty of the people is held to reside in the multitude; which is doubtless a doctrine exceedingly well calculated to flatter and to inflame many passions, but which lacks all reasonable proof, and all power of insuring public safety and preserving order. In politics, which are inseparably bound up with the laws of morality and religious duties, men ought always, and in the first place, to serve, as far as possible, the interests of

Catholicism. As soon as they are seen to be in danger, all differences should cease between Catholics.

Governor Smith believes in freedom of person; but the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church asserts that "the Pope has the right to give countries and nations which are non-Catholic to Catholic regents who can reduce them to slavery. The Pope can make slaves of those Christian subjects whose prince or ruling power is interdicted by the Pope." The Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church also asserts, "The Church is empowered to grant, or to take away, any temporal possession."

Governor Smith believes in freedom from tyrants; but in his encyclical of March 18th, 1871, Pope Pius IX said, "The Pope is the supreme judge of the law of the land"; and in his encyclical of November 1st, 1885, Leo XIII said, "As regards opinion, whatever the Roman pontiffs have heretofore taught, or shall hereafter teach, must be held with a firm grasp of mind and, so often as occasion requires, must be openly professed."

Governor Smith has respect for American laws; but the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church declares that "the Pope has the right to annul state laws, treaties, constitutions, etc., to absolve from obedience thereto, as soon as they seem detrimental to the rights of the church or those of the clergy"; and the same Canon Law also says that "without the consent of the Pope, no tax or rate of any kind can be levied upon a clergyman, or upon any church whatsoever".

Mr. Marshall has pointed out that the "Manual of Christian Doctrine", printed in Philadelphia in 1926 under the imprimatur of Cardinal Dougherty, distinctly declares that the state is subordinate to the church in all things referring to its (the church's) affairs, and that the church has the right to annul those laws or acts of government that seem to it injurious to its (the church's) interests. The book is now in its 48th edition. It is a strange thing that Governor Smith can be such a good Catholic and yet lightly set aside these declarations of the popes and cardinals and councils and canon laws as having only a spiritual application to Catholics themselves and therefore not of any serious interest to others.

The First Resurrection

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THIS morning I am to speak to you concerning the first resurrection. That implies that there is more than one resurrection. There is a resurrection of Christ Jesus and the members of His body. This is the first in importance and first in time. Concerning this it is written: "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."—Revelation 20:6.

There will also be a resurrection of the faithful men who died before the first coming of the Lord. Then there will be an awakening of all who are in their graves and a resurrection of all of these to life who are obedient to the Lord during His reign. As the Scriptures declare, "every man in his order" and in God's due time.

Once each year we observe what is called Easter Sunday. Many good people think that Easter Sunday is a Bible name, but it is not. The clergy have led the people to believe that the Bible enjoins upon them the keeping of Easter Sunday, but never tell them why. Many others regard it as a day of hilarity and a time for the exhibition of beautiful clothes.

What is the true origin of Easter? The name Easter is a survival from the old Teutonic mythology. It takes its name from the mythical goddess of spring, who was called Estara. Centuries ago the clergy thought well to adopt the day Easter Sunday as a festival day marking the end of Lent, which also is erroneously connected with the true church.

It is eminently proper that those who believe God's Word should especially consider this matter in its relation to the resurrection of the dead, for the following reason, to wit: Jesus was crucified on the 14th day of Nisan, which was Friday. God raised Jesus up out of death on the third day following His crucifixion, which corresponds to Sunday.

The Fact

IS IT true that the dead are raised up again to life? Satan the adversary says that it is not true. The clergy of the church systems say it is not true. God says that it is true. All of God's faithful witnesses say that it is true. Of course there are many agnostics, but the time comes when every one must believe that it is true

or not true. Proof is required, and God has provided in His Word an abundance of competent evidence by which the proof is made.

It is manifest that there could be no resurrection of the creature unless that creature first dies. If there is no death then a resurrection would be not only useless but impossible. Immortality means that which is not subject to death. An immortal creature cannot die.

At this time the clergy are especially emphasizing the statement that all men are immortal souls, or that every man possesses an immortal soul. By this statement they deny the resurrection of the dead. Their conclusion finds support only in what Satan the Devil has said. For a long period of time the people have looked upon the clergy as the ones who speak with authority in matters of religion. Therefore the people have been led to believe that every man is an immortal soul or has an immortal soul. Such belief nullifies the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead.

The mass of mankind believe the false doctrines because they do not know God and they do not know His Word. It is the privilege, yea, the happy duty, of every true Christian to be a faithful witness for God and to tell the people the truth. To tell the people the truth one must know what *is* the truth. This is the time to know the truth, and there never has been a time more important for telling the truth.

The importance of the resurrection cannot be overstated. It is the gateway that leads to life. Without a resurrection there is no eternal life for any of the human family. It is the most beautiful doctrine of the divine program. It is a gracious and unselfish gift from Jehovah. The Apostle Paul expressed it as his greatest desire that he might attain unto the resurrection of Christ, the Head of the new creation. The doctrine, when understood, thrills the heart.

