

The Latter Rain Kvangel

The days of Heaven on Earth

The Whale Begins to Vomit

JONAH'S extraordinary experience typically foreshadows the history of the Jews. A depository of truth and promise they were raised a peculiar people unto God so as to witness to all nations. Like Jonah who refused to fulfill his divine commission in preaching to Gentile Nineveh, even so Israel failed God, departing from His Word till its religion degenerated to a meaningless form. Jonah fled into a ship but the Lord sent out a great storm; even so all nations were convulsed with upheaval from the Babylonian to the ruthless Roman conquests and it went ill with the Jews throughout that Maccabean period as with Jonah in that storm-tossed vessel. Israel finally was completely cast out from among the nations, after the destruction of Jerusalem, as Jonah was thrown into the deep. Scattered over the earth, wanderers and unwanted the Jews have suffered untold hatred, persecution and massacre for near three days of a thousand years each, corresponding to the days Jonah spent within the fish. In the Gentile whale's body politic and social the Jew has proven a troublesome problem, keeping stubbornly separate and to this day unassimilated by the countries of their adoption even as Jonah proved most indigestible to the great monster.

Now among the species of the Genus Cetacea are two whose morphology, dimensions and habits would make them ideal hosts for Jonah. One is the sperm whale, the other the whale-shark or *Rhinodon Typicus*, both 70 feet long. Mr. Bullen, an authority, states that the sperm whale often vomits up the contents of its stomach when dying and this is true of the whole family in general.

Gentile nations will soon be in the throes of their death struggles. The increasing anti-semiticism in Europe with cruel Jew-baiting in Germany, Austria and Roumania shows this Dispensation to be nearly ended. The great Gentile whale is beginning to vomit in earnest. It must expel its Jonah, the Jews, at once its most aggravating and irritating problem; but true to type, that very act when complete will be its death. God will force them till emitted out in large numbers. He said He would send fishers after them. Hitler hatred is unkind; fishers are never too kind to fish, nor too careful.

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Stone Church News

ON MAY 11th, at a called meeting of the Stone Church congregation, Bro. Niels P. Thomsen, who has been filling the pulpit for several months, was elected pastor for the coming year. Brother Thomsen, who has spent nearly fifteen years in India, had expected to return this fall but circumstances have arisen which make him to feel it is not the Lord's will for him to return at this time. India's loss is our gain, and the congregation feels it is God's appointment for them.

WE ARE entering the last week of the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention as these notes are written. We are having a great feast as Bro. John Wright Follette, in his characteristic way, brings forth treasures from the inexhaustible Word of God. Brother Follette is a born teacher and has taught in Bible Schools for more than twenty years; he is much used of the Lord as he ministers to us nightly out of a deep experience. We are glad we can pass on these heaven-breathed messages thru the columns of *The Evangel*.

The missionary phase of the Convention is being strongly emphasized, a missionary speaking each evening at the beginning of the meeting. Miss Mattie Brann brought us messages from China, Mrs. Julia Richardson from Africa, and Miss Edna Wagenknecht from India; also a number of others. God is in our midst.

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Latter Rain Evangel Given Free

Special Offer by our Field Editor for the Months of June and July

Our Field Editor, Evangelist William Booth-Clibborn, in a recent letter makes a splendid offer that we are glad to pass on to each subscriber.

"Notify *The Latter Rain Evangel* Family, please, that I will donate one full year's subscription to *The Latter Rain Evangel* for every donation sent in for the Foreign Missionaries that amounts to \$10.00 and over for the months of June and July. I have been greatly exercised of late over the plight of many of our Missionaries who in these days of peculiar difficulties and continued depression are in desperate need of our support. I think I can help them most by helping everyone who is willing to send them help by contributing something myself in return for every gift given in these hard times by our large company of readers. From now until the first of August charge me with one year's subscription for every amount of money that comes in through the mail to the office for those who are in the frontline in Christian work in heathen lands. Each one sending monies to the amount of \$10.00 or more may also enclose the name and address of some particular friend or person to whom they desire the paper sent, and I will foot the bill gladly."

Self Salvation Impossible

Unanswered Proofs from the Scriptures, Nature and Science

By Evangelist William Booth-Clibborn

The present chapter of this series on the subject "Why all good people go to Hell" is divided into two sections. The second will appear in our July issue entitled "Death the Portal to Life."

*Can the Ethiopian change his skin,
or the leopard his spots? Jeremiah 13:23.*



IN THE face of the testimony we have already accumulated, by weighing the witness of the Word of God and adding thereto the conclusions of experience and observation, we are compelled to render the verdict, that is, that man's natural condition in the sight of God is not only deplorable, but without hope. We are now going to show that there are certain laws revealed in the visible world that preclude the possibility of his being able to redeem himself, laws fundamental and unalterable, that expose man's every attempt at self-betterment as futile and foredoomed to failure.

We have proved this from Scripture; if we can establish it from nature our case is twice as strong. Then, provided a man realizes this inexorable fact, he will readily see the exceeding sinfulness of setting about to save himself, *for self-salvation is the sin of sins*. In seeking to be his own saviour, man not only commits the greatest folly, but is guilty of the worst crime—that is ignoring and insulting the one and only Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

BLACK SKINS AND BLACK SPOTS

The Scripture we have chosen is a postulate, that is, a fact too plain to require proof. The prophet points to a principle in nature that all the evolutionists on earth would be glad to upset. Jeremiah asks, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?" We all must answer no! simply because we have never heard of a case to the contrary. Can you imagine a hopeful negro in Africa, at his first sight of a white man, vigorously scrubbing his skin in a vain attempt to make it fair? Such a thing might have happened, but he could never succeed. As to the leopard licking his spots or rubbing them against a tree to change his coat—ridiculous! We shall not slander him! Very often animals show more good sense than men.

If a trifling matter like the color of the skin,

or a few dark spots cannot be changed; then it is more impossible for a black heart to be altered, or the stains of sin to be effaced by human effort. Jeremiah adds moreover, that if it were possible: "Then may you also do good, that are accustomed (or taught) to do evil" (13:33). Millions, however, rather than surrender unconditionally to God and admitting their case incurable, stubbornly continue, self-willed and self-reliant, to try and extricate themselves from their predicament. This endless seeking of a way out of the maze of the snares of sin and deceit that exist in and that surround the sinner is lunacy. He is caught in the labyrinth of his own failing mortal nature, and, like the fly in the spider's web, the more he struggles the more he becomes entangled.

USELESS SOAPS AND WHITEWASH

Another passage in Jeremiah reads: "For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God" (2:22). Once a man recognizes his sins he will naturally desire to remove them. The taking of much soap, is here a figure of speech for all the futile efforts by which man tries to be rid of evil.

None will dispute the blessing that soap has been to humanity. From infancy we have made its acquaintance in the baby bath tub. Though it tasted bad and stung our eyes when mother was none too careful, we have found it indispensable to cleanliness, and to make us presentable in the sight of our fellowmen. But what can it have to do with the stains of sin? Spiritual defilement is deeper than the skin. Jeremiah shows it to be absurd to seek to wash the soul with natural soap. Even so it is incredible that people can be so senseless as to think they can launder their hearts, as they would clean soiled clothes.

If it is not soap, it is paint, that man busies himself with, so as to cover up his defects and offences. "Whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of all uncleanness," (Matt. 23:27) said Jesus of these hypocrites, who act the part of good men to perfection. They parade, like painted pagans, impersonating the righteous and playing the christian, proud to be known as leading lights in the community. But, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light,

and light for darkness" (Isa. 5:20).

My father expresses it well in these lines of a hymn:

The Scribes still write:

The times have changed,
We're making all things new,
And science has become so great;
A smaller Christ will do.
But fallen man has ne'er improved,
And paint him as you may,
His heart is "only evil" still:
He's just the same today!

THE PATCH WORK OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

Let me give you a homely illustration. Look at my clothes, there is nothing the matter with my apparel now, but supposing I went for a trip in the woods with this good suit on, and had an accident, and tore a great piece out of my pants' leg. Coming home I would immediately mend it, by taking a larger piece out of the cloth of my coat and promptly patch up my pants. You understand that I cannot seek material outside of what already comprises the suit. So I have no other choice, but to mend the suit with the cloth of the suit!

Going out into the street, I am a laughing stock, so I hasten home again, and this time I cut out half the vest and repair the hole in the back of my coat. Then a friend mocks my split waistcoat, so I decide to tailor it over with the top part of my trousers, when a gust of wind reveals what I thought would be covered by the tail of my coat; in despair I sacrifice a whole sleeve—then what? Well the process goes on *ad infinitum* until there's nothing left!

That is self-salvation! It is a monstrosity! By the Scriptures we have established that beyond doubt man starts off with an injured suit. The accident took place in the woods of the garden of Eden, this moral dress was badly torn, and since, he has not had the means or material to mend it. He must wear it continually, having no other, so it disintegrates and deteriorates until too dilapidated to be repaired, his condition is deplorable, desperate! And some imagine that God undertakes to restore it! Not for a moment!—What would be the use? From the first, it was a misfit; at the start it was damaged goods! The fall ruined it!

Jesus said, "No man seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment; else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse" (Mark 2:21). "The piece that was out of the new agreeth not with the old"

(Luke 6:36). The preposterous patch work of self-righteousness is stupidity itself. It only *makes matters worse!* Man mending himself from the material in himself is madness. But they are at it; their needles have never ceased, no, not since Eve first sewed her fragile fig leaves together. God, however, offers man a brand new suit, a perfect garment, the covering of a faultless righteousness.

SELF-SALVATION A VICIOUS CIRCLE

To work in a senseless sewing circle may be bad; but to walk in endless circles is much worse. Multitudes think that if they mean well, are sincere and do their best, they will get somewhere with God; but the path is of their own choosing, they are their own guides, and *must* after much labor return to where they started.

