

The Latter Rain Evangel

The days of Heaven on Earth

Judging

The habit of judging is so nearly incurable, and its cure is such an almost interminable process, that we must concentrate ourselves for a long while on keeping it in check, and this check is to be found in kind interpretations. We must come to esteem very lightly our sharp eye for evil, on which perhaps we once prided ourselves as cleverness. We must look at our talent for analysis of character as a dreadful possibility of huge uncharitableness. We are sure to continue to say clever things, so long as we continue to indulge in this analysis; and clever things are equally sure to be sharp and acid. We must grow to something higher, and something truer, than a quickness in detecting evil.

—Frederick Wm. Faber

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Italy and the Arabs

(A most illuminating and striking article appears in REVELATION for February, (a magazine published in Philadelphia), entitled, "Tomorrow — Italy and the Arabs." To give our readers an insight into the rapid fulfillment of prophecy we quote the article almost in its entirety.—Ed.)

THE Word of God tells us that the Roman Empire is to be reconstituted. We know that that means that the nations surrounding the Mediterranean Sea shall one day be brought under the hegemony of Italy. Events in our own day show a very startling tendency in this direction as we consider the efforts of the Italian Government to establish itself as the protector of Islam, and consequently of all of the peoples who dwell on the African shores of the Mediterranean as well as those who dwell in Asia between the Suez Canal and the Black Sea. Because of the prophecies which tell us that the old Roman Empire will come to new life and power, anything which shows the growth of modern Roman power over these lands is of great interest to the Bible student.

It must be well understood, of course, that we do not say that the events of our day are in direct fulfillment of the Bible prophecies. Tides rise and fall, but they do so according to definite

natural law. So history sweeps and turns, but ever in the channels which God has prepared for it, and the day shall come when Rome shall rule the middle sea. It may be that what we are seeing today is the direct preparation for the reestablishment of the power of Antichrist. It may also be that the tide will recede and that other events will sweep away that which is being done today. All we claim is that what is happening today is a *tendency* that is in line with Biblical prophecy. The sons of Ishmael will one day bow to the successor of Mussolini; whether it be in the very near future or in a time more distant it is not our purpose to discuss.

Centuries after Christ, Mohammed arose and conquered certain lands with his new religion. In large measure the lands of Islam were inhabited by the Arab peoples. The religion later overflowed into India, and to a lesser extent into that part of Africa that lies south of its great deserts, but the vast majority of the Moslems are Arabic peoples, and of these the majority dwell within the bounds of the ancient Roman Empire, and so within the bounds of the empire of Antichrist that shall be.

Islam began to fall to pieces within the past generation. With the close of the world war,

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The Master Hath Need of You

DAVID DU PLESSIS of South Africa
In the Stone Church



HIS MORNING I have on my heart a little message from Luke 19: 30-38. That was a wonderful day when Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a colt. I want to speak to you of that little colt. Jesus stood on the mountain-side and suddenly He turned to His disciples and said, "Go ye into the village, and just by the gateway, where there is a fork in the road, you will find a little colt tied"—the Gospel says no man ever sat upon him—"Bring him hither. If anybody asks you why, tell him the Master hath need of him." The most of us would question, "What need had Jesus with a donkey on whom nobody had ever sat, an untrained little creature?" In Africa we have a lot of them. They are very useful to a poor man who cannot afford a tractor. He uses them to plow and get across the country. I have been down through Texas and New Mexico and saw a lot of them down there also.

This little animal is looked upon as very despicable. Kings didn't use them in their chariots. Governors do not ride on them. They do not even have them as pets for their children. They'd rather have Shetland ponies. This is one of the meanest of animals, and yet the Lord sent for him. Is the Master tired? You may look at it any way you like; there is only one thing for which the Master needed that little animal. He had walked the ways and the by-ways through Judea and Samaria with His disciples, preaching and healing the sick, but here, near Jerusalem, where everybody is flocking, stands the Master, telling them of His need. There is only one reason. If you will turn back to the Old Testament you will see how the prophet had said, "O daughter of Jerusalem: behold thy King cometh unto thee... lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." Jesus was riding into Jerusalem according to prophecy, and he needed that little donkey to fulfil the prophetic utterance of many years before. He knew that in His Father's great plan there fitted this little animal, and friends, if God had room for a little donkey, and Jesus could say He had need of him in His great ministry and plan of salvation, then let

me bring you this message: The Master hath need of thee. You and I are of more value than donkeys. That thought makes me feel good; not that the Lord has saved me so that I can go to heaven, but that He *hath need* of me. The Lord Jesus never wastes. He fed the five thousand from a few loaves and fishes, and after that He gathered up the pieces, and there are a lot of pieces lying around today. We might think they are quite useless but God needs them.

Speaking of feeding the five thousand, I have come across some strange things in this country. The other day in one of the large Baptist universities a man was preaching the baccalaureate sermon and he told those students that there wasn't really a miracle performed in the feeding of the five thousand. What actually happened was this: A little boy incidentally walked about with his basket of lunch and when the Lord Jesus got hungry He asked for food, and then all the old Jews came out with all their lunches. I wonder how he discovered they had lunch in their cloaks. He wasn't there. But that is what he is reported to have preached. Friends, my Lord Jesus changed the five loaves and two fishes into five thousand, because He was God. Jesus blessed the loaves and fishes and made a great feast out of them. He uses the little means to accomplish great ends.