Satan has tried to destroy in the minds of the people this beautiful doctrine. He has succeeded in a large measure. He has used man to teach that the dead are not dead, hence destroying the beauty of the resurrection in their minds. All along the way there have been some, however, who have not been deceived. They have rejoiced in the coming resurrection. The time now is opening when the light of this glorious truth shall be shed upon the minds of the peo-

ples of the earth and all will come to know of God's gracious provision for bringing life and happiness to the race.

His Resurrection

THE most important question is, Was Jesus resurrected from the dead? It follows, of course, that He must be dead in order to be resurrected. All the Bible testimony is to the effect that He was dead, out of existence, in the tomb for three days, and that on the third day He was resurrected. The Lord caused the Psalmist David to write these words: "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."—Psalm 16:10.

The Apostle Peter, speaking under inspiration, in Acts 2:30-32, said concerning the prophet: "Therefore, being a prophet, and . . . he seeing this before, spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses."

It follows then from these scriptures that Jesus was in hell during the three days. Hell is not a place of torment. The word translated hell, both in the Hebrew and in the Greek, means the tomb, or the condition of death. The Hebrew word is *sheol*; the Greek word is *hades*. It does not mean a place, but a condition. It follows then that Jesus was dead. If there was any doubt about this Jesus settled it Himself when He stated His resurrection, in Revelation 1:18: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore."

The prophet of old had foretold the resurrection of Jesus. The Prophet David, in Psalm 138:17, says: "Thou wilt show me the path of life; thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." The New Testament specifically shows that this scripture applies to Jesus. Job 19:25 says: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." The writers of the Gospels, namely, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, all have given testimony concerning the resurrection of the Lord; and afterwards the Apostle Paul added his valuable testimony.

Satan knew that if the Lord was resurrected it would disprove his first lie. He had told mother Eve that there is no death. Jesus had

prophesied His own resurrection on the third day. Satan set about to so confuse the matter that it would be left in doubt in the minds of the people. He did not use the common ignorant people to carry out his purpose, but he selected the clergy of that time, the priests and the Pharisees. It is recorded in Matthew 27th chapter that these priests and Pharisees went to Pilate, the governor, after Jesus' death, and attempted to take every possible precaution to disprove the resurrection.

The record reads: "The chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead; so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch."—Matthew 27:62-66.

With the Jews Saturday was a Sabbath day or day of rest. On that day the Jews were not permitted to do anything. Since they must remain quiet it was a day of great sorrowful meditation for the men and women who loved the Lord Jesus, because He had been wickedly put to death only a short time before.

With the coming of the dawn on the day following, which was the first day of the week, some of these good women visited the tomb where the Lord was buried; and, seeing that the stone had been rolled away and believing that the clergy had ceased His body to be stolen and carried away, they hurried back to tell the men. The record thereof reads as follows, from John 20:1-17:

"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he,

stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

"Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

"But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

"Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father: and to my God, and your God."—John 20: 1-17.

The leaders were foolish enough to believe that their sealing the tomb would prevent the resurrection of our Lord. And then when the watchmen came and told these clergymen next morning that our Lord had been resurrected they tried to bribe these witnesses to lie about it. The records reads:

"And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day." (Matthew 28:12-15) Thus we see that Satan suc-

ceeded in a measure in blinding some people to the truth of the resurrection of our Lord.

Even today the clergymen still teach that every man, when he dies, goes immediately either to heaven or to hell or to purgatory; and that he is conscious from the moment of death. If their statements are true then the doctrine of the resurrection is wrong. This at least must be apparent to every man who thinks. A creature who is alive in purgatory or hell or heaven or any other place could not be resurrected.

Then if a layman exposes what the clergy teach and shows the inconsistency of their teachings they immediately cry out: "That man is either a liar or ignorant." Such is their stock phrase. I am not going to call anyone a liar. That does not seem to be necessary. I am going to cite the scriptures and let you determine whether or not I am ignorant or a liar, or whether these uncomplimentary terms apply to some one else—to those who have been teaching the people these inconsistent doctrines.

The clergy teach that there is no death; that man is alive immediately after death, in either hell, purgatory or heaven, always conscious. Satan said the same thing to mother Eve; and Jesus, in John 8:44, said that Satan is a liar and the father of lies; and He told the Pharisees that they had the same spirit as their father the Devil.

In Ecclesiastes 9: 5, 10 we read that "the dead know not anything", and "there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave" where the dead go. Shall we believe the Bible or believe those who teach otherwise?

In St. Paul's day there were those who denied the resurrection of the dead. There are those now who at least by implication deny the resurrection of the dead. One of two things is absolutely certain: The clergy must back down from their doctrine that the dead are conscious in purgatory, hell or heaven, or they must deny the resurrection of the dead. Concerning the resurrection of our Lord St. Paul testified, in 1 Corinthians 15:3-12:

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures; and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some

are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. . . . Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?"

These scriptures of themselves conclusively prove our Lord's resurrection, and in the course of this argument I shall cite other scriptures corroborating the same.

Reason for Death and Resurrection

IN ORDER to appreciate the value and beauty of our Lord's resurrection it is necessary to understand why He died, and why He rose from the dead. Adam, the perfect man, sinned and forfeited his right to life. God promised through His prophet, Hosea, that He would redeem man from death. In the earth there is no man equal to meet these requirements, as stated in Psalm 49:7: "None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him."