Like the newcomer lost in Canada's blinding snow blizzard unable to see ten feet ahead, every landmark and fence long since obliterated, he floundered about in huge snowdrifts. When of a sudden an old settler of the district met him with the question, "Whereto?"—"Brandon" he shouted back. "Oh!" said the experienced farmer, "In the direction you are going, you would have to walk around the earth to reach Brandon! You had better follow me." Headstrong, he doubted what he was told, too proud to admit to himself that he had walked in a great circle. The old farmer barely got to town and had to be revived in the hospital. As to the first man, a searching party found him frozen to death, three days after the storm had subsided. And the newspapers moralized on the tragedy.

Lost people *do* walk in circles. And as man is lost, he loses all sense of direction; therefore, his crowning folly is self-reliance. Now action and reaction equal each other in physics, in psychology, and also in the supreme question of evil. Sin is a boomerang and returns back to its owner. It is written, "Be sure your sin will find you out!" (Num. 32:23). As night follows day, it cannot be done away with, except when cancelled by divine provision. We are all the child in the Proverb: "A child left to himself bringeth his mother shame" (Prov. 29:15). Left to ourselves we bring shame on our Maker, we all circumscribe immense zeros. Scientific experiments have proven that when a blindfolded person walks in what *he thinks is a straight line*, he is actually going in a more or less regular clock-spring spiral. Hundreds who have been lost in forests and deserts soon lose their direction, and walk in cir-

cuits till exhausted, often returning to the same spot.

Now the Word of God expressly asserts that by nature man is blind, therefore, however hard he may try *he can never go straight!*

Hear a few texts, "Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart" (John 5:17, 18). "The God of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not" (II Cor. 4:4). Here the Scripture asserts that by nature we have blinded hearts and blinded minds, and then to think that in this condition we appoint ourselves our own guides! Or worse we desire to lead others! Jesus said: "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matt. 15:14). He announces: "For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not *might* see; and that they which *see might be made blind*" (John 9:39).

That's just it! If man could but confess, "I see not," he would be disillusioned and his eyes would be opened; his sight restored, he would soon find himself to have been mistaken, right about turn and by the help of God would soon be walking on the straight way. But self-righteousness says, "I see." The good affirm they are all right, and on the right track, so, they are "made blind," deliberately blinded by the powers of darkness and its deceits, and by their own conceits.

SCIENTIFIC PROOFS

Dr. A. A. Schaeffer, of the University of Kansas reported recently some new experiments before the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He had made 300 experiments with blindfolded persons on the open prairies of Kansas and Colorado, on the ice of a reservoir in Massachusetts, on a race-track in Tennessee, and in a 160-acre field. The subjects walked, swam, rowed, and drove automobiles blindfolded, and in each case they steered essentially the same kind of a curving path. Usually they started out with a straight stretch, and then began to turn in circles, and these circles usually became smaller in diameter. A twenty-four-year-old mental imbecile, with the mind of a four-year-old child, was tested and the path he took was like that of a normal person *indicating that intellect does not play any large part in the matter of direction.*

Now all this explains why lost people lose their sense of orientation and go in tremendous circles. Hunters know that a scared up fox will often in

chase, complete a perfect figure. When dogs chase a rabbit, if nothing interferes, it will travel in a great circle back to the hole from which it started. This law runs through all nature. And history repeats itself, and reveals that because mankind has consistently refused the light and chosen its own way, the peoples and nations of the world through the ages have only repeated their colossal failures. Remember, above all, that intellect and worldly-wisdom play no part whatever in the soul's orientation for Heaven. The fearful tragedy of spiritual blindness holds every man equally in bondage. Only through God-given faith and obedience to His Word, may man discover the true direction to God and salvation, and receive the vision that makes the scales drop from his eyes. We shall take pains to show later how this is brought about.

YOUR HAIR AND YOUR STATURE

The great salient facts of nature are silent. We would not suspect their deeper meaning were it not that Scripture persistently pointed some of these significant laws out. Those laws that show that man is unable to spiritually improve or redeem himself are pointed out plainly in certain passages. We find one of the simplest proofs that self-salvation is impossible, in Christ's sermon on the mount. The point is so very clear that it is generally missed. The two quotations I have in mind we shall couple together, for though they are found a chapter apart, their sense is one. Jesus said, "Thou canst not make one hair black or white" (Matt. 5:36). "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" (Matt. 6:27). Now pay special attention to our Lord's application. "If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?" (Luke 12:26).

Surely this is so plain that it should not require explanation. That "which is least" is what concerns this life and this body. "The rest" has reference to those things invisible and spiritual, the kingdom of God and the life that is to come. In a word the argument is this: Since no man by taking care can alter his physical features or stature, which is the lesser matter; his chances of changing his heart and spirit, the greater consideration, *are nil*. In that which appertains to his salvation he is impotent when it comes to be bettering his.

But unregenerate man is always taking "thought for the rest." He struggles and strives unceasingly to surmount sin within the confines, the circumspection of his own insignificant ego.

That is precisely the same as trying to make a black hair white. It can't be done! Nor the harder thing—making a black heart white.

I know what you women are smiling about! It will take more than your cosmetics to disprove the Scriptures. The hair that you bleach is classed by some scientists as vegetation, and like a tree, you may toy with its branches without affecting its root. No matter what the color of the dye you apply or the claims of the liquids that are sold your hair is still grey or brown, or gold. And so it follows that however well you may paint your nature, God still knows the true condition and character of your heart.

PHYSICAL AND MORAL DETERIORATION

What an insignificant unimportant thing is a hair in comparison to the other members of the body. To think that we are helpless in changing one hair, and yet, man can change the configuration of a continent. To think that he must fail to add one foot to his height, and yet he can raise skyscrapers that tower into the heavens! What does this prove? He can alter everything about him but he *cannot* change himself. And there is a reason for this. All that he touches and handles belongs to the material world, his dominion; but he himself is God's *special* handiwork. Therefore, changing of man's nature must be the prerogative of the Creator and Saviour of mankind alone!

No one within his senses believes that a man, by exertion can make himself taller. I know a dwarf who was daily strapped into a stretching contraption. His hip was pulled out of joint, and, to this day he goes about limping. What madness then is this prattle that preaches that men can attain, by their own endeavor a higher spiritual standard? One that God would so much as take notice of? Ridiculous! ! ! However much you may prance around on your moral stilts, God still knows your true stature!

But more, Oh yes! Much more follows from this! If what I have just said is true of the individual, then we are driven to the conclusion that man in the aggregate must be in physical and moral decline—as *there is no standing still*. What is true of each one of us, is true of humanity in general. Society cannot be but what its component parts are. Therefore, since there is *nothing* stationary in nature, and that according to Christ's words man's spiritual progress is impossible *humanity as a whole must be retrograding*.

Some one will say, "What about evolution?"

The more recent scientific deductions are disproving and disposing of Darwin's doctrine. I will grant you that the majority of eminent men are desperately clinging to the theory, but the array of savants who are definitely and publicly deserting evolution grows each day. The human species have not evolved but rather devolved. Vital statistics, that is those that concern births, deaths, insanity, hereditary, diseases, imbecility, cancer, heart failure, etc., testify that as a whole, mankind is slowly but surely deteriorating. Now it logically follows that if we, as a race, cannot defeat physical degeneration, neither can we of our own power attain to spiritual and moral regeneration. For, which is the easier of the two? Assuredly the first!

When Rebellion Was Laid Down



TWENTY-ONE years ago a young man living in our district was converted. He had a wife and five children. The youngest girl was just a little child when the father gave his heart to Jesus, and his great desire was to see his people brought to Christ. He had been a very wicked man, and had gambled away an entire estate. How his wife did hate him! She wished he would die. Now that he had given his heart to Jesus, instead of settling down he must disgrace his family still more by running all over the province telling of his Savior. He finally became a preacher.

We took the little girl in our school and after awhile they became so very poor his wife came also. We rescued three hundred girls in 1921. The dear preacher poured out his life—overworked and went home to Jesus. On his deathbed he saw right into heaven and saw Jesus. The girl in the meantime had graduated from High School and given her heart to God, and when her father died she felt bitter against the Lord. She loved her father devotedly. "Why should a godly man like he," she argued, "who had given his life for others be suddenly snapped out?"

After she came back from High School she got a place to teach. One day we were sent for; they said she had tuberculosis of the spine, and would have to be put in a plaster cast for two years, and then there was no assurance she would be healed. Her mother took a cart and traveled two days to see her daughter. We were praying, and her mother brought her back to us. Down across the spinal column there was one vertebrae displaced and here the tuberculosis had settled.

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God Among Us, God with Us, God in Us

The Working Out of the Great Redemptive Program

Dr. Charles S. Price at Lake Geneva Camp, June 29, 1932



I AM speaking tonight about God's great plan. I believe it is impossible to read the scriptures without being convinced that the great redemptive program was conceived in the mind of God before ever the fall was consummated. It existed away back yonder in the beginning, and you can read it in the New Testament and the Old. It is almost impossible to turn over a page of Old Testament scripture without being confronted with the Person of Jesus Christ. As we come down through the ages we see the development of the Divine plan. We cannot help but stand in wonder and awe and admiration at the development of the plan as God was getting the world ready for the consummation of all miracles, namely the incarnation of Himself in the body of Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. That was the greatest miracle of all eternity; greater than the creation of the world, greater than the bringing of cosmos out of chaos—the most stupendous miracle of all the ages!

In our chemistry class we learned that a part cannot contain the whole. The finite mind cannot grasp the things of infinity. But there is a sense in which the man with a spiritual understanding can grasp and comprehend the things that pertain to eternity, to God, and to the realm of the Spirit to a far greater extent than the individual mind of a man outside the realm of Christian experience. But even we, who are Spirit-filled, see through a glass darkly. There are certain things that are incomprehensible, but the day will dawn when every mystery will be made clear, when every question will be answered, when every problem will be solved, when the things we now know only in part we shall know perfectly because of the revelation of Almighty God. That day is coming by and by!