Here is the Lord Jesus using a little colt to accomplish His purpose. He sent two of His disciples to loose him. Of course he could get nowhere unless he were loosed. If you don't mind I will look upon this congregation and myself as a lot of donkeys; we need to be loosed. The trouble is, people are tied up somewhere. The Master has need of you and you are tied up. You cannot be of any service. Some of us are tied to some wonderful opinion of our own. I have seen people so tied up to doctrines that they cannot win souls to Jesus Christ. Some are so engrossed in preaching that Great Britain and America are the ten lost tribes that they have lost their interest in winning souls for Christ. I do not see that I would be any better off if an Israelite than I am now. Thank God I am saved. Get free for Jesus and cut the ropes. While we are arguing over doctrine souls are perishing. Two little boys were quarreling, and as they were fighting they heard a scream, and looking around they saw one of their comrades had fallen into the river. They both forgot their feud and rescued the little boy. Stop arguing about your ideas and opinions. One

says, we are to be raptured before the Tribulation, and another that we are going through it, and in the meantime souls are perishing because we have lost the great object for which Christ died. The Lord help us to become loosed. Many who have been filled with the Holy Ghost have become absolutely useless because they are tied up to certain ideas and issues.

Others are tied up to material things. Some make an idol of their homes. They polish and sweep and clean, and have no time to do anything for Jesus. Others are tied up to their business, some to an automobile—that automobile they prayed for that they might go to church, and instead of going to church they go out and drive all day long. They say, "We will go at night," but when night comes they are too tired. "Monday is a hard day, we must get a good night's sleep." Get loose and in living touch with Jesus. If the donkey is not loosed for God he will become restive and break loose and ruin your garden, and do all sorts of mischief.

When they brought this little donkey to Jesus the disciples came and took off their robes, the mantles they were wearing and put them on the donkey. I like to think of it this way: If you and I have the robe of God's grace covering us, we will scarce be seen. When you and I were baptized with the Holy Ghost we received the very same blessing that Peter, James and John received, and others in the apostolic age. If God by His Spirit could, through those apostles, move the world, there is no reason why, through His Holy Spirit God could not move Chicago through some of you.

When Elisha followed Elijah on his last journey, Elijah said, "Stay here. I will go further." But Elisha said, "I am determined to follow you all the way." And when they got to the Jordan Elijah took his mantle and smote the river and the two of them went over. Elijah realized the time had come for his departure and said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away." And Elisha asked for a double portion of his spirit. Elijah said, "Thou hast asked for a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee." Elisha never took his eyes off that old prophet, and he got the double portion, the Holy Ghost. He said, "If the God of Elijah is with me, I can do the same things he did, and taking the mantle that had fallen upon him he struck the water and it parted. God stopped the course of the whole river that one man might pass through. We do

not know what God can do for a man who will trust Him. We have a wrong idea that God will perform miracles only in a big meeting. He didn't wait for all the prophets in the school to assemble; He parted the water for Elisha. Neither did Elisha call them together to see that God would stop the course of the river. We lean too much to the spectacular. Some preachers are not satisfied unless they are preaching to great crowds. We should learn the value of one soul.

The mantle covering that donkey gives me a picture of myself and others who have been filled with the power of God. If Peter could walk along with that same power and say, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee. In the Name of Jesus of Nazareth rise up and walk," why should not you and I be able to do the same? You are not like me, nor I like you but the Holy Ghost is the same, and what God did then, He will do again.

And I read that after they put their garments upon the donkey they sat Jesus thereon. Now it is not just a covered donkey but Jesus over all. If they had ventured to move the donkey without Jesus he would have shaken off the garments; you and I may have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but if Jesus is not over all and doesn't crown our lives, we will lose our experience. Pentecostal saints lose their vision and power when they lose Jesus. And when you get spiritually puffed up you will lose Jesus. Many people have been hanging on to blessings when they should hang on to the Blesser. There was no fear of the donkey losing his blankets when Jesus was on him, and there is no fear of our losing our gifts and power if we have Jesus sitting on the throne of our lives.

When that donkey began to move he found there was a carpet to walk upon. It was not so hard and stony. What a day that must have been! But if that donkey thought it was for him he was mistaken. It was for Jesus. There was nothing in the donkey. He was untrained. If God used an untrained donkey, He can make use of an untrained people. The Master hath need of you!

What do we learn from the garments? As I move about from place to place I have always been helped by the experiences and the example of others. It has made life so much easier for me. When I read of victories of faith of other

men of God it encourages, and their experiences show us how to shun the dangers. If you have nothing else but the experiences of God's saints in this dear old Bible you will be greatly helped. It is a prepared way.