The life of the Logos was transferred from spirit to human and He became a man, as stated in John 1:14. As a perfect man He was the equivalent or exact corresponding price of the perfect man Adam. He was made a man that He might taste death for man's redemption, as stated in Heb. 2:9. He also said, in Matt. 20:28, that He came to give His life a ransom for many. In John 10:17, 18 He said: "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."

The Apostle Peter, in 1 Peter 3:18, says that Jesus was put to death in the flesh as a man and made alive as a spirit being. The clergy make a great mistake in claiming that Jesus was divine when He was on earth and before He was begotten of the holy spirit. Had He been divine He would have been *more* than a corresponding price for Adam. He had to be an 'exact corresponding price' in order to redeem the race. Jesus was begotten to the divine nature. Therefore, as the Apostle Peter puts it, He was put to death as a man and raised as a divine spirit being. Jesus Himself said that He did not have immortality when on earth. These are His words: "For as the Father hath life in himself;

so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself."—John 5:26.

The Apostle Paul, further discussing the matter, says: "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."—Philippians 2:8-11.

The Apostle Paul plainly says, in 1 Corinthians 15:20: "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." Thus he proves that Jesus was the first one ever resurrected. Then again St. Paul says: "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence."—Colossians 1:18.

Others of the New Creation

THE Apostle Paul was a Christian. He was devoted to the Lord. The greatest desire he had was to be made conformable to the death of our Lord, that he might partake of His resurrection. In Philippians 3:10, 11 he said: "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."

One becomes a new creature in Christ by this means: First, by believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Redeemer of mankind; second, by a consecration to do the will of God, in obedience to the words of the Master, as stated in Matthew 16:24: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Then comes justification by faith in the blood of Christ, which justification is granted by Jehovah. (See Romans 5:1-7; 8:31.) One that is justified is counted as though he were perfect as a man in order that he might be called to the high or heavenly calling. Concerning such St. Peter says, in 1 Peter 2:21: "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

To follow in the footsteps of Jesus one must be begotten to the divine nature. This is what St. Peter says, in 1 Peter 1:3: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who . . . hath begotten us again unto a hope of life, through the resurrection of Christ from the dead." And in 2 Peter 1:4 he says: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature."

One who is thus begotten to the divine nature is a new creature in Christ, as shown by the Apostle Paul in Romans 6:3: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" And again, in Galatians 3:27: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ." Then adds the apostle: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."—2 Corinthians 5:17.

St. John corroborates this in 1 John 3:2: "Now are we the sons of God." But this new creature in Christ, the Christian, can get life on the spirit plane only by dying. And that is why St. Paul says: "If by any means I may be made conformable to his death that I may attain unto his resurrection."

It is to this same class that Jesus makes the statement: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10) These are they who have part in the first resurrection, and concerning these it is written: "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."—Revelation 20:6.

The Protestant clergymen have told you for a long while that all the good go immediately to heaven, and that these are the only ones who go to heaven; whereas the Catholic clergymen say that many go to purgatory and are afterwards transferred to heaven. Both show that the dead are conscious after death and before the resurrection. Now all of us must agree that St. Paul was a faithful Christian unto death. He did not expect to go to heaven as soon as he died, because he wrote to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:7, 8) and said: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous

judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

St. Paul plainly showed that none would be resurrected until the second coming of the Lord. He left no doubt about the matter when he discussed the resurrection, in 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17: "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive, and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." It follows then from this statement of St. Paul that the resurrection of the new creation takes place only after the second coming of the Lord.

The Dead are Asleep

THE clergy say that the dead are conscious in heaven, purgatory or hell. If this were true there could be no resurrection. Jesus says, John 5:28: "Marvel not . . . all that are in the graves shall come forth."

The Prophet Daniel tells us where the dead are, when he says: "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." (Daniel 12:2) Which will be the more contemptible in the sight of the people, those who have been trying to do right or those who have misrepresented God and His Word? The latter, to be sure.

Now I wish to read to you concerning the resurrection of the dead, as set forth in 1 Corinthians 15, and then let you determine whether or not you want to believe the men who have been telling you that they can pray for the dead and do them good while they are dead, or whether you want to believe that "the dead know not anything" (Ecclesiastics 9:5), and that only the Lord can resurrect them.

In 1 Corinthians 15:16-18 we read: "For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." You will note that St. Paul says that if there is no resur-

rection then even the Christians who have died have perished. To perish means to completely go out of existence, never to exist again, unless there is a resurrection. St. Paul here says that even Christians are not in heaven and conscious, but that they also are perished—*unless* there is a resurrection.

Then speaking of the resurrection of the new creation St. Paul further says: "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed."—1 Cor. xv. 49-51.

Let us take the proof that all who die must sleep in a state of unconsciousness until the coming of the Lord; and that those who are alive at the second coming of the Lord shall not sleep but shall be changed. And how changed? The apostle adds: "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."—1 Cor. xv. 51-54.

What Do the Dead Do?