Now I want to give you some tremendous facts relative to the development of God's plan. First, the dispensation of the Father. I know that every dispensation can be subdivided into other dispensations, and that every sub-dispensation can be again subdivided into different periods of time, everyone of them highly typical and highly significant. It is absolutely impossible

for any student of the Word of God who is interested in the subject of typology to find any place in the relationship of the New Testament to the Old where the anti-type does not perfectly fit into the type, and type into antitype co-ordinating in the development of one great plan. It is absolutely impossible to find any break in the system. One of the great reasons why I am insisting that healing is an integral and component part of the atonement is that an atonement had to be made for sickness before healing could be procured, in the days of the type. If it is not true today that healing is in the atonement but it comes as a special mark of divine favor, then in this instance the antitype is not true to the type. But there must be perfect harmony, and perfect co-operation, for the same God, the same Holy Ghost, the same *Logos* worked together in coordination and cooperation in the development of the great plan of God in its entirety.

Speaking of the Father, *God was among us*. The Incarnation had not yet been consummated, the indwelling presence of God had not yet become an established fact, though it was a prophetic fact. It was something to which they were to look forward, something to which they aspired but to which they had not yet attained. When God told them to build a tabernacle in the wilderness (Ex. 25:8) they were instructed just how to build it, and every article of furniture that went into that portable tabernacle was prescribed by Almighty God. He told them of the furnishings of the Holy of Holies where dwelt the Shekinah glory of the Lord; of the laver of cleansing, of the altar of sacrifice, the altars of oblation; a certain priesthood was to be formed, specific atonement was to be made for specific sin; there was a marvelous, symmetrical and beautiful building, a framing together, a divine plan that was not yet complete. Men didn't see the building then in its completion but God beheld it, and one of the most interesting studies of the Old Testament is to see the line of progress, line upon line, precept upon precept, one brick upon another, one truth following another, here a little, there a little, all the while God getting them ready and getting the time ready for the incarnation; and the coming of the only begotten Son of the Father to die a death of sac-

rifice on Calvary's rugged cross. God said, "Build Me a tabernacle and I will dwell among you," and He made a covenant with His people. The covenant that God made was a covenant of contingency. What I mean is that God said, "If you will walk in the light of my commandments, hearken unto my voice, I will protect you from the hand of your enemies. No harm shall overtake you; I will guide you, I will feed you." But it was contingent upon their obedience to the will of Almighty God. And did God do it? You know that He did. They failed God but never once did God fail them. To me the mercy of God stands out in the Old Testament scripture; not only mercy but the grace of God is impregnated through all the sacred pages.

Look at Israel in captivity. They had transgressed the divine commandments and were led into captivity. Is there a more pathetic sight in all the scripture than the sight of that nation of singers in the fields of Babylon? No nation in the world can sing like Israel. Many of the great artists of the world have been Jews. In fact as we come in contact with the great artists of the world today we discover that most of them are Jews. There is something deep about the soul of a Jew! They were a nation of singers. It was born of their heartaches, their trials and their sins.

When that great singer Jennie Lind first left the farm, away in the distant North land and invaded the world, the hearts of kings and princes were greatly moved. Goldschmidt heard her, Goldschmidt the great music critic. He said to his friend, "She has the greatest voice in the world but it lacks something. If I could marry her, if I could break her heart, if I could crush her, then Jennie Lind could sing." He did that very thing. He married her, he broke her heart, he crushed her; and as Jennie Lind sang out of a broken heart, crowned heads wept as they listened to her. Great crowds filled every place to the doors as that nightingale of Scandanavia sang with a broken heart. The day when she said "Good-bye" to public life and went back to the little village that gave her birth, and stood up in the little church where she sang as a farm girl, "I know that my Redeemer Liveth," they say that Jennie Lind never sang in her life as she sang on that day. Sometimes out of sorrows there will arise a testimonial to God. Sometimes we can see angels in the sepulchre, and sometimes out of a broken life will arise a

cathedral of surpassing beauty, in which we can hear the melodies of angel choirs singing His eternal praise.

The Israelites hung their harps on the willows, and their Babylonian captors said, "Sing us the songs of Zion, the refrains we heard you sing in the land of your nativity." "How can we sing?" they said. "We are sojourners in a strange land, far away from home, and we have lost the song from our hearts." But God supernaturally brought Israel back to their land and gave them another chance; and though the temple was in ruins they built it again. The young men shouted and old men wept, as the temple was rebuilt in the days of long ago.

Call Elijah and ask him if God was not true to His Word. Call Moses, call Jonah, call men of old who went through fire and water, and dared death for the sake of the God they served. Ask Malachi, the last of the Old Testament prophets, and he will tell you God vindicated His Word every time. Call the roll of the patriarchs, and all will answer "God was ever and always true."

The Tabernacle was built, the Ark of the Covenant was there, but what good was it if the Shekinah glory of the Lord was not present? It was there that God manifested Himself to the high priest. God wrote in those days on tables of stone. He made His will known through intermediaries. But even that was not God's perfected plan. Malachi died, and for four hundred years no prophetic voice sounded in Israel. The nation went from bad to worse. The clanging heel of the Roman centurion could be heard on the battlements of the temple and the suffering nation was being ground under the iron heel of Rome. Tetrarchs, publicans and tax-gatherers put up their stands in the market places and street corners; the spirit of Israel had been broken, the heart of the nation had been crushed. Darkness, thick as a funeral pall had settled over the land. Then came the light and the darkness was broken.

"O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie,"

The shepherds were feeding and watching their flocks by night. The angelic choirs could not hold back, the orchestras of heaven could not restrain their symphonies. All heaven broke into melody as they broke the silence of four hundred years.

There was no room in the Inn, but in that

manger where a few hours before was heard the lowing of the cattle or the bleating of the sheep, a little Babe in swaddling clothes was nestling in His mother's arms. In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophets, "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel," not "among us," but "*God with us.*" Born of a virgin! Friends, sometimes I feel I'd be willing to lay that arm down on the butcher's chopping block and have the cleaver separate it from my shoulder, if I could recall the things I have written and the sermons I have preached against the virgin birth of that Babe. How unspeakably sad I feel that during the long years of my ministry I failed to sound the clarion note of Gospel story, in telling to the world that Jesus was born of a virgin. I wanted a modern theology that would allow me full sway for my rationalistic interpretation of scripture. But one thing I have promised. That is, as long as there is a drop of blood in my veins and as long as there is breath in this body, I will travel up and down the country until He comes, trying to make up for those wasted years when I did not believe what I do tonight. Thank God for the revealing ministry of the Holy Ghost!

Jesus was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Ghost. It was an Immaculate Conception. Jesus of Nazareth came into this world as no child before or since, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. Jesus came and died on Calvary's cross and when He came, it was Emmanuel, *God with us*. Can you not see Him?

Have you followed Him over the Judean hills? Have you walked in His footsteps across the plains of Galilee? Have you stood by His side as He drove the hired mourners out of the house of Jairus and raised to life the girl who was dead? Have you heard His stentorian tones impregnated with all the authority of heaven, "Lazarus, come forth!"? Have you seen Him quiet the tempest? He was the *Logos*, which is a Greek word meaning a thought or concept of God. He was the Word that "was made flesh and dwelt among us. And the Word was with God"—the pre-existence of Jesus Christ—"and the Word was God." Emmanuel—God with us.

But even that was not God's perfect plan. There was another step to go. *God among us*, the dispensation of the Father. *God with us*—Jesus Christ, the Son. But even Jesus the Son did not usurp the ministry of God the Holy

Ghost. He never commenced His earthly ministry until the Holy Ghost had come upon Him to do the work that the Son Himself could not do. The ministry of the Father, the ministry of the Son and the ministry of the Holy Ghost, are separate and distinct but are co-ordinating and co-operating. Each are necessary to the work of the other and to the ministry of redemption.

The reason I am in Pentecost tonight is because Pentecost is God's plan. I know it not only from the study of the Word; I know it because of the internal corroboration of the Holy Ghost. I know when the Holy Ghost speaks and when the Spirit of God works in a man's heart and life. For years I preached and never gave an altar call. For years, as far as I know, not a soul was born again. I was on the stage while pastor of a church, and used to attend prize fights. The crowd said, "Price is a good mixer." I was. I mixed the world and the church together and made such a mess of both of them I knew not where I was. But one night I got saved. There are a whole lot of preachers who need genuine salvation. I say this and mean it. There is not a saved preacher in the United States of America that ever doubts for one second the Virgin Birth of Jesus. If a man is saved he knows it. He cannot be saved unless he does know it.

Jesus performed His work and there gathered around Him a little band of disciples. He called them from the tax-gatherers; from the fishing nets and from the apothecary's chamber. For three years He taught them, and prepared them. The months rolled by and then some great days came. He knew there was a hill outside the city wall. Upon it already had fallen the sinister shadow of the cross. He had said to the little circle, "One of you shall betray me;" the price of it thirty pieces of silver. But it was part of the plan. God's great redemptive program was being worked out. As He spake to them of the imminency of His departure, those men still thought He was going to redeem Israel from the tyranny of the Roman Empire. They commenced to be downcast and sad. But He said, "Do not be troubled, disciples; you believe in God will you not please believe in Me? In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you, and I am coming back to you again." Heaven watched and waited. The plan was developing. God was about to unfold another chapter in the books of the years. So Jesus

assured them and told them something of the program they did not know. God was *among us* in the beginning; now *God is with us*, and in a few days it will be *God in us*. The same Holy Ghost who came upon Jesus, *epi* meaning to be out-poured and saturated—that same Holy Ghost will be in you. He is *with* you now but He shall be *in* you. "Tarry at Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." That was the message of the Savior. And do you think the "works" will stop? No, they will not, because that Person of the Godhead whose ministry it is to do the work will not take His departure.

As Jesus told them to wait for the promise of the Father, He ascended and a cloud received Him out of sight. Then to remind them of what He had said the angelic ambassadors addressed them and said, "This same Jesus which ye have seen go into heaven, shall so come in like manner." Let me give you the literal from the Greek: "In the manner in which ye have now seen, so shall ye again see."