Moving down the mountain we see the little donkey carrying Jesus, and we read that when He was come to the descent of the Mt. of Olives the whole multitude began to praise God for all the mighty works which they had seen. Perhaps that little donkey thought, "I am the most important creature in all the world. Listen to them shouting." What made the difference? He is the same old donkey, only different. What made the difference? Jesus was on him. If he had started jumping around he would have lost the great King of kings from his back, but being willing to carry his burden he retained Jesus. And when the Lord makes use of you and me, and people praise the Lord, we are happy to know it is Christ in us, the hope of glory. Let Jesus sit on the throne of your heart and control your life. Some people think they can use the Holy Ghost, but they are wrong. Let the Holy Ghost use you. I pity the man or woman who wants to control the Holy Spirit. Let Him use you as a channel, as a prayer-warrior, as a witness, and if you will submit and cut loose from everything else people will today as in days of yore praise God for the mighty works they have seen. May God help us to carry Jesus to a lost world.

Jesus made very good use of that little donkey. His story has come down through sacred history. Who would have thought it would have received so much notice? And who would have thought people would have noticed you and me? When I was a little boy, 21 years ago, in 1918, God baptized me in the Holy Ghost and gave me a call in the very depths of my being. When I was born my parents said, "Lord, if you will give us a son we will give him to you." They thought I would be a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church, but my father took me to Johannesburg and I attended a big Pentecostal conference. They had a missionary meeting and at that meeting the needs were presented to God. A missionary said, "I need four donkeys. I live in the Transvaal and my animals died." Everything dies but the donkeys can live pretty well anywhere. A brother said, "I have a good donkey at home. I will send it to you." Another said, "I have two donkeys," and that made three. Then my dad got up and said, "I also have a donkey I'd

like to give but I am afraid he won't pull with the other three," and before I realized it he said, "Come up here David." He took me by the ear and said, "This is my little donkey that I will give to the Lord's work." That day Dad surrendered his oldest boy to the Lord's work and he has never asked me to come back. He never expects me to make a name for myself in the world, but he expects me to be true to my calling. The people wept and we rejoiced and were happy. It was purely a step of faith on my part. The Lord was faithful. I have known what it is to suffer want, but I have learned that it pays to make a whole-hearted surrender to the Lord. The Master hath need of you, and you and YOU!

President Lincoln was never too busy to be kind! That was one of the reasons why people loved him, why this country sorrowed so bitterly when he was shot by a cruel bullet.

While he was a poor, young lawyer in Springfield, he was on his way to his office one morning when he saw a little girl crying at the door of one of the houses. Lincoln stopped to see what was the matter. She sobbed out her story. She was going to visit a little friend of hers in another town. It was to be her first ride in the train, and the express man had not come for her trunk. Mr. Lincoln lifted the trunk on to his shoulders and started off, calling to the little girl to "come along." They just caught the train. No wonder the little girl never forgot him! A great, brave, noble man he was—never too busy to be kind.—*Anonymous.*

A HELPFUL BOOK

We have been profitably instructed by many books on the End of the Age, and the Signs of the Times, but the "Herald of the Bridegroom" is a different book. It is all about the Millennium itself, and what we are to expect in the fulfillment of our most cherished hopes. It rests on a thorough knowledge of the promises of God, and deals with the King, His Kingdom, the state of the restored earth, vegetation, animals, social conditions and government, the Jews re-established in their own land, and the church in her glorious home.

The Book contains 100 pages, and can be obtained for 25 cents from the author, Miss Kate Knight, 22 Spring St., Fredonia, N. Y. Every Christian family should have one, and it makes a nice gift bound in purple and gold.

The Conflict Between China and Japan

LLOYD G. CREAMER
in Elim Free Church



HAVE been asked to speak some on the present condition in China and in so doing it will be necessary to bring in some of the political conditions in order to understand the present situation and what is taking place. China is one of our oldest nations; she has a civilization of thousands of years behind her. They have a code of ethics which they have endeavored to live up to ever since the days of Confucius; this is perhaps one of the reasons that China has continued on, generation after generation, for this code has bound China together. But if China could live up to this code given them by Confucius it would not have been necessary for Christian people to have sent missionaries out there. We have a saying in China to this effect:

Do not *listen* to anything that is without principle,
Do not *spea*k of anything that is without principle,
Do not *do* anything that is without principle.

Not being able to live this in reality gives the Chinese character for sin, *si-fei*, which is *tsui*. This gives the Chinese the realization that with all their ethics and philosophy, they are still as are all men, under the dominion of sin. God has said, "All have sinned," and therefore we send missionaries out with the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation. Through that Gospel we are not in the work of reforming but of transforming, bringing lost men and women to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

China is passing through one of the greatest crises she has possibly faced since the days of the great conqueror, Kahn, who came across Northern Europe, having ruled China for hundreds of years. You may wonder why Japan has crossed over into China and why we have the present situation. Japan has taken the present action for three reasons: first, and chiefly, because of the unification of the newborn China under the leadership of General Chiang Kai Shek; second, because England and Russia have not had any definite policy in the Orient—England, due to the situation in Europe, and Russia because she does not want war. And third, Japan has changed from an agricultural to an industrial country and in order

to avert an internal revolution in her borders she had to find ways and means to continue; in order to carry on this program she had to have raw material. Now if there is any country that can supply raw material, North China can. She is the key to the situation, for she has unlimited resources in minerals, both of coal and iron; she also has cotton and other raw material. It has been estimated that in one province alone there is enough coal to meet the world's consumption from three to five hundred years. And when one considers the vastness of the mineral resources and its nearness to Japan, it is not surprising that Japan should strike, and if she did not strike at this time, the rising sun was liable to set, never to rise again.