Why do these so-called "the people plain" say that the Bible says, and show the grand old beauty of God's plan? Why not let the people be told that their dead loved ones are unconscious and not tell them a fearful thing, that they are conscious in purgatory or hell, and that prayers and alms can benefit them. If the Bible is to be believed, then it is not plain that the doctrines of hell and purgatory not only have been used to defraud the people but have been used for revenue?

These false doctrines will not stand the light now being turned on them, and that is why the teachers of them become angry and hurl vituperative epithets at any man who dares tell the truth. The time has come for the people to study the Bible themselves and not permit

somebody else to do their thinking for them, especially when he does not think right.

In the face of this array of texts of Scripture concerning the resurrection will any clergyman have the temerity to deny the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead? And they will answer: "We believe in the resurrection." But I reply that they do not. The very position they take denies the resurrection. If the good are in heaven and alive, why resurrect them? And if they are alive *can* they be resurrected?

If the evil are in eternal torment they could not be resurrected for two reasons: (1) Because they are alive, and (2) if they are in a place eternally they could not be brought out of it. If the dead are in purgatory and waiting to be prayed out then the doctrine of the resurrection does not apply, for you would be getting them out by prayers and not by the resurrection. Any horn of the dilemma the clergy may take, they must either back down from the doctrine of the resurrection or else admit that they are wrong on their eternal torment and purgatorial doctrines, and stop claiming that the dead are conscious immediately after death.

Beautiful Doctrine

THERE is nothing so beautiful and so satisfying as the truth found in God's Word. The truth is reasonable, consistent and satisfying. God's plan as revealed in the Bible shows that death is an enemy; that Christ Jesus in order that He might be the Redeemer and Deliverer of the human family, suffered an ignominious death upon the cross; and that God hath raised Him up out of death and exalted Him above all others in the universe, and made Him the Head of the new creation.

The Scriptures then show that it pleased the Lord to develop "the house of sons", which is called the new creation; and these are they who, consecrating themselves to do God's will, are faithful unto death, representing the Lord, obeying the Lord without regard to what others may think or say about them. The promise is that these, faithful unto the end, shall participate in the chief resurrection.

The new creation is otherwise called the seed of Abraham and heirs according to the promise. The promise that God made to Abraham was, "In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." St. Paul then says, in Galatians

8:27, 29, that they who are in Christ are the seed of Abraham, and heirs according to the promise.

All people should lay aside their prejudices and diligently seek for the truth that is contained in God's Word. We have nothing to gain by fighting one another. We have all to gain by finding out God's plan and learning that He is love, and striving to develop the same spirit and disposition. Thus we receive the blessing of the Lord, and it is written: "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich: and he addeth no sorrow with it." The truth brings gladness to the heart. Let us seek the truth and follow it. Jesus said concerning truth: "Thy word is truth."

On each anniversary of the resurrection of our Lord all true Christians, whether Catholic or Protestant, can rejoice. From the fulfilment of prophecy they can see that He who was thus put to death to provide the redemptive price is alive for evermore, and that He has returned and that His kingdom is now beginning. They can see that the time is near in which all true Christians shall be completely resurrected and be for ever with the Lord. Let all who love the Lord and love truth and righteousness be of good courage. Soon restoration blessings shall begin. The Lord is here and the day of deliverance is nigh at hand!

Does Jehovah Care?

[Radiocast from Station WBBR on a wave length of 236 meters by F. W. Franz.]

IT WAS St. Peter who wrote: "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you."—1 Peter 5:7.

In the Bible God tells us who He is on whom our care should be cast, saying: "I am Jehovah, that is my name." Jehovah means the Eternal One, or the Self-existent One. Today more than ever before the claim is made by many people that this One whose name is Jehovah says complimentary things about Himself but that the Bible history itself proves that He did just the opposite things, and that He is heartless and really does not care. A prominent officer of a New York atheistic association in a recent public protest writes:

The less said about Leopold, Loeb and Noel the better for religion. Bad as they have been, these three derelicts of humanity—distorted and crippled in mind—are not one-tenth as bad as the Bible Jehovah, who, with infinite depravity, drowned an entire world of babies.

In commenting on this statement we must say that no matter how active in mind this atheist writer may be, his expression betrays a very superficial and one-sided knowledge of the Bible. Read the book of Genesis with open heart and mind and discern for yourself how longsuffering God was in behalf of those drowned in the flood; determine for yourself whether God cared; and decide for yourself who should bear the responsibility for the drowning of the helpless infants. St. Peter tells us that it was the

longsuffering of God that waited in the days of Noah while the ark was preparing; and, furthermore, that the "old world" was a "world of the ungodly".

Who Was Responsible?

THE Genesis account also explains that all flesh had corrupted itself upon the earth, that the earth was filled with violence (Do you not think that the babies also suffered from this earthly violence?), and that in the midst of this ungodly state of depraved man (not depraved God, as Mr. Atheist would claim) God's prophet, Noah, was a preacher of righteousness. To whom was Noah a preacher of righteousness? For whose sake did he preach righteousness? Was it not to the fathers and mothers of these babies, and was it not for the sake of both these parents and their babies, born or unborn?