They went into the Upper Room where they tarried ten days. When the fifty required days had elapsed, and the Day of Pentecost had come, that Day that had been foretold back yonder in the Old Testament, they were all together in one place. Suddenly there came the sound of a rushing, mighty wind. The answer had come. God was vindicating His Word. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." The crowd came running together and they gazed with amazement at what was happening. I do not believe they were all sitting down. If they were why did the people say they were drunk? I do not believe they were doing anything unseemly, but they were filled with the glory of God, praising Him and having a wonderful time, like I did when I received my baptism. What a day in my life! The policeman came in at four o'clock in the morning to see who was making so much noise. I had two or three sessions on my way to the hotel. If it had not come out I would have had internal trouble of some description. The Bible says, He "shall be in you a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

The baptism of the Holy Spirit means that God, the Third Person of the Trinity comes into your heart and your body becomes the temple of the Holy Ghost. That is why you speak in tongues. A "feeling" cannot speak. An "idea" cannot speak, a "blessing" cannot speak but a person can, and when God comes in He saturates your whole being. You may be washed in the blood,

you may be truly saved, truly regenerated, but you are not where God wants you to be until you have opened the door of your heart to the incoming of the Holy Ghost. He will put power in your testimony, power in your ministry. He will reveal the Word to you, He will lead you into all truth.

That is God's plan. That is what He has purposed from the beginning. The greatest desire of every heart ought to be that God would make us so yielded, so consecrated, so surrendered, that His great and eternal purposes could be fulfilled in us.

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Day after day we dressed this diseased part, kept her lying on her face. We prayed on and on and the Lord seemingly did not hear. Corruption oozed from that diseased place, and one vertebrae seemed to dissolve. Three months went by; the second and third vertebrae were dissolving.

One night she had a dream, and she dreamed the father she loved had a little cat-o-nine-tails on which were little strings. At the end were little pieces of gold, and the father was whipping her across the back. She put her hand back and looked up into his face, and he said, "Grace, as long as you rebel against Jesus you will be punished." She dropped on her knees and cried to Jesus to heal her. Three of her vertebrae were practically gone, and my faith hardly reached high enough for her to get on her feet, but she stepped out and God healed her.

I said to the Chinese doctor, "Dr. Djan, Grace's diseased vertebrae really disappeared." "I know that," he said, "while she stood on her feet. Her back is just like another's. She is not overly strong but I have been feeding her up." This happened just before I came home in 1927. I was home a little over a year and went back, and who do you suppose met me at the Coast? Grace. She was there in the hospital training to be a nurse.

Oftentimes we have found when there is a long delay, if we keep on praying and claiming victory over the powers of darkness, God works. As soon as she fully gave her heart to Him and got the rebellion out, she was healed. Sometimes we ask for something, but God says, "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your desires." Grace has graduated from that training school. She needs prayer for she is amidst many temptations; pray for her that she may be the blessing her father wanted her to be.—Miss Mattie Brann in Stone Church S. S.

My First Missionary Journey to the Sakai

Cecil M. Jackson, Singapore, Malay Peninsula



THE significance of Christ's words "Other sheep I have . . . them also I must bring," came to me with new force as I followed our native missionary across swamp and through a tangled mass of vegetation into the heart of the great Malayan jungle. Many times fresh elephant and tiger tracks crossed our trail and we had to be constantly on the alert for snakes as we walked through grass that came to our shoulders; the heat was terrific and my feet became blistered but the sweet consciousness of His presence compensated for the hazards of the journey.

Our path came to an end in a small clearing in the forest where several huts built high off the ground on stilts were grouped together. Half clad brown people came from every direction, some from the homes, others out of the jungle. By noon nearly the entire tribe had assembled and according to custom formed a great semi-circle with the chief in the center, my native preacher and myself on the opposite side. The headman opened the meeting by asking questions such as, "Who sent you?" "Why have you come?" "What is your motive?" My reply "God has sent me," fell upon them like a great melting hand; in all my christian experience I had never seen the Spirit of God manifested among heathen as it was then. After a simple Gospel message the chief spoke again. "I am nearly eighty years old," he began. "I have always believed that there was a God, but did not know how to find Him. Until you and Napitoeoeloe (my native) came we did not believe that we were human beings. Many Chinese and Malay traders and a few white hunters have come this way but they never mentioned God to us. You are the first white man ever to tell us about Him and Napitoeoeloe is the only other person that ever mentioned God to us. We have hope now; you will tell us about God and we will believe." Then the assistant to the chief spoke, as his eyes filled with tears and his voice broke with emotion. In part he said, "It is easy to get rice and some of us have gotten clothes, but to find God has been difficult. Today you have filled our hearts with a new hope." For the remainder of the day our hearts were so filled with the glory of God that we found it difficult to speak without giving vent to tears.

That night we slept in a little hut built from

material gathered in the forest, teak poles formed the frame, palm leaves the roof and sides, and bamboo the floors. A startling cat-like cry of a tiger was my introduction to night life in the jungles. Several elephants also came near, with their trumpeting and the Sakai screaming to frighten them away; sleep was almost impossible. Unarmed and with my cot near an open door, there stirred within me a new sense of implicit trust in the omnipotent hand of God that finally brought slumber. The chattering of monkeys, screeching of parrots and the song of birds awakened me to a day already bathed in God's sunshine.

Napitoeoeloe and I had planned a special treat for the tribe and brought a large basket full of bread and another full of dried fish. Again the people assembled together, each bringing a large leaf for a plate. The feast of rice, bread



Cecil Jackson Among the Sakai

and fish, I am sure will never be forgotten as it was a rare change from the simple diet of the jungle. The people squatting in a circle ate with their fingers and to the extent that not a crumb of anything was left.

The days that followed were full of the joy of serving the Lord. All day long and until late in the evening our hut was filled with hungry souls seeking after the Truth and the Life. We preached, sang and played for them until at times it seemed that articulation would fail us, but they never tired. The tribe spent the week building a large meeting house which is completed now. It is the first chapel and school ever to be erected in the history of the Sakai. Praise God! The Sakais are very illiterate; they have no written

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The Pulse of a Dying World

Evangelist William Booth-Clibborn

RUSSIA'S RELIGION. Before the revolution Russia had but 1045 cinema theatres, now it has 33,000.

BIRTHRATE DEPRESSION. The last 10 years the U. S. A. birthrate has declined nearly 25%. Reasons: Infanticide, abortion and contraception. "Without natural affection."

SERPENT SLEEP. One land animal sleeps with open eyes—the snake. Remember this characteristic of Satan as he deceives this age with a feigned improvement of conditions.

THE COCKPIT. The Marquis of Hartington to the Anglo-Palestinian Club: "If another great war breaks out, Palestine will be the cockpit of it; only by chance it was not the cockpit of the last."

LIES MEDICAL. Dr. Joseph Collins: "The longer I practice medicine, the more I am convinced every physician should cultivate lying as a fine art." Job, when sick: "Ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value."—Job 13:4.

BIBLE BURNING. Enormous quantities of obscene books and literature condemned by the Catholic Church were recently publicly burned in Rome. Crowds of bigoted devotees shouted their loudest however when quantities of Protestant Bibles were dumped into the flames—and this in the enlightened year of our Lord, 1933. Rome never changes.

WINE WEEPS. France's unsold champagne wine weeps as it piles up to 62 million bottles in a thousand cellars. Reasons: "Our wine is associated with night life and license," say the growers; also there is a definite trend against the stronger liqueurs because of the cost and formidable taxes. Read Isaiah's 24th Chapter "The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth."

FIRE AND FRESH AIR. Nearly 6000 people are killed yearly by fire in the United States. First Precaution: Fresh air may be always obtained nearest the floor in a burning building—get down on hands and knees. Spiritual Application: Civilization's edifice smoulders with the coming fire, smoke permeates the atmosphere everywhere. The Christian's safest place nowadays is down on his knees where he can always obtain fresh air. Keep down low.

INCONSISTENT SOVIETS. There has been an enormous increase in spying since the armistice. Every capital in Europe is a hotbed of espionage. Incredible tricks and deceptions are resorted to in order to obtain ordnance secrets and data on defence. The recent trial of the British Engineers in Moscow proved a huge joke.

Why should Russia resent espionage in her own country when she is the most notorious offender actively organizing agitation and revolution in every nation? "Deceiving and being deceived"—2 Tim. 3:13.

TELLING FORTUNES. Every year 400 million dollars are paid to fortune tellers, 25 million in New York City alone, says John Mulholland, Vice President of the Society of American Magicians. People go in multitudes to Soothsayers, Clairvoyants and Gypsies to seek advice as to money or love. Harassed, miserable, sinful humanity seeks re-assurance in its myriad difficulties. "When they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep and mutter: Answer them: Should not a people seek unto their God?"—Isaiah 8:19.

KILLING IN CUBA. President Machado of Cuba has only held his position by a reign of terror, bloodshed and economic disaster. Every attempt to oust him increases the organized massacre. Machado's thugs have slain 2000 civilians the last 2 years. Parts of Havana have presented scenes of war. At least 180 of its University students have been brutally murdered and their bodies thrown to the sharks. One night 17 people were killed in the streets. The major schools of learning remain closed, the professors refusing to re-open. Trade is seriously hampered, the morale of the Cubans demoralized by a regime daily more arrogant and cruel.

INDIA'S NEED. Mahatma Ghandi's prolonged fast focussed the world's attention on India again. In the last 10 years India's Christian population has increased by one third and numbers now six million, half of which are Roman Catholics. In that decade the population growth was 35 million so that the 1½ million which became believers seem insignificant. Hindus the last ten years increased by 22 millions, Moslems by 9 and Buddhists and Sikhs by a million each. 740,000 towns and villages are without missionaries, although 152 Christian Societies are at work. The country has 360 million people who worship 330 million different gods. Give dark demon ridden India a new interest in your prayers. Send THE LATTER RAIN EVANGEL your missionary contribution today.

INSANITY'S INCREASE. Alcohol, nervous complaint, syphilis, narcotics, and the general strain of modern life is credited with the tremendous increase in insanity in the last half century. The League of Nations reports that of all countries keeping statistics only one showed a decline, whereas the figures for 23 nations have mounted alarmingly. In United States hospitals more patients suffer from mental diseases than all other complaints combined. 50% of mental cases baffle the best Doctors. The average life of a lunatic is only 7

years. One-third of all such cases are plain demon possession. Medicine stubbornly refusing to reckon with evil spirits is completely at sea. Doubtless the frogs of Revelation 16:13, 14 are demons which will possess the majority of people in that day of God's wrath, the Tribulation.