Many of you will remember the incident between North China and the Japanese troops last July. Ever since 1900 foreign powers have had certain rights granted them; in Tientsin we have foreign concessions, occupied by the English, French, Russians, Germans, and Japanese. These are portions of territories under their jurisdictions, governed by a municipal council made up of electoral votes. These concessions have been harboring places for all kinds of political offenders all these years. Japan had increased her personnel and her army by several thousand in the past few years in preparation for the present conflict which started last July.

The reason for Japan's present action has been explained by her, to be that of saving China from Communism. I believe I am safe in saying that China has not nearly as much Communism as has the United States. I am not saying what China may be driven to do but when the present trouble began in North China, she could not be considered Communistic. I have had connection with the educational work and the student class and I am quite free to say that we did not have, to any extent, those who hold Communistic ideas. I do not say that there were not some here and there but as a danger to the nation, it was not in evidence.

When the Japanese forces came into North China the first places that seemed to be targets for destruction were the educational centers, the University and several High Schools were partly destroyed by bombing; also the railway centers, but practically none of the barracks for the troops have been bombed at all.

Quite naturally, these conditions have affected our mission work to some extent, but we are carrying on the best we can and the Gospel is

going forth. Before the trouble began, China presented an opportunity for the Gospel that we had not enjoyed in previous years and much of this was due to the fact that General Chiang Kai Shek and his wife had accepted Christianity and embraced the Christian teaching. And since his public confession, the General has continually carried with him the Word of God. A year ago last December, 1936, when he was held a prisoner in Sianfu, North China, the one thing he asked the privilege of retaining was his Bible; that was the only Book he was permitted to have during his days of confinement. He has never failed to read a portion of the Word and spend time in quiet meditation with God each day during the past several years. This is quite a testimony for a man in his position and his stand has had a strong influence all over China. It is generally known that Madam Chiang Kai Shek is a graduate of Wellesley College and has been in charge of the aviation forces; but while she is up to date in a political sense she is also a home woman and can be a very gracious hostess.

For some years past Japan has endeavored to press unjust claims on China and this has created, especially among the High School and college students, an anti-Japanese feeling which has manifested itself outwardly at different times. This has incensed the Japanese.

At the time I left North China we were not permitted, in the area controlled by the Japanese, to have any public gatherings without the presence of a government secret agent. Even though it may be a Gospel meeting, if the speaker refers to war, or says that the teachings of Jesus Christ are opposed to war, or that the Christians should not back up war, he is taken to task. The Christian Church in Korea today is passing through a severe trial for just such public statements as these. During September and October, in one large center, twenty or more Christian pastors and evangelists were put in prison and several churches were closed in Japan.

The true facts of the conflict rarely ever reach the press and so the outside world knows little of what is actually going on. At the Woosung forts of Shanghai several thousand lives were sacrificed. When the Japanese entered China they did not carefully guard the civilians and many of them were shot without any cause. It is rather unusual for an Oriental country to disregard the dead but when the army entered into Nanking they had no regard for the dead.

China is far from being conquered; she may lose to some extent, her coastal cities but that is far from being China and when you realize that her territory comprises eighteen provinces, 2,326,822 square miles, with nearly five hundred million population, and that army marches in the interior mean months of travelling and hardship, it will easily be seen that if Japan is to make any progress in the interior she will have to have far greater financial backing than she has now. If Japan had not used her air forces in China she would never have had the gain she has had. But through that method railways and railway stations have been bombed and institutional places have suffered heavily.

Japan's attitude today is somewhat similar to that of England in the Nineteenth Century. She feels responsible for having Vladivostok in the North and, going South, every country and island in her way, including Australia, and if she should carry out such a program and be successful, what should hinder her from casting her eye across the Pacific. Don't forget I used that little word "*If*." As I have said, she has developed an industrial center in the last fifteen years. You may go to the heart of Africa and you will find cotton prints made in Osaka, Japan; or to any part of South America and you will find goods of the same origin. This is due to the small cost of production and the large output, and she must of necessity have raw material. Unless she gets this she is faced with an internal crisis. When you realize that there are 239 babies born every hour in Japan or 5,536 per day, or 2,020,640 every year, it will readily be seen that the small group of islands is far too small for such a rapidly-increasing population. Korea has not met the need, neither has Manchuria, and therefore she is taking more of China.

I believe this last time I left China was the hardest of any previous time. I felt the Chinese needed me and then, too, there are such great opportunities to give out the Gospel among the suffering, the wounded and the dying. I worked among the soldiers in previous years, during local civil wars and I found it was an opportunity not only for ministering to their physical and material needs but for giving the Gospel as well.