Let us ask further: How long did God's longsuffering bear with that corrupted and ungodly people? Genesis 6:3 replies that God determined that from then up to the dropping of the flood from heaven man's extended days should be one hundred and twenty years. Surely then, if Noah preached that long, God must have cared; and the people, not so numerous as at present, must have had time to hear the message of righteousness and to take heed to the warning.

The Bible plainly sets forth that the earth was enveloped in a great water canopy, somewhat

like the rings around the planet Saturn, and that a mist rose up from the earth itself to water the earth, making rain unnecessary. The waters right on the earth had been gathered into great bodies called seas, letting the dry land stand out. Hence, with the whole earth inside of the watery canopy suspended all round about it, and with earth's seas and oceans lapping the shores of our continents, we have the phenomenon described by St. Peter as the "earth standing out of the water and in the water".

Why the People Lost Their Babies

JEHOVAH foresaw that this watery canopy would break and fall down to earth, and advised the people through Noah to provide against this movement of nature. When the people refused to provide against the impending danger and the flood eventually overwhelmed them, who then became responsible for the drowning of their infants? Was Jehovah obliged to stop the course of nature just to save the babies, because their parents were ungodly and refused to believe God's prophet, Noah?

Or does the atheist think that the ark which Noah built should have been turned into a nursery to care for the babies while their parents floundered in the flood and swallowed water? Why, the parents did not have the faith even to deposit their babies in the ark for safety, not to speak of taking refuge in the ark themselves.

Of course, had the parents been responsible for the eternal destiny of their babes, or if both babies and parents were to be plunged into a hell of literal fire and brimstone immediately after drowning, God would have been fiendishly cruel. The Scriptures declare, however, that the dead are dead and insensible to pain, and are awaiting God's further provision for them.

The Scriptures also show that Jehovah God has actually made provision for the future happiness and blessing of all Adam's genuine descendants who drowned in the flood. Where then is the depravity of Jehovah? Behold rather His mercy, His longsuffering, and His righteousness as well as His mighty power to overwhelm and suppress wickedness.

Was God to Blame for the War?

TWELVE years ago a flood of war swept the earth. Not only did millions of men fight, bleed and die on the battlefields or return home

wounded, crazed and crippled, but thousands upon thousands of infants and children perished because of insufficient nourishment, exposure, disease, pestilence and bombardments. Should we stir up a thick cloud of dust and say: "Does Jehovah care?" Listen to what Mr. C. M. Schwab, who builds battleships, skyscrapers, automobiles, and other works of steel, says: "There never was a war that did not commence with selfish trade motives at the bottom of it."

If this is true then shall we not ask: Did the international politicians who planned the war care? Did the bankers and big business interests who were grappling with one another in commercial competition for the world's markets care? Or the profiteers who were greedy for war contracts, and who took unjust advantage of abnormal conditions to boost prices?

Nor should we forget to ask: Did the preachers and priests care, when they sanctified war, turned religious edifices dedicated to the Prince of Peace into war recruiting stations, preached hatred and bloodshed from their pulpits, and prayed to God above (evidently thinking that He cared as little as did they) to bless the guns, cannons, tanks, battleships and armed airplanes of their side that these might the more effectively destroy the lives and property of the enemy?

Who was to Blame for the Crucifixion?

TURN your eyes back once again to a scene enacted nineteen hundred years ago, the most touching scene of all human history. It is located in a land which is hallowed as the birthplace of God's true religion, namely, the holy land of Palestine. Lo, Jesus, the Son of God, stands on trial for life or death. The Sanhedrin, made up of priests, preachers, scribes, church lawyers and the holiness people of that day, has condemned Him without warrant to death.

It so occurred that in that same year the Roman government had revoked the power of the Sanhedrinic Court to have its victims put to death. Therefore the Jews must hand Jesus over to the Romans because they were the rulers of the world and had the authority and power to execute the condemned to death.

The Roman Governor named Pontius Pilate, who of course was a Gentile, desires to be relieved of responsibility; so he sends Jesus to another Gentile, Herod, who was an Edomite. Edomites were, so to speak, half-brothers to

the Jews; because their forefather, Edom, was the twin brother of Jacob, who was the forefather of the Jewish people. Herod makes sport of Jesus and, indifferent as to the fate of the Son of God, shuttles Him back to Pilate for final disposition.

Burdened, Pilate protests the innocence of Jesus to the thousands of Jews assembled before the Pretorium, but the voices of the priests and church leaders prevail above the people in howling for the blood of Jesus. With the suavity of a politician, and for the sake of mere political expediency, Pilate releases the inoffensive Jesus to them, washing his hands with water as he does so, and saying, 'Do not hold me accountable for the death of this innocent Man.' Then the march to the site of crucifixion begins. Jew, Gentile, and Hyphen between Jew and Gentile—did any of them care?

God Really Cared for Jesus

STOP, you object; did Jehovah Himself care? Jesus claimed to be the Son of God; and did He not cry out on the cross: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" and then die of a broken heart? Had God cared, why did He not save His Son from the agony of the cross? Beware—this was the same question that the chief priests and scribes and church elders hurled into the teeth of Jesus as He hung on the cross, saying derisively: 'He trusted in God; let God deliver Him now, if God will have him; for He said, I am the Son of God!'