OFF THE GOLD STANDARD. Gold, in Scripture the symbol of all that is most precious and pure and valuable, has significantly ceased to become the financial yardstick with the majority of nations. Why should man not desert that standard in keeping with the general forsaking of every other in this day of shaking and questioning? In religion, the home, marriage and morals, the masses are deserting established custom and rule. The only people left on the gold standard are God's; and the more they see the day of their redemption approaching the more urgent the need of their being purified as the purest gold. For them there is but a re-assertion of the standard for it is written "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." —Isaiah 59:19.

A EUROPEAN EXPLOSION. Sir Norman Angell, author of "The Great Illusion" the book that more than 20 years ago prophesied that in the event of a world war more harm would come than good to both victors and vanquished, was recently asked the solution of the world's troubles. "God only knows if there will be a solution," he answered. "Patriotism is evil and sinister. Nationalism is barbarous and cruel. Both forces run to annihilate the civilization man has so laboriously built up. I shudder to think of some of the things that might quite conceivably happen overnight." This warning from one of the world's greatest Journalists he has put in book form; "The Unseen Assassins" is his last written effort and appeal to the whole world to substitute reason and justice for the lunacy of another war before it is too late—"before a European explosion shakes the world to utter ruin."

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS. Another honeyed tantalizing temptation to seduce Christians and capture their patronage for the moving picture palaces is this latest infamous production "The Sign of the Cross." It professes to give an accurate picture of the sufferings of early Christians but its purpose is defeated because so large a part of the play is devoted to a disgusting display of the debauchery and revel of the Roman Empire in the days of its decline. Anything elevating or inspirational is negated by all of this overdone exhibition of paganism. Whenever Hollywood attempts to touch the sacred, it only succeeds in desecrating it. Satan still transforms himself into an angel of light and sets his clever snares to seduce Christians who are not too strict in their separation from the world. The one

Scripture that settles all doubt for the Christian in regard to "movies" is: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."—Psa. 1:1.

THE RADIO MENACE. The time was when to turn on the Radio in 10,000 Christian homes was to look forward to some pleasant music and innocent entertainment, but the last five years have seen a complete change both in the tone and in the material of that which is permitted to be broadcast. Murder mysteries, sex serials, detective stories, absurd banalities with the most fantastic fables are mingled together in the most heterogeneous mixture, curses and groans, shrieks and sobs, revolver reports, Machiavelian madneses, the description of bloodthirsty encounters and debauching banquets is all scrambled together. What with the howls of bazoos, the clang of cymbals, the moan of saxophones, the blare and bellow of convulsive cornets, it all gives us a very representative cross-section of the world's bachanalialia. We are waiting to hear the first voice that is raised by a Christian spokesman against the modern menace that radio presents to the immature minds of Christian childhood raised up in a protective atmosphere of homes that should take a firm stand against the blasts of this breath of hell. It is impossible to "bring every thought to the obedience of Christ and to cast down every foolish imagination" as we are commanded of Paul, and listen to the modern radio programs.

100 GOLD RUSHES. The stampede to mine gold increases. A new field is now developed in Eastern Africa. It is called the Kenyan Eldorado. Following a report recently issued by Sir Albert Kitson a rush of prospectors has begun and the little colony is about to lose its head at the thought that it would become another Rand. In British Columbia there is room for 100,000 gold miners to work immense areas, specially the tributaries of the upper Columbia. Thousands are panning and sluicing now. One family is reputed to have made \$3,000 in 6 months. Many men daily obtain \$12 in gold. California has 120,000 men scattered out in all mining districts, especially in the Trinity mountains. Gold mining booms in Australia as many deserted workings are opened. In British New Guinea there has been a wonderful find which can only be reached by aeroplanes. 1000 prospectors have gone there at the risk of their lives, for its inaccessible mountain ranges and rivers are infested by head hunters among the worst of savages. Meanwhile countries desert that basis of values. Then shall be fulfilled Ezek. 7:19, "They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord."



The Present Jewish Crisis

The Bride of Christ Escapes the Tribulation

Pastor Niels P. Thomsen in The Stone Church



Y MESSAGE this afternoon will be on The Present Jewish Crisis in the light of the Second Coming of Christ. In connection with this I will refer you to two Scripture passages; the first is found in Jeremiah 30:1-17.

In recent weeks there has been a real crisis on in Germany, and this still prevails. We may confine ourselves very much to present day conditions as they prevail in Central Europe and then also touch on affairs that pertain to the Jews as a whole. In Isaiah 43: 5 and 6, we read as follows: "Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth."

God's purpose for the Jewish people is to bring the remnant back into the land of Palestine; they are being brought back today in large numbers. You remember how it was in the days when they were in slavery in Egypt; how it took a mighty driving from the hand of God to bring them out. God had indeed to take drastic measures before He could get His people to the place where they were willing, as a nation, to go forth. And after they got started they murmured and wanted to return more than once. The picture is given us in the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy of how God would stir them from their nest. We read in verses, 11 and 12, "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him." Time and again God has had to stir His people from their security. Time and again He has made it intolerable for them to live in a certain place in order to get them where He desired them.

We find that is just what is taking place today. Before the edict was given by Hitler there were six hundred thousand Jews in Germany who were well settled, and had the conditions continued to be favorable they never would have cared to move on; they had good positions, were living peaceably in the land and were well esteemed. Why should they move to Palestine to till the land and pioneer? Why should they go back there to open new colonies and enter into conflict with

the Arabs when they were so comfortably settled in a land where they had lived for so many years? But what does the Lord do? He stirs up the nest.

God says, "I will say to the north, Give up." That word, "give up" doesn't mean that they are letting go of something they are reluctant to give up, but it refers to the giving up of something that is causing trouble, something that gives pain and misery. That is the order God gives to the North and that is just what Germany is doing today. She is giving up the Jewish people because they have caused her trouble. It is strange—and this is not saying anything against the Jewish people—but wherever they have been they have stirred up trouble—there have been financial difficulties, business problems and others. Why? Because that is a part of the curse. They said of Jesus, "His blood be upon us and upon our children," and the curse of rejecting their Messiah is upon them. Wherever they settle down among the nations there has been trouble.

The little magazine called "Prophecy" published a little article concerning the Jews before Hitler ever came into power. In that article the author mentioned that Hitler's program meant that Jews would not be doing business in Germany much longer, and he says, "Undoubtedly it will lead to an exodus and the only open door is Palestine." And we find that is the place to which they are fleeing today; thousands of Jews have left Germany and are on their way back to Palestine. That is the place God has opened up for them in these last days and it is marvelous to see prophecies being fulfilled on every hand.

Have you ever thought of this present condition of the Jews in connection with the period of tribulation? I do not think the period of tribulation is of such tremendous importance to the church except for the fact that it is to close her period. The passage in Jeremiah to which I previously referred tells us the time which is coming is a time of "Jacob's trouble." The time of tribulation, we are told, is to precede the millennium and is a time which has very specially to do with Israel. It is a time when God will complete the punishment and misery upon the people of Israel, and therefore, in prophecy it is referred to as the time of Jacob's trouble. Note, not the church's trouble. Thank God, the church is not looking for trouble but for glory! But as

far as Israel is concerned it will be a time of great trouble and I am sure it is not necessary to spend much time to convince you that all things are heading up for that one great catastrophe—a time of trouble “so great that none is like it.” This is essentially for the Jews, and will so far exceed in cruelty and atrocity the present trouble in Russia, and Europe that the latter will pale into insignificance.

At that time it is with the Jew that the Antichrist makes his covenant at the beginning of his reign; and it is with the Jew that he breaks that covenant in the midst of his reign. The trouble is all with the Jew. Finally then we see that Armageddon has definitely to do with the Jew, when the kings of the earth, under the leadership of the Antichrist will be massed together at Megiddo. All this has nothing to do with the church or with the saints but with the Jew. Then it is that the Lord comes in deliverance; and when they see Him whom they have pierced they shall acknowledge Him as their Lord and Savior, their Messiah, and then shall a nation be born in a day.

I believe it would be interesting for me to read a portion of the little article which appeared in “Prophecy”. It voices the cry of many a heart among the Jewish people today:

“Through the squalid streets of Zlatshev, a small Polish town near Lemberg, hurried excited Jews one day last month. They had heard,—as had many Jews throughout Galicia—of a wonderful thing that was happening at their synagogue. Other Poles might call the Galician Jews vulgar and ignorant, but they had a saint, pious Pinchas Bloch. He was even now crouching on the synagogue steps, chanting psalms, clutching his long beard, praying God to send the Jewish people a Messiah. Until then, Pinchas Bloch would eat no food, move not from the synagogue. The Zlatshev Jews prayed with him, whispering softly, watching and waiting. Thirteen days passed. Pinchas Bloch grew weaker, hoarser. He was taken to a hospital. That night he escaped, staggered through the dark streets, dragged himself to the synagogue steps, wailing supplications. Next morning he was found dead.”

The cry in the heart of the Jew is ever, “Send back our Messiah,” “We must have our Messiah!” and these troubles that are coming upon the Jews today will increase the intensity of that cry. Many are saying: “Send back our Messiah quickly.” I believe that before the Lord can come for His church there will be a large company of Jews in the land of Palestine. Today there are more than one hundred Jewish colonies in that land with large fields under cultivation. I want to read to you from the Prophet Amos, 9:14, concerning the land of Palestine, “And I will bring again

the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.” This has already begun in a measure. While in India we ate some of the Palestinian fruit: oranges and grape fruit came, stamped, “Joppa.” The same is true of grapes and other fruit. Already the trees are bearing fruit on those slopes again.

The people are returning but beloved, all this gathering together is in unbelief; the day has not yet come when they are gathering in the name of the Lord. That day will come and yet, before it can come some things must take place; and let me say right here, that we ought to pray very definitely that the Lord will hasten that day.