The Province of Shantung has been graciously visited with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the last five years. Many souls have been won to Christ and the sick were instantly

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The Prayers of the Prodigal

JOHN WRIGHT FOLLETTE

At Chicago Young People's Rally



MY DEAR young friends, I appreciate the honor you have shown by asking me to bring to you a message for this inspiring time of fellowship. I wish to share with you some of the thoughts suggested by reading once more the story of the prodigal son as told by Luke in the fifteenth chapter of his Gospel. This incident makes rich appeal to almost anybody, good or bad, rich or poor, old or young, experienced or otherwise, purely on the basis of its very human and natural elements. It is colorful and intensely dramatic; perhaps that is the reason it so interests the minds of young people.

I am sure we have all heard messages based upon this narrative, and are familiar with the usual interpretation and application of truth and the salutary moral lessons deducted. Tonight, I do not wish to trace the lines of thought from the usual points, but rather share with you the bread of truth as I have found it tucked away in the story—fully as suggestive and instructive as the almost stereotyped lessons drawn.

I have already suggested the theme for this meditation in the subject, "The Prayers of the Prodigal." At once we stop at the thought of prayer in connection with the prodigal, for one does not usually think of the prodigal praying. As a rule he is held up as an example in all the shame of his weakness and sin, but never do we picture him praying, and that twice.

Shall we review together the account and familiarize our minds with the general structure of it, so we may more fully appreciate *why* and *for what* he prays? We find here a typical home. It need not be only the one mentioned here, but is duplicated a thousand times over our countryside. The characters and conduct are essentially the same there or here, then or now.

We do not know how long these two brothers have lived happily together, sharing the common blessings of the home and enjoying the fellowship of each member. But the time is reached (sooner or later by all) when the discovery of self-expression comes, and a keen desire to venture out upon life, to experiment and try out many potential possibilities of being. The thrill of a new step and the responsibility and joy of being "on one's own" as we say, captivates

this younger brother. Let us here be tolerant. The two boys are evidently of very different temperament and disposition. Life appeals to each from very different angles. And surely there is nothing wrong in this. If the older son is satisfied to remain at home, continue in the general routine and perhaps prosaic life (at least to the younger son) let him stay. He is no doubt contented to go and come, come and go, and live out the life for which he seems fitted. Perhaps his gifts and callings are lodged in that field, and he would prove a great misfit did he try to adapt himself to a realm or condition for which he has neither capacity nor limited experience.

Nor shall we condemn the younger son. I am neither defending him nor excusing him. I do want to be fair and understand him. He may have been spoiled because he is the younger, as that sometimes happens. That, however, would be the fault of the parents. At any rate he has quite a different make-up from his brother, and for this he cannot be blamed. He begins to find within and ever pushing through to manifestation in life, a thousand unsatisfied desires and promptings. He may have been, shall I say blessed or cursed, with an imagination? I will leave that for you to settle. At least he feels certain desires stirring and the spirit of romance and adventure common to youth gives him a sense of crampedness, and a great hunger fills his heart to get out, out, out—ever *out*.

He dislikes the confines of the natural environment and its limitations. The robust, visionary, throbbing life wants to try its wings. He feels the pull of the free, sunny air; he sees the blue sky of youth, the distant hills, green and luscious. Yes, they are green (just as green as inexperienced youth). But the dear lad does not know that. And do not try to tell him unless you wish to have war and trouble. If you wish to help him, I trust God may give you grace, love, understanding and sound judgment. Try to see from his view-point. He has no background of experience as yet to help him, and so he is not capable of very sound judgment in many issues. He has not yet learned (as a Christian) the difference between possibility and probability. It takes some people a long, long time to learn this. And some seem never to learn it. Do not quarrel with nature. Meet the condition as it is, honestly, and help him to make the decisions necessary from his own heart, because he *wants* to do so. Do not buy him, and worse still, do not force him to do the

right, because if he does *not* he will break your heart. Never mind *your* heart. It is *his* heart you are after. A most interesting question of motives comes in here, and I am tempted to talk upon that line but must not. If you are older than he then try to retrace your steps, remembering your costly experiences, until you come to his level of understanding. He has not lived long enough to appreciate your good advice. He may listen out of respect, but it is most difficult for him to see how in any way, his present condition and mood could be helped by what you are telling him. He cannot feature himself facing results which you suggest. "You cannot put old heads on young shoulders." Use tact and find the *approach* to "where he lives," and work from that angle. Ask God for wisdom to discover the *motive* of appeal, and always remember it is a most delicate and sacred ministry. Drench it with prayer and intense love for his soul and well being.

Let us look again at this lad. The every-day going and coming, the humdrum life of Dad and the home folks nearly kill him. He thinks his brother is perfectly stupid, and all the rest of the world, to him, seems asleep. Oh if he could only *once* do something different, something *he* wanted to do! And what does he *not* think and feel he *could* do! Perhaps he is still in High School (this is, of course, all imaginary). I have to say this because some people are so unimaginative and literal they would probably ask me for a "proof text" that he ever went to school! Maybe he has finished college and is quite sophisticated, and has acquired that bored air so many young folks have. Life is slow and he has to *endure* so much from the "whole unlightened universe." Even a college graduate may have a technical knowledge of many points of learning, but there is one thing that a diploma can never give you, and that is the good sense and judgment that come from experience.