Not that Jehovah God was unmoved and loved not Jesus His Son, but because He loved the strayed, disobedient world of mankind did He let Christ Jesus suffer ignominy, torture and death on the cross. It is written: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In permitting His Son to die God was providing the redemption price for the dying human race. God's own law required that "life shall go for life". In order for the life of Adam to be redeemed and restored to him and all his offspring, the sinless Christ Jesus must sacrifice His human life on earth, surrendering it for ever. Thus only was it possible for Adam and his family to have a basis for receiving life again on this planet, earth, when it is perfected and made a world-wide paradise.

God's first human son, Adam, was tested out in Eden and proved disobedient and disloyal. Jesus, as a Son of God on earth, was likewise tested; and His sufferings, even unto the death of the cross, served to prove His obedience and loyalty to God. As Hebrews 5:8 states it: "Though he [Jesus] were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."

Wherefore, as Isaiah's prophecy, chapter 53, renders it: "It pleased the Lord to bruise him [Jesus]: he hath put him to grief." [And God permitted the Jews and Gentiles, who did not care, to be the ones to do the bruising.] "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."

Unbelievers Have Responsibilities

IT WAS the unbelievers who assumed the opinion that God did not care, but was smiting and afflicting Jesus as though for personal guilt and sin. But on the third day God demonstrated whether He had observed the afflictions and grief of His Son and whether He appreciated the devotion and faithfulness of Jesus under those most trying conditions.

For "God . . . raised [him] up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it." God "hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name, that . . . every knee should bow . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

For the same reason as above described, namely, to prove their loyalty and submission and also their worthiness to be exalted with Jesus, God allows truly consecrated followers of Jesus to bear their crosses and suffer pain, persecution, loss, privation and fiery trials in the world's present evil state. Nevertheless, though the world forsakes them, St. Peter assures the disciples of Jesus: "He careth for you." Therefore humble yourselves under God's mighty hand.

Jehovah's Care for Fallen Man

AH THEN, Jehovah God must care for humanity, even amid all its distress and suffering. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," writes the Apostle Paul. It was Satan, the adversary, who was the one who did not

care for the human family, when he tempted Adam to sin unto death and thereby plunge himself and his race into all the woes and evils which have plagued us for the past sixty centuries.

It was Adam who did not care when he yielded to the temptation in order not to be separated from his lovely wife, Eve, who had sinned and was threatened with death. Adam thus flung the good of himself and of his unborn children to the winds, not taking into consideration the train of sad consequence that would follow upon himself and his progeny. God properly penalized that original sin of Adam with death, for He knew what that beginning of sin would bring on.

We, standing six thousand years distant from Adam's disobedient act, can clearly see all the crime, wickedness, inhumanity and trouble to which that one act has led. During all this human woe and iniquity Satan has been reigning over mankind; and he has been the one who has been steadily blinding, deceiving, torturing and oppressing the race and alienating it from God. Satan, says the apostle, is "the god of this world"; and Satan therefore, and not Jehovah, is the god who has not cared.

Why God Let Adam Be Tempted

JUST one more objection, says someone. Did it not display lack of care for Jehovah to let Adam and Eve be exposed to temptation by Lucifer, who made himself Satan, the chief adversary of God? No! You who are fathers and mothers, I beg you to call to mind Jesus' parable of the prodigal son and also His parable of the lost sheep.

Call to mind also that God created man in His own image and likeness. Man was thus a free moral agent like God, and consequently Jehovah allowed him the liberty to exercise his moral sense and be free to choose between good and evil. Logically then Adam must be tested to see which course he would deliberately choose and what reward he deserved, life or death.

Likewise, in the parable of the prodigal son, the father let his younger son ask for his share of the inheritance, gave it to him; and let this young, inexperienced lad take his own free course and journey from his father's house. Did the father care? Did he not foresee the temptations to which his boy would be subjected and under which he would most likely fall to his own

hurt? Why then did he give the son his portion and let him wander away to those who did not have his interests at heart?

Ah, the father *was* concerned, but he also realized that his boy had a will of his own and would be bent on doing that will, despite his father's counsel and warnings. He did not wish the boy permanent damage, but if the boy chose the wrong course then he would let the school of experience teach him valuable lessons and prove to him that "the way of the transgressor is hard".

When the wayward son had spent all, and had come to his senses and perceived that the world did not care, when he had gotten his fill of the sordidness and corruption of the world, then he would gladly come back home—if only, yes, if only, the way to return to his father would open up. Then would that son appreciate his father and his goodness more, and he would value righteousness and obedience and would intelligently choose them out of a love for them.

A wise, loving father was this indeed, yet the parable does not state how much the father's heartstrings pained him during the absence of his strayed, lost, and, for all he knew, dead son. Who can tell how the shepherd cared when he left the ninety-and-nine safe sheep and went to seek the lost sheep!

Why Evil is Permitted

SO DOWN through the centuries of men's estrangement from God Jehovah has observed them and has been moved with love for them. He who caused the flood of Noah's day, that same One, says Jesus, "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust," and Paul reminds us that Jehovah "in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with good and gladness."—Acts 14: 16, 17.