I believe not only in a pre-millennial coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but also in His pre-tribulation coming. I believe the church will be caught up at the very beginning of the tribulation, before the world sees any of the fearful woes. Personally, I believe we are living in the last part of the third chapter of Revelation and so beg to differ with the folk who tell us that we have already passed thru most of that Book. I do not believe we have begun to see the misery and the woe which shall come upon the Jew. In the first place the covenant has not yet been made between the Jew and the Antichrist, at the beginning of the seventieth week of Daniel, and therefore we have not yet entered into the time of tribulation. So we can see that Israel has not yet reached the crisis of her suffering. She is in the midst of a crisis but has not yet reached the tremendous peak of punishment when the woes will come upon her, and when she will know that God reigns in judgment.

But the Lord has made a way of escape for His saints. He has said, “When you see these things begin to come to pass, then lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh.” Let us not be troubled about the tribulation.

If you will note carefully you will find that every word which was prophesied concerning the Jews is being fulfilled literally. And if that be true which was spoken of the Jews, it is also true of everything that was spoken concerning us as His church; all will come to pass.

May I just mention in this connection that the fourth and fifth chapters of the Book of Revelation tell us plainly of some companies of overcomers that are on the other side. You will remember the company of the four living creatures. The company of the four and twenty elders

sat on the four and twenty thrones and you know how, in the fifth chapter they burst out into song and praise, praising Him who hath redeemed them out of every kindred, tribe and tongue and nation and hath washed them in His own blood; a redeemed company singing the praises of the Lord. Then the other company joins in the song revealing that both are redeemed companies, having been caught up to the other side. In the beginning of the sixth chapter we read of the first seal being broken. I wonder if you noted carefully the reference as to who it was that had a distinct part in the breaking of that first seal. John said, "I heard one of the four living creatures say come." Now these four living creatures were joining in the song of the redeemed and were already there in the midst of the throne. The first living creature had a part in the bringing forth of the first horse and rider, and the breaking of that seal; the second creature had a part in the breaking of the second seal, and so with the third and fourth. And certainly we know that the Tribulation will not take place until the seals are broken. We see here there is already a company of overcomers over yonder to the extent that they have a part in the breaking of the seals and in the bringing back of the great possessions—this company comprises the bride of Christ who have escaped the tribulation. The sending forth of these riders is the working out of God's plan to bring back His possessions which had been usurped by another, and when finally the last trump has been sounded and the last seal been broken and all the woes brought upon this world, it will then be Christ's and He will reign upon the throne which had been taken from Him while the usurper sat thereon. That is why I believe I shall be caught up before the tribulation, if I am in the company of overcomers. That ought to comfort our hearts and should encourage us greatly.

I want to call your attention to verses 13 to 26 of the 11th chapter of Romans. Paul is explaining here that the moment your fulness and mine has come their (the Jews) ignorance will depart. We are living in the closing of the Gentile age, and therefore the message comes to us with much greater solemnity, for if God spared not the natural branches, we need to take heed lest that which He has grafted in, shall be lost. He is telling us that the Jews were by nature a part of that tree. But because of their unbelief God had to cut them off.

Now whoever heard of anyone putting a graft from a wild tree into a good stump. We do it

the other way—we put a graft from a good tree into the wild stump and bring forth good fruit. Otherwise you would bring forth wild fruit. But God reversed the order of nature and took us, a part of the wild tree, and grafted us into the good tree, giving us of its nature. And what does He say to us? We stand by faith. That is all. The moment our faith fails we are liable to be cut off. We dare not let ourselves grow careless or indifferent concerning these things. Do not allow yourself to get high minded and say, "I am able to stand." Remember the poor Jews and the plight they are in. The very fact that the Jews are having these persecutions should be a warning to us that judgment will fall upon us if we fail God, especially in this hour. For if He spared not them, how will He spare us? We must expect that if God had to cut them off because of unbelief, He will cut us off if we are careless, and unbelieving. We cannot deliver ourselves and say, "Oh I am a part of this movement and He will carry me on just the same!" The soul that refuses to move on in God; the soul that grows careless and indifferent will find himself cut off. It was so with the natural branches.

Do you remember what Jesus said just before His crucifixion? "I am the true vine and my father is the husbandman. Ye are the branches. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit"—what will He do to it? He will cut it off. But every branch that beareth fruit, He will purge it so that it will bring forth more fruit. In other words, if you and I are not living fruit-bearing lives, we are in danger of being cut off. We cannot continue to play fast and loose and think simply because we were once a part of the church that we can remain so forever. He says we will be cut off and burned.

I want to refer you again to the Jews. Why all this scattering? Why this persecution? Why is their property confiscated? A few of them may be wealthy but I believe the majority are very poor and they are suffering under grievous burdens. You ask, Why all this harsh treatment? Because they failed. Listen, you and I cannot expect God to be patient forever if we keep on failing Him, and the Word that was fulfilled in their case will be true in your case and mine—we will be cut off just as truly as they were. This should stir us up to seek God with greater fervor than ever before. It should stir us to seek God for a revival in our souls, in our church, for God to move in our city. It should stir us so

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The Judgment Seat of Christ

The Boomerang of Judging Others

Evangelist B. E. Williams in the Stone Church Sept. 18, 1932



IN THIS further study of the Judgment Seat of Christ, we find that each shall receive a reward according to what he has done. We want to give you three scriptures: Gal. 6:7, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap"; Eph. 6:8, "Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free"; Col. 3:24, 25, "Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons." These three verses establish the fact that we are to receive of the Lord at the Judgment Seat of Christ according to our works whether they be good or bad.

I wish to make two or three observations here: First, our works and conduct are the evidence in our case as we go to the Judgment Seat. They will be the evidence *for* or *against* us there. We are not judged to see whether we are saved or not; we are saved else we would not be there, but our works come under the observation of him whose eyes are as flames of fire, and out of whose mouth comes a sharp two-edged sword, which is the Word of God, and whose voice is as the sound of many waters" (Rev. 1). Those eyes will see us through and through, as "flames of fire," and will penetrate keener than all the electrical appliances of today. While Prof. Steinmetz, (now deceased) was the experimenting engineer of the Geneva Electric Company in Schenectady, N. Y., he invented an instrument by which rays of light could be made to penetrate a piece of cement six inches in thickness. But our Judge is the One who made electricity and His eyes are as great balls of fire which shall shed forth rays of illuminating power to see to the very depths of our being. That is why Paul says, "Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men." So our works come into evidence in each case to be judged. I. Cor. 3:13 applies here: "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." And in I Cor. 4:5 we read that the hidden things of darkness will be mani-

fest, and even "the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God." The last clause means of course that he will have praise of God if the counsels of his heart have been praise-worthy.

In Luke 6:35-38 we are told if we return good for evil our "reward shall be great" and we shall be children of the Highest. I do not know how that scripture has impressed you, but many times when I have been tempted, because of certain contributing circumstances, to pass severe judgment upon others, the Holy Spirit has immediately flashed into my mind this scripture, that the judgment with which we judge others shall be measured out to us again. Oh how restraining and helpful that is! And how it ought to correct us, and direct us into the right conduct, because this scripture simply means that if we are considerate and thoughtful, patient and generous, and make allowances for things as we see them in the lives of others, with the same judgment that we judge, we shall be judged.

Do you see how we are discovering more and more as we go on in the study of the Judgment Seat, that our judgment rests so much in our own hands; that we even have the privilege of determining to greater or lesser extent, the intensity of the Lord's judgment upon us? that He not only says if we judge ourselves we shall not be judged, but with the attitude we have toward others in judging them we shall govern the attitude He shall have toward us? That is, if we are severe when we find someone guilty of some fault and pounce upon him with a sharp, biting tongue and a cruel, hurtful attitude of mind and say, "Well he deserves this," "he got just what was coming to him, etc.," "the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

The Lord here has put into our hands the ability to season His own judgment upon us with a great deal of mercy and a great deal of consideration. And is that not just what you would expect? If you in your life-time as a Christian have made great allowances for the mistakes and faults of others, and you have always tried to get their view-point, always willing to make a liberal allowance, knowing the Word of God says, "He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust," and how "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak," and remember how He said, "Love

covers a multitude of sins," the Lord will deal the same way with you. Just as surely as we look upon others with love and judge them in love, because of course *at times* we do have to form opinions of people—we cannot help it—the circumstance are such that in spite of ourselves we have to come to conclusions about people—but if we are forced to unfavorable conclusions we should do it with real sadness of heart and with love toward them, just so surely, with that same attitude and consideration, the Scripture says, the Lord our great Judge will season His judgment of us with so much love and so much modulation.

What a big subject this is! So big it makes us ashamed when we think of how ruthlessly, how grievously and even flippantly we have sallied forth judging others without due consideration, without considering the consequences upon ourselves. Judging people is a boomerang; every ounce of judgment we pronounce upon others is coming back upon us, for, like the boomerang it returns and strikes the thrower in the face wounding him; or it may come back gently and fall harmlessly at the feet of the one who has thrown it out. So every act of judgment will come back, either with severity or gentleness. The more I study the subject of the Judgment Seat the more I love it.

Not only the soul attitude is involved but minute details are taken account of. Matt. 10:42, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." So we see that the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous all the time, and not even the slightest act of helpful courtesy in our relationship one to another will go unnoticed, because the giving of a cup of cold water is the least of all acts of kindness that it is possible for us to perform—water is so plentiful it costs almost nothing, and is so easy to give. But sometimes it brings great relief. Be that as it may, we find we do not lose a reward for such a small service.

Let us notice that motives are to be judged. Matt. 6:1, "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." So the very motives that prompt us in our action, be they ever so insignificant, the attitude of mind we have in giving alms to others, will be brought into question. I drive an automobile. And partly for my own sake, I have formed the habit of picking up nails as I go by

alleys where cars turn into a garage. But I also pick up the nails to help some one else who drives a car. If you brush another person's fender by accident he looks at you as if you committed murder. This scripture makes us feel we ought to be exceedingly careful, and not be as severe as others.

Then in regard to church discipline, in Matt. 18:18, we have a very illuminating passage, "Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Here is co-operative judgment, the attitude not only of an individual but the decision of a group of individuals. This judgment relates to the action of the Board of Deacons as they pass upon some matters that reach far out into kingdom activities and never will lose its influence. Church decisions, whether open votes of the congregation or decisions made by a representative board of the church, will all come into judgment, as each individual is related to them.