Now be patient, you older folk; he is not yet to be blamed. His whole attitude is a part of his nature and outlook. Perhaps he has fought down some foes with which you were never asked to contend. Sometimes people are praised for victory when, after all, it is *not* victory, for the person praised was too great a coward and too weak to be trusted with a real battle. I think we many times look into the eyes of dear souls who meet bravely enemies we are never asked to face. Be tolerant! The lad is not to be condemned, judged, and criticized—he needs

help! He needs someone to help *direct* the fire and desire, someone to understandingly assist him, put these fine qualities to use and great blessing. Shall I be frank with you? I like this lad very much. And I like very much every girl and every boy today clothed once more with his temperament and rich possibilities.

I cannot tarry here to consider why he goes to his father, etc. The whole field is fertile, suggestive and real. He can stand the cramping no longer, so he asks of his father his share of goods—"Give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." And here we can find no sin. It was not wrong that he should have what lawfully belonged to him. It was coming to him, and no doubt, being of age, the father consents at once to give him his portion.

Now we come to a field for speculation. It has been a great pleasure for some to let their imagination run on full leash, to sniff all the possible trails of discovery as to *how* he spent, *where* he spent, *why* he spent, and *when* he spent his goods in riotous living. But after all, the detail is not so necessary. At least God thinks so; I am sure He could have told us were it for our good. The point is, he wasted it in riotous living. *Now* we find the fault, the sin which brought him to the pig-pen. All the different things he did, and the many ways he wasted his substance, are surely wrong. But the chief sin was the "self-will" of inexperienced youth. Self-will is, after all, the root sin of the human race. All the manifestations of sin, as we see them in their outworking, are in the last analysis the fruitage of "self-will." All this young man did was to have *his own way*. Let that be what it may, it landed him in the place of defeat, failure, tragedy and loss. It always does.

All you have to do to land in hell is to have your *own way* in all the thousand patterns it may trace upon your map of life. The self-will of some men does not make so ugly a picture, but it will keep them away from God and truth fully as well as the self-will of another appearing in more picturesque and colorful trappings. Who knows but the self-will of the older brother at home may have been as nasty, in some ways, as that of the younger brother. At least he did not show a very happy and thankful spirit when his brother returned. I am afraid there was something "awful good" and perhaps "smug" about that older son. I don't seem to feel I would like his general personality very much. "Awful good" folks bother me sometimes. Do

not mistake me—goodness in itself never bothers me, for it is like God, and I love God. But “folks’ goodness” does. Do you see the difference?

So now we see our young friend reduced to the level of a pig-pen. He has had, as people say, “his fling in life.” He has tried out all the experiments and thrills he feels he was made for; he has had the tremulous excitement of venturing out upon the thin ice of personal freedom. He has come at last with tired heart and weary feet to the green hills only to find them decked with the brush of human experience thousands of years old. All those wise and subtle suggestions of *his* mind have been swallowed up in the vortex of human philosophy as old as the human race. How many, many things he has come to in his thrilling, bold adventure! He has come to wealth and he has spent it; to beauty and he has marred it; to truth and he has ignored it; to life and he has dissipated it. And now the story says, “he came

to *himself*.” My! my! What a revelation and what a discovery! Thank God he met himself. This is the revelation for which he was made. Only it is sad that he should have to travel so rough a road, and have to have this “auspicious meeting” in so unpoetical and crude a place. But never mind the pig-pen, it is the place of discovery and revelation to him. Let us think of that and not the pigs. The pen is not the end; it is the first step out and up. Where was *your* pig-pen? To what level of the human and sinful failure did you move before you, too, came to yourself? Perhaps your pen had a few straggling morning glories over it to hide its real character, but it takes more than a *morning* glory to hide it. Let us leave the pen. It is God’s glory that hides us. Thank His wonderful Name!

His restless heart has climbed the hill and now makes friends with him. Let me read to you from my book, “Smoking Flax,” this poem, “Restless Heart,” and see if you too know its language:

O heart of mine, thou restless one,
Past finding out are all thy ways.
At times thou cheerest me with songs
From fields I trod in other days.

What distant region dost thou know
From whence so often thou hast come
All trembling with the mystery
Of songs whose beauty strike the dumb.
And whither dost thou go in quest
Of minor notes that fill with pain—
Dim haunting tones I almost fear,
I dread and long to hear again?

What tidings wilt thou have for me
Of joys that flee and hopes that yearn?
Such painful lessons are thy lot;
So costly is thy toil to learn.
No warning dost thou seem to heed.
A lone and restless spirit thou,

In fruitless quest in realms afar
With no regard for wish or vow.

O foolish heart, some day, some day,
The freedom thou dost now enjoy
Will prove but prison bars of iron.
Thy zeal doth but thy peace destroy.
How long, how long, ere thou wilt find
The distant islands are not real,
But phantoms calling thee afar
Their only thought thy peace to steal?

I wait alone on yesterhill,
I know that thou wilt come again
To find me waiting patiently,
My windblown spirit drenched with rain.
O do not keep me waiting long,
Come, climb the hill and rest with me.
Together let us share our lot,
And find at home our liberty.