Meantime God has permitted the human family to languish and pine and suffer and die under the tyranny of the Devil and his servants—big business, big conscienceless politicians, and big hypocritical churchmen; for mankind must eat the fruit of its decision and course of action.

Thus men have been learning the folly of

their own disobedient ways; thus they are proving by experience the inhumanity and lovelessness of Satan and all who are controlled by the Devil's spirit, selfishness; thus they are learning to know how hard, grating and galling it is to live under Satan's dominion; thus they are learning to feel to the keenest how lonely, how dark, how desperate, how painful and utterly unsatisfying it is to live apart from the fellowship, the protection and the government of God. These lessons will be eternal in the impression they will make. Mark then the wisdom of Jehovah's manner of dealing.

The Lesson of the Prodigal Son

WHEN the prodigal son was hoboing his way homeward, the yearning father saw him while he was yet a great way off. He went out to meet him, and made the first advances to receive him back to his position of sonship. Similarly, just the moment Adam had sinned and had started down the broad road that leads to destruction, Jehovah foresaw how glad Adam and his race would be some distant future day to return to the Father's house, to return to Paradise and its blessings and privileges out of which they had been forced through sin.

God's love and consideration for the now wayward Adam tenderly moved Him to make provision for the death of His heavenly Son, the Logos, Jesus, that thereby the scarlet-colored sin might be offset and the condemnation of death rolled away. He also provided that this faithful Son, Jesus, should establish a kingdom of righteousness and blessing upon this earth, that He should deliver and bind Satan, who is "the god of this world", and that He, Jesus, should reign thenceforward over mankind until He hath put all enemies under His feet and destroyed at last even death itself.

For our comfort God also foretold to us that during this kingdom time Jesus will bless all the families of the earth, open the blind eyes, unstop the deaf ears, loose the dumb tongue, cure the crippled, heal all the sick, clothe the naked, restore to eternal youth all who are aging, destroy the stubborn troublemakers from the earth, yea, call forth the dead from the tomb and restore them to the longing bosoms of their living relatives. More than this, He will restore all who believe on Him and accept His kingdom, bring them back to the image and likeness of

God, and place them again in Paradise—this time a paradise all over the earth.

The Return of the Prodigal

WILL the prodigal race of mankind be glad and thankful to return to their Father's house and become God's earthly children? The greatest of all prophets, Jesus, pictured it so in the parable; and the Prophet Isaiah describes it in chapter 35:10, saying: "The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion [God's kingdom] with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

Will there be joy in heaven? Jesus assured us that there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth. Most certainly there will be unbounded and ineffable joy when God's kingdom is fully established on earth, Satan is enchained, and Psalm 22:27 comes true, that "all the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations."

As in the parable there was a feast celebrating the return of the prodigal son, so there will be a great feast on earth. It will be prepared by the great heavenly Father, who long ago said through the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 2:3 to 8: "In this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, . . . and he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all the people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God shall wipe away tears from off all faces."

"Therefore," says Jeremiah (31:12), "they shall come and sing in the high land of Zion, and shall bow together to the goodness of the Lord for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock, and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all."

When these glorious things have come to pass—and the day is now upon us when they shall come true—all right-minded men and women will realize fully that never was there a time when God did not care. Ah, verily, Jehovah inspired His holy prophets and apostles to write the Bible for our instruction and comfort, just because He cares.

Two Little Boys and Their Grandpa and Grandma

[A juvenile Bible story radiocast from Station WORD on a wave length of 275 meters by C. D. Nicholson.]

IN OUR last lesson we talked about a very great man—great not because he was so well known, nor because he was a captain of great armies or a king over great nations, or anything of that sort, but great in the true sense of the word—because he was honest, upright, just and genuine. You will think it strange, but it is a fact that Abraham was one hundred years old, and Sarah his wife was ninety years old, when Isaac was born.

At this time our heavenly Father thought it best to test or try Abraham's faith in Him, to see if he really believed deep down in his heart that the Lord would fulfil all the promises which He had made to him. He instructed Abraham to take his son, the boy whom he loved more than his own life, the son of promise, to a certain mountain in Moriah, which was a distance of three days' journey, and there to slay and sacrifice him as a burnt offering unto the Lord.

Bright and early the next morning, without telling a living soul, not even Isaac or Sarah his wife, Abraham took Isaac and the necessary wood and fire for the burnt offering, and a great knife with which to slay the sacrifice; and together with two servants he set out on the journey. When the altar, built of stones, had been completed, and the wood properly placed for consuming the offering, Abraham made known to Isaac that he was to be the sacrifice. This was doubtless a great surprise to Isaac; but from the time he was old enough to understand anything he had been taught to reverence, honor and love the Lord; therefore, without murmuring or a moment's hesitation, Isaac climbed onto the altar and Abraham tied or bound him to it.

Do you suppose that this tested Abraham's faith? When Jehovah saw Abraham raise the knife which was to slay his son He then knew the strength of Abraham's faith—just as thoroughly as if the boy had been actually slain. At this crucial moment God called from heaven, saying, "Abraham, Abraham!" Abraham heard and replied, "Here am I." And the Lord told him not to slay or lay hands upon his son; "for now," said He, "I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me."