Now we come to another matter, the responsibility of enlightenment. Luke 12:47 reads, "And that servant, which knew his Lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes." So you see there will be a responsibility on the basis of how much of God's will we know. If we do not know God's will, then according to every rule of equity the responsibility will not be so great. Again, we are building a house of works and doctrine. The Bible is the blue-print furnished. Let us follow this through on the basis of the building and the builder. II. Tim. 2:15, Jno. 5:39, Acts 17:11. Now, in the building of a little chicken-coup or a garage we do not need very much of a blue-print, but in the building of a sky-scraper the blue-print is an absolute essential. Some people do not need a blue-print at all because all they ever build is a chicken-coup, just a little shack; something that has no detail to it and that is of very little use when finished. Other lives whose souls are set on higher destinies, who have determined to come up into the higher heights of holy living and large usefulness in praise and testimony, and in personal work, carefully read the blue-print in order that they may be guided in their spiritual structure. For such a structure must be built so as to withstand a great deal of opposition, a great deal of criticism and many storms of persecution. The higher up one goes with these Christian lives that some of us are trying to build, the more he reaches up

and out into the realm of the spiritual, where not only is the Spirit of God active in helping us, but the spirit of evil is also active in opposing us. And so, if this house is to stand, it must be built according to the most perfectly drawn blue print.

Now a blue-print is the result of the work of an architect. It has made me indignant sometimes in my ministry, when we have been called upon to build large buildings where it has been necessary to use a blue-print, to find blue-prints so costly. Architects fees run up into exorbitant percentages, 7%, 15%, 20%, according to the entire cost of the structure. And so this Blue-print we are using, costs a great deal. Ah, it cost a great deal to write this Book. It has been written at tremendous cost, and if you and I will build our houses according to the blue-print furnished we may rear a structure whose spires may pierce the very heavens, and though the storms of life, the opposition and criticisms, the misunderstandings, may come as veritable tempests upon us, we will be able to stand because we have built according to the plans drawn by the Divine Architect.

So in this building the Bible is the blue-print furnished and our works are the material used. We are going to build a house. Of what are we to build it? Of works? II. Tim. 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We are workmen and according to the work we do as Christians shall we build this house.

There is a story of a wealthy woman who dreamed she went to heaven and asked that she might see her mansion. When she was escorted down the avenue she passed many a beautiful palace, and because she had been active in church she anticipated her mansion would be beautiful and grand. She had lived her life in a sumptuous manner and felt sure her mansion would be in keeping, but she was very much surprised when her escort stopped at a very common-looking place and announced that *that* was her heavenly mansion. She resented it and said, "Don't you know that I am Mrs. So-and-So?" "Well," said the guide, "we built the best house we could with the material that you sent up." Down the street a little way was a beautiful palace and as she looked at it she said, "Whose home is that to be?" "That is for Bridget," said her guide. "Why, she is my servant. You do not mean to tell me that she will occupy that spacious man-

sion! How does it happen?" He answered, "We build these houses out of the material that each individual sends up. We are sorry if this one is more beautiful than yours." Nothing better illustrates the fact that the building we are erecting is built of the material of our works.

The reasons these buildings appear on Hallelujah Circle and Glory Square is because they are buildings erected in heaven, not on earth. The material is gotten together in Chicago and other places wherever God's people are, and then sent up to heaven on the great divine elevator of faith, to the city of God, there to be taken by the angels, and our house constructed according to the plan of God's word and the material we have furnished. God help us to be good workmen who need not to be ashamed of the house we have built.

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that we would not cease to cry to God day or night, until He brings deliverance to His people and until we see the mighty works done which He has promised.

Whenever the Jews came to the Lord and repented, confessed their sins, begged God to revive their hearts again--did He ever fail them? You cannot point to one Scripture where He ever failed them. He was always ready to revive their hearts every time they realized the full significance of their failure and cried to Him for mercy. Will He fail us? Never! We should be upon our faces, asking Him to meet our souls so that the judgment which fell upon the Jews may not fall upon us and we be cut off as they were.

The Jew is speaking very loudly to us today, saying, "See what happened to me because I failed! Because I disobeyed and did not believe God!" All these things were written for our admonition and warning. May God help us to draw closer to Him and let Him fill our hearts so that we may again know His power and presence in our midst, filling us and causing us to move on in Him.

Christianity in *books* may have done much to influence men, but Christianity in *boots* has done more along this line, and is still as effective as ever.—Isaac Page.

"The pages are going up every day for the record of our life. We are setting the type ourselves by every moment's action. Hands unseen are stereotyping the plates, and soon the record will be registered and read before the audience of the universe, and amid the issues of eternity."

From the Whitenened Harvest Field

MISS RADFORD, Jerusalem, Palestine, writes that many inquiries have come to her as to the result of the remarkable vision given to Um Saleem in Amman (as told in March Evangel) and the prophetic messages given through her, and tells of the large number of people in that and other families who were saved thru this manifestation of God.

"This Kawar family, nominally Christian and very large and well respected, was originally from Nazareth, but it is now scattered throughout all Palestine and Transjordan, especially in Salt, Amman and Nazareth. On the night of the vision, Um Saleem's eldest daughter was wonderfully saved and immediately so changed that from that night she became a fearless witness for Christ. During that week Um Saleem's two brothers who at the beginning were inclined to mock, were brought under conviction for sin, and as soon as they cried to God for forgiveness they too were gloriously saved. Only this week Mr. Whitman has written me that one of these young men is a marvel to everyone because of the zeal and power with which he preaches Christ to the unsaved. The great depths within his whole being seem to have been broken up, and the love of Christ is being poured out thru him for the salvation of souls. The other brother is also a beautiful example of what the Lord does for a man whom He saves. Few, if any, of Um Saleem's relatives in Amman have remained unchanged, and a number of others not mentioned above are today the marvel of all their friends who see the mighty works of God wrought in them. Three of Um Saleem's sisters are married and living in Jaffa, two being unsaved. A friend in Jaffa hearing of the incident in Amman but not knowing the name of the one to whom the vision had been given, related it to one of these unsaved sisters, who was so strangely affected by it that she could not sleep that night but began to weep and to pray. She confessed her sins to God, and soon after midnight a great peace flooded her soul. She slept and dreamed of a heavenly choir inviting her to join in their praises. She awakened later with the power of the Spirit resting upon her, and she found herself speaking in Russian and Greek, both languages new to her. In a few days she received a letter from Saleem telling of the vision that had come to his mother, her own sister.

"When Mr. Whitman was in Nazareth in March he found one member of the family there greatly changed, and several of the young men

who had been real opposers of those preaching the new birth, now much concerned and greatly burdened for their sins. We have counted at least twenty persons in this Kawar family who are now fully saved and walking in newness of life in Christ, and at least ten more who are seeking the Lord. Many men and women of other families have also been saved; each week we hear of others and it reminds us of what we have read of the days of Wesley."

Each Revival Greater than the Last

From Bettiah, India, Miss Hilda Wagenknecht writes: "The Lord has given us a number of wonderful revivals here but it seems each new one is more precious than the last. Our people had been praying for sometime that the Lord would again pour out His Spirit, and the girls of their own accord have been having prayer meetings most every night. A week before Easter we announced special meetings and each heart came prepared to have the Lord work. Just before another one of our dear teachers received the Baptism of the Spirit and she is surely a changed person. Then during the meetings another girl of nineteen, sent from another mission, also received a very wonderful baptism, and when she went back to her people they were so impressed with what God had done for her, others wanted to come and attend the meetings.

"Easter Sunday was the crowning day. Our girls came on the veranda at 4:15 to sing about the resurrection. At 5:30 we had a sunrise prayer-meeting and a baptismal service; there were 17 of our older girls and four teachers to be baptized. As we gathered around the baptismal tank on our compound with our dear Indian Christians and sang in Hindi, 'Up from the grave He arose,' what victory in our midst! It was a service never to be forgotten. At nine we gathered in the house for a communion service, but the presence of the Lord so filled the place, such singing and praying and praising the Lord, that it was impossible to go on with that service until nearly twelve. The following day, Easter Monday we had a meeting in the morning and as a rule we have a little picnic for the orphan girls in the afternoon, but when we asked them in the morning whether they would have a picnic or a meeting, they all rose to their feet with one accord, saying they would prefer a meeting. How we thank God for this hunger in their hearts!

"In the villages and zenanas the people are so

open to the Gospel. In one village nearby there were eight who had a real desire to be baptized in water, but before the time came relatives and friends begged them not to do it as they would be greatly persecuted. The poor people know not what to do and have not the courage to step out. Pray for these dear souls who desire to obey God.

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Our Field Editor received a letter from Mr. John Beruldsen, Peiping, China, telling of a united campaign held in that city in a hall seating over 400. The Lord greatly blessed and *over one hundred* decided for the Lord. The Beruldsens have sustained a great loss; two of their children, the eldest and the youngest, died from small-pox on January 30th. All four children were taken with the dread disease, but two recovered. May God comfort the hearts of the stricken parents.

With the Lord

THE many friends of Mrs. George M. Kelley of Canton, South China, were deeply crushed to learn of her home-coming on Jan. 11, 1933. We are sorry for this delayed memorial, but we have been awaiting news from China to give our readers the details of her death.

On Nov. 28, 1932 she went with her husband to Siu Laam to hold some evangelistic meetings. While there she had a dream that she had small-pox and in that dream she saw her husband caring for a corpse. When they returned to Canton she, with another missionary went to visit a Christian neighbor, and while there the neighbor said to her, "My gateman is sick." As they left the building Mrs. Kelley went alone, uninvited, to the servant's room and prayed for him. In the morning she heard that this boy had small-pox.

She went to Hong Kong on Dec. 15th to purchase a few gifts for their four boys, and while there she told the friends that she had a presentiment she was going to have small-pox. On Dec. 18th she was invited to speak at Dr. Tsz's Hospital, and tho not feeling well, she went, remarking "This may be my last opportunity to speak." That night she preached her last message.

She was confined to her bed just eighteen days and knew in the beginning that she would not recover but would go to be with the Lord at the end of the eighteen days. The doctor who was called assured them it was a very light case and they need have no fear, yet Brother Kelley could not help feeling anxious because of the dream which so impressed her at Siu Laam.