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Italy and the Arabs

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civilizing influences began to work rapidly within the Mohammedan countries. The titular head of the religion had been the Sultan of Turkey. With the break up of his power Islam no longer had a central force and its disintegration was rapid in many respects. The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem received the homage of some, but his power was restricted, and in the spring of last year he was forced to flee from Palestine, and has seen himself stripped of his power and

influence by the British Government because of the well-grounded suspicion that he was largely responsible for the incitation to riots and anti-Jewish incidents in Palestine. There is no other head for Islam. . . .

Lately there has come a new voice speaking to Islam, a voice which has been heard with pleasure by practically all those of Islam who dwell around the Mediterranean and under many different flags. This is the voice of Mussolini. As early as May, 1936, Mussolini began to speak

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The Man Who Pleads for Me

T. J. JONES, London, England
In the Stone Church

But this Man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7: 24, 25.



MY SUBJECT is Uttermost Salvation. Let me say that the word Salvation is an all-embracing word and means much more than simply being delivered from sin; it means that you can be free from anything that binds you; it includes sanctification and freedom from sin's dominion and salvation also embraces God's divine touch upon the physical body. Then, salvation has not only a present application but a future aspect, for in Romans 13: 11 we read, "For now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." So there is salvation in store for us which we do not yet have, when this vile body, this humiliated body shall be fashioned like unto the body of our Lord.

Now when Jesus first came down to earth He came as a prophet of God, charged with a mission from heaven, and as a prophet of God He paid the price, suffered and bled and died. Then God raised Him from the dead. What for? Did He finish it all when He died? No, He has been engaged ever since as a Priest to keep saved those who love Him down here. In our Scripture lesson we have Him presented as a Priest, engaged in the vocation of intercession, to keep us saved. So there is a past salvation, a present salvation and a future salvation.

When He comes again He is coming to subdue and change; to consummate the salvation He commenced when He translated our spirits from the power of darkness into His kingdom, and that will be uttermost salvation.

The Scripture we have read deals absolutely with the priestly work of Christ and I believe as you realize the full extent of this ministry it will bring you victory and deliverance. First of all may I mention that were it not for the Epistle to the Hebrews we would know nothing of the priestly work of Christ for there is no mention made of this in any other portion of the New Testament. You will remember that these Hebrew people were being tested, some

of them were taking joyfully the spoiling of their goods, some had suffered imprisonment and even martyrdom; the hands of some were hanging down. Now what truth did the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews bring to these people to help them? He showed them that the means of deliverance and blessing and victory could come if they realized the ministry of the High Priest which could succour and save them.

I have a Priest. You ask many Protestant people and they will tell you they have no priest, but I have had one ever since 1914. He is ever in the confessional box and He never makes any charge. You have the same Priest that the first pope had. They tell us that Peter was the first pope but he made a mess of things and if it had not been for the prayers of this High Priest the first pope never would have been able to get through, but I have the same Priest and He is able to save to the uttermost.

Now let me ask you, What was the purpose of the priesthood? Where did it originate? We find our answer in the Word of God. The children of Israel had been redeemed by the blood of a lamb. When they got to Sinai God said that if they would make Him a tabernacle He would meet with them there and dwell amongst them. But these people who had been delivered from Egypt were in constant failure and for God who was a Holy God to dwell among them, would have meant death instead of life for them, unless some provision was made whereby these things which were displeasing to Him, could be dealt with. And the same verses which tell us that God instituted the tabernacle, also declare that He instituted the priesthood. He called a man specially by name, and because he had no actual fitness He gave him fitness, typically speaking. He gave him garments which made him, typically, to belong to the priesthood. Aaron was to stand between God Almighty and this redeemed people, a converted people, brought out of the land of Egypt, but a people who continually needed a ministry of divine appointment if they were to keep in touch with God. Why? Because they failed constantly; they grumbled over the leader, they criticised the food and everything in general and had it not been for the divinely appointed priesthood they never could have gotten through to Canaan.

There was one instance, given in the 16th chapter of Numbers, where, because of the rebellion of the people a plague broke out and so terrific was it that Moses said to Aaron, "Rise,

take a censer in thy hand and run to the midst of the plague stricken company," and as he did the plague was stayed. The high priest typifies the Lord Jesus Christ, and when the high priest ran in there he saved the situation. Friends, I do not know how many times our High Priest has saved the situation for us. The way of access gets choked up by sin and failure; the best of us must admit that, and the purpose of the Priest is to keep the access clear, to use his prayers of intercession and to procure the favor of God where He has been displeased; to sprinkle the blood and to use His priestly mediation to secure a favorable standing with the High Priest. Uttermost salvation!

There are certain ports in the Baltic Sea that get frozen over in the intense cold weather so that it is impossible to have any communication with these sea ports. Consequently the Russian government has spent much money making ice-breaking boats which can ply between these various ports blockaded by the ice, thus keeping them open to communication in all kinds of weather. I thank God that I have a wonderful Savior who is employed by the Eternal Father, to keep the port open; oftentimes it must have been frozen over through my coldness but there is an ice-breaking boat travelling from glory to my heart to keep the access clear. So the purpose of the priesthood is to keep the people who have been delivered from Egypt, in favorable standing with God till they reach their home.