When Abraham heard those comforting words he looked behind him and lo, there was a real

lamb or young sheep which the Lord had provided for an offering. Isaac was immediately released from the altar and helped his father to kill the lamb and offer it in his stead to Jehovah as a burnt offering. In deep gratitude to God, Abraham took his son in his arms and embraced him, and together they knelt down before the altar which they had built on this lonely mountain and thanked God.

After Isaac's mother died, he and Abraham were very lonely. Isaac was now about forty years old; and his father decided it was time for him to have a wife, because God had promised that through Isaac's children all the families of the earth should be blessed. So Abraham sent forth his most trusted servant, Eliezer, to select from his kinsmen a bride for Isaac. Rebecca, who was the granddaughter of Nahor, the brother of Abraham, was the one who the Lord indicated should be Isaac's bride. She was young, beautiful and fair; and Eliezer was delighted that his mission had been fruitful. After spending only one night with this family, he and Rebecca and her maid, together with the other servants, returned to the home of Isaac.

Just as would be expected, Isaac fell in love with Rebecca the minute he saw her; and in due time they were married. They lived together for about twenty years before the Lord sent them any children. And what do you think—instead of sending them just one little boy or girl the Lord sent them two boys together; that is, twins. One they named Esau and the other they called Jacob. These little boys then were the grandsons of Abraham. He doubtless told them of their wonderful grandmother, Sarah, and how the Lord had promised them a son through whom all the families of the earth should some time be blessed.

When the boys were fifteen years old grandpa died, and was buried in the tomb beside their grandmother Sarah. However, Abraham will come back again when Christ's kingdom is established on the earth, and he will teach the people how to do right and will confirm and explain many of the stories which we read in the Scriptures. That will be a grand time, because during that time all the billions of people who are now dead will be brought back to life again, and all sickness, pain and dying will be for ever wiped away.

Little Studies for Little People

Study Sixteen

106. Abraham then got ready to kill Isaac; and just as he was about to do so, an angel of the Lord cried out from heaven and told him to stop. The Bible gives us the account thus: "The angel of the Lord called unto him out of Heaven, and said, Abraham, . . . Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me."

107. God then caused a ram to be caught in some bushes nearby, so that Abraham could make the sacrifice with the ram instead of with Isaac. The ram represented Isaac. After this, God made His promise to Abraham, which is the most wonderful promise ever made; and we know that it will come true, because God said it, and God never forgets anything.

108. The Bible tells us about this promise: "The angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou has done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son; that in blessing I will bless thee, . . . and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed: because thou hast obeyed my voice."

109. The nations of the earth are not blessed just now, are they? Of course not. They are quarreling and fighting among themselves, and do not love each other at all. So we see that Jehovah was telling Abraham of blessings that would come to everybody when the proper time was come. This promise is beginning to be fulfilled right now; and before very long, all the nations of the earth *will* be really blessed, and everybody will be happy and thankful that God made His promise to Abraham.

The Great Picture

110. Now let us look at the wonderful picture which is shown to us by the experience of Abraham and Isaac.

When our first parents, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God, they were put to death; and since that time none of us has really had any right to live at all. Those who have died since the days of Adam and Eve would have to stay dead, and never walk or talk or sing or play any more, except for the great lovingkindness of God. God's

purpose is for every one to live here on the beautiful earth for ever and ever.

111. We have learned that God uses people and their experiences as types, or pictures, of things to happen in the future. In the case which we are studying now, Abraham was a picture of God, and Isaac was a picture of Jesus, God's beloved and only Son.

112. When Abraham offered Isaac on the altar, he showed how God would offer Jesus as a sacrifice to redeem man from death and give him a chance to live. This all happened in God's due time, as we shall see later.

The Nation God Used

113. Some time after the experience of Abraham and Isaac, God drew another picture. This time He used a whole nation, of thousands of people, to picture what He wanted to show us. Before we can understand the picture, it will be necessary to learn a little about this nation. It is the most important nation in the whole world, and the oldest, too; so we will do well to find out just how it was formed.

Questions on Study Sixteen

106. When he got all ready to kill Isaac who appeared on the scene? What did he say to Abraham? How do you suppose Abraham felt then?

107. What was actually sacrificed instead of Isaac? Who provided that sacrifice? What did the ram represent? What blessing then came to Abraham?

108. What is the promise God made to Abraham? Why do we call it the oath-bound promise? Could God possibly have made a more solemn promise?

109. Is this blessing of all the nations of the earth past, present or future? When does it begin to be fulfilled? Is it sure to come?

110. Suppose God had never purposed in his heart that all nations should be blessed, what would have been the fate of all of Adam's children?

111. In the great picture that we are considering, Abraham pictures or represents whom? And who was pictured or represented by Isaac?

112. When Abraham offered Isaac on the altar what did that picture or represent? What does it mean in the reality for all of us?

113. Did God ever use a nation to make a picture? Who can tell us what nation was thus used? Is that nation an important one? Is it an old one?



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