During the days of her illness she was in con-

stant communion with her Lord whom she loved and served so faithfully. Her last message to her husband was, "Preach the Gospel at any cost." Miss Morrison who was with her in her last days wrote, "I have never witnessed greater suffering," yet through it all she rejoiced in the Lord continually. Her last word was, "Hallelu-iah!"

To those of us who know Mrs. Kelley's vision for the lost of China, she seemed so necessary to the work, and to her family, but God who prepared her for the end saw fit to take her and He never makes mistakes. She longed to go, asking them not to pray for her recovery. For over twenty years she had toiled and prayed and wept over China's sorrows, and God said it was enough.

With her husband, she spent the summer of 1932 in North and Central China in blessed revivals. Our readers will remember her letters in *The Evangel* telling of the gracious outpouring of the Spirit in a number of mission stations of the denominations. She has many souls to lay at Jesus' feet. At the close of one of the busiest seasons she met the Lord of the harvest with her hands laden with newly-gathered sheaves.

"In heathen lands the grasses blow

On lonely grave-mounds, row on row
That mark their place;
And 'bove the sky,
The angel hosts adoring vie
With those who greater glory know.

"But are they dead?" our hearts may ask;
They lived, performed their glorious task,
Spent and were spent, and now they bask
In Glory Land.

Fill up the ranks depleted so;
To us from falling hands they throw the torch,
Be ours to lift it high!
If we break faith with those who die
On us the shame!
The grasses blow in heathen lands!"

Mrs. Cora Rudy Turnbull.

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"Our life is like the dial of a clock. The hands are God's hands, passing over and over again—the short hand, the Hand of Discipline; the long hand the Hand of Mercy. Slowly and surely the hand of Discipline must pass, and God speaks at each stroke; but over and over passes the Hand of Mercy, showering down sixty-fold of blessing for each stroke of discipline or trial; and both hands are fastened to one secure point, the great, unchanging heart of a God of Love."

When Mussolini Listened to the Prophecies

“IN NUMEROUS things I have read about you,” I said to Premier Mussolini, “you give the impression that you are seeking to reconstitute the Roman Empire.”

“The Roman Empire,” he replied, “is dead. It is impossible to revive a dead thing.”

“But, Your Excellency, do you know that the Roman Empire is *going* to be restored? Signor Mussolini, permit me to say that you are a man of destiny, you are a man chosen of God, because ‘the powers that be are ordained of God;’ but therein lies a great responsibility.”

He looked at me with open eyes, but when I went on to say that the Bible says the Roman Empire is to be restored, his eyes opened wider, they gleamed, as he threw himself back in his chair and exclaimed, “WHERE?”

“In the books of Daniel and the Revelation,” I continued. “It is not just simple people who believe this. You are, no doubt, well acquainted with Scotland Yard, that greatest detective system in the world. The head of Scotland Yard was the late Sir Robert Anderson, the greatest criminologist of his day in England, and he wrote some remarkable books on this subject. They are in English,—would you like to have them?”

“Yes,” replied the Premier, “I should like to have them.”

Another question I then asked him.

“Do you realize the necessity of individual faith for the individual and for the nation?”

“I do,” he answered.

“You can see the disaster in Russia from the driving out of the Christian faith?”

“Yes,” he replied, “Russia is in a bad way, isn’t she?”

“Yes,” I answered, “and the reason for that is that she has tried to deprive her people of all faith, and to destroy religion, and no nation can exist without religion.” I went on to say that Russia in the near future is to be the great rival of the reconstructed Roman Empire. Scripture describes her as the Nation of the North, and the foe of the Gospel, and, I concluded, “She will be the nation opposing you in the future. If that seems strange to you, I want to remind you that there was a day when a rival confronted you on the Mediterranean; it was Carthage. You need not be reminded of that history. Either you had to destroy Carthage, or Carthage would destroy you. That history will be repeated in a different setting, and your great enemy of the future is to be the Russian Empire.”

Mussolini is the author of many books. He

wrote a book on the Life of John Huss, “John Huss, the Man,” in which he arraigns the Roman Catholic Church in the most terrific way for its wickedness. Every one had said to me beforehand, “Whatever you do, don’t dare to speak to Mussolini about that book.” But this was my last question, as you can guess. “Signor Mussolini,” I said “you wrote a book on the life of John Huss; do you believe now as you believed when you wrote that book?”

He looked up at me pleasantly as he said, “Yes, I do.”

Then my wife said: “Signor Mussolini, Your Excellency, before we leave I would like to say this last word. There is only one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, and He gave Himself for you and for me on Calvary, and by simple faith in Him anyone can approach Him without anyone else between. I trust through this faith to go to Heaven, and I hope and pray through the same faith that you will arrive there, too. I will pray to that end.”

The Premier and Dictator sat there as if God were holding him in control while he heard that message.

As we left him he said, “If I have not answered all your questions, write me, and I will reply.”

Dr. Alexander Robertson, the great man of Venice, a Scottish Presbyterian minister who has labored half a century for Christ in Italy, said to me: “Do you believe that Mussolini would disestablish the Roman Catholic Church today if he could have sufficient forces behind him?” I answered that I believed he would; it is my personal opinion, and there are leading men in Italy who have said the same thing to me.

I do not now know just what to think about Mussolini, except that I know he is preparing the way for the Antichrist. That is evident. I do not know what God might do with Mussolini and the Roman Empire again before the awful crash comes.

Some anathematize him; some deify him; some try to humanize him; some glorify and idealize him. Most of the men we met in Italy—there are exceptions, of course—have great admiration for the man.

When we congratulated him on saving Italy from Bolshevism, he seemed to appreciate that we realized something of what he tried to do for his nation. The men in his official bureaus and in the different departments seem to have, not only great admiration for him, but even love and devotion.

He shook hands with us just as kindly when we left as when we first entered, and as we went out I gave him “The Reason Why,” a Gospel booklet, giving them also to the men in the bureaus as we passed. When we went down to the Italian Foreign Department to thank them for their kindness I left the same booklet wherever I found a man.—*Ralph C. Norton in S. S. Times.*

LAKE GENEVA CAMP AND BIBLE CONFERENCE

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Cigarettes Killing Babies

We select the following statements by eminent physicians in order to emphasize the extreme and vital seriousness of the situation now confronting American civilization:

Dr. C. L. Barber of Lansing, Mich. states:

"Sixty per cent of all babies of cigarette-smoking mothers die before they reach the age of two, due primarily to nicotine poisoning. A baby born of a cigarette-smoking mother is sick. It is poisoned and may die within two weeks of birth."

Dr. W. Sinclair Bowen, prominent Washington, D. C., physician, is quoted in the "Evening Star" in November as follows: "Sixty per cent of children of women who smoke excessively are either born dead or die in their first year."

Another physician, one of the leading Washington obstetricians if not the most eminent local specialist in this branch of medical practice, invariably refuses to take charge of any confinement case where the prospective mother is a cigarette addict.—The Methodist Herald.

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language of their own but are eager to learn. Brother Napitoepeoloe who has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit is now teaching them Malay so they can read the Bible. Many adults and children come to school every day where they hear the glorious message of the cross. The tribe has also built a home for our native preacher and myself when I can visit them. Oh, that God would send us reinforcements that I could spend much time with these needy people!

After nearly a week I was forced to leave as my water supply ran out. The water in this part of the jungle is not fit for drinking as there is much of tin and other minerals in it. Most of the water holes look like pools of grey milk. The night before I left the chief came to express his appreciation and to give me a parting gift, a small woven bag of rice, the most valuable and prized gift that a Sakai can give. The next morning before the sun had penetrated the dense forest I be-

gan my journey back to Singapore. From one of the huts came the soft mellow voice of a Sakai singing, "*Sakai come to Jesus, come to Jesus just now.*"

"Plant a tree and it begins to grow; set a post and it begins to decay. Which are you—a tree or a post?"

"When you receive human praise into the subsoil of your soul, the plant of faith dies." J.W.L.

MONTREAL CAMPAIGN

As we go to press we receive news from our Field Editor, Evangelist William Booth-Clibborn, that the Montreal Campaign has broken through to a great measure of success and blessing. Sunday night last the meeting presented a great scene as about 1,300 people crowded the main floor and gallery of the spacious Mount Royal Hotel Ball Room to hear the Evangelist deliver his address "Who Killed Jesus." A great solemnity settled upon the audience as in his impressive way he climaxed his message with a solemn appeal. 25 immediately rose from their seats and surrendered to Christ. The hall is crowded, all seats are at a premium every night, many are touched of God and filled with His Holy Spirit.

COMING CAMPAIGNS

Evangelist Booth-Clibborn has decided to visit the Maritimes for twelve days in answer to repeated appeals, and a City wide Campaign is to be launched in the St. John Opera House, New Brunswick, beginning the 6th and ending the 18th of June. All those who receive the Latter Rain Evangel in those parts should take this opportunity to hear our Field Editor and enjoy the spiritual feast, together with those of the local work.

ATTENTION DETROIT

Beginning the 20th of June and continuing to the 2nd of July Evangelist Booth-Clibborn opens a brief revival Campaign with Pastor C. W. Rosendahl of the Four-square Church of Detroit, Mich. Subscribers in the Detroit, Michigan, area will be able to avail themselves of the advantages of attending.

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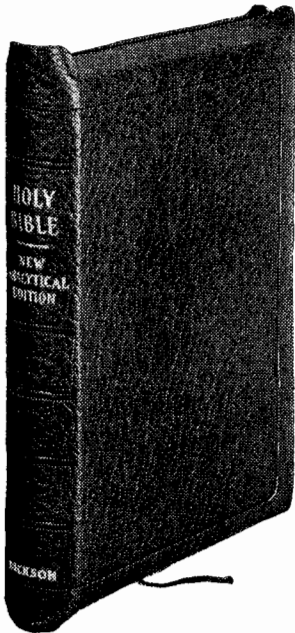
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Le. 19.11,13; 1 Co. 6.8;
2 Th. 1.8.

ITHESSALONIANS
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15 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 [in no wise precede] them which are asleep.

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