Now it says this Man hath an unchangeable priesthood. He never passes the job on to anyone else. Whoever heard that Melchisedec died? Aaron died and passed his job on to Eliezer, but no one can ever say that this eternal Melchisedec died. "This man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost," for his ministry is never interrupted by death, nor is it passed on to someone else. I wouldn't trust my faith in God to any other priest except it be Melchisedec. You may get the best you like, but give me Melchisedec.

"Wherefore He is able to save!" And what a lot of saving we need. Some people need saving from tempers, from habits which are altogether unbecoming to one who names the name of Christ. We find the tense given here is the continual tense—"He is able to keep on saving." The devil rages, the accuser roars, the slanderer of the brethren accuses us day and night before God but let me entreat you not to be continually defeated; God can break

the strongest fetters that hold you. He is able to save to the uttermost. One man has said in reference to this 7th chapter of Hebrews that two things stand out prominently; the first is, What a great deal of saving we need, and the other, How well Jesus Christ is able to do it.

Now let us see to what extent He can save; He says He will save to the uttermost. I wish I had a rule to measure that word *Uttermost*. If I could measure its length and breadth I might be able to say to some of you, You are beyond its measure; you are beaten. I might find it was not long enough to include you. Uttermost! This word, in this particular sense, occurs only two times in the New Testament; in this reference and also in Luke 13:11, in the story of the woman who was bowed down and could not lift herself erect. The Scripture says that she was so completely bowed that she was bowed to the *uttermost*. Who did it? Satan. He bowed her down to the very lowest. But look! to the same extent that the devil can get you down on the floor, correspondingly in the other way, can this Melchisedec raise your face heavenward. God never meant us to let our hands hang and be grovelling in the earth; He made man to be upright. He never meant us to be earthly-minded, with our attention rivetted to the earth. The earth is tottering and reeling, men's hearts are failing them for fear, but we are to look up, bend back, for our redemption draweth nigh. The word *uttermost* means complete, full, absolute, in every sense of the word.

Let me explain the word by a story: One of our preachers in England entered a home where he was to conduct a cottage meeting, and he saw, over the mantle-piece, a beautiful copy of a famous picture, of a rough cross on the rock-hewn base, the waves dashing high all around and the figure of a woman clinging to the cross, her feet dangling in the water and underneath was the word "*saved*." Mrs. B., the lady of the house, loved that picture for she said she could never forget how God had saved her. Time went by and on a later occasion the same minister came to the house and he noticed the picture was gone. "Oh," she explained, upon being asked the reason, "I have been reading Hebrews 7, and I am not just saved with my feet dangling in the water. I have discovered that I am ten miles inland." If we dare to believe it we can be ten miles inland. He has an absolute and full salvation for us; He can break the strongest fetters for He would not be just telling us these things to tantalize us

and allow us to be beaten again and again when we come to Him with longing hearts.

Now the next question is, How is He able to save so thoroughly and completely? I need not go out of our text to answer it. "This man, because he continueth ever . . . seeing he ever liveth to make intercession." A complete salvation hinges on *ever living*. The Aaronic priesthood failed because their priests ministered only in the shadows; this Priest ministers on high; He springs from the tribe of Judah and not from the tribe of Levi. Time does not allow us to give the full explanation of the vital connection between the priesthood and life, but you will notice that throughout the 7th chapter the contrast is made between the priests who were not suffered to continue by reason of death, and this Man who ever liveth. The others had successors; death interrupted their ministry but this Man had a priesthood which is never transferred to anyone else. He has held it now for nearly two thousand years. The priesthood on earth did not belong to the tribe of Judah but to the Levitical tribe and Christ became a Priest only through rising from the dead, for the first thing God said was, "Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." He ever liveth.

How sad must have been the case of an Israelite.

Let us suppose we are Israelites in Israel and I am one of the tribe of Judah, we will say. I am redeemed from Egypt through the blood, but something has happened that stands between me and God; I have had a difference with my brother and things are not right. What must I do? Every Israelite had a priest and so he went with his sacrifice, a lamb or a ram. He leads that lamb through the congregation. Where is he going? To the altar. What for? He will put his hand upon the head of that lamb and confess his sin. It is the sin offering. He confesses his sin, puts his hand on the head of the substitute; the knife falls and then the creature falls and is burned, and through the ministry of the priest the man is brought in touch with God once more. Supposing that this priest was one who was tender and sympathetic; I liked to go when he was on the job because he so thoroughly understood my case. But on a later occasion I come again to confess my sin; I make inquiries for this particular priest and they say, "No, he is no longer here; he died and was buried yesterday." I go home with a heavy heart because the priest who under-

stood me so well has passed on and I must find another priest.

Brethren, I have a Priest that ever lives. I wouldn't like to trust my case to anyone else, be he Roman Catholic or Greek Catholic; and what surprises me is that we as Protestants haven't made a bigger fuss over our Priest. The only ones who have a right to the priesthood are those who never die. Every other is a false priesthood. But we read that *this* Man was made a Priest, not after the law of the carnal commandment but after the power of an endless life. There was a time when His life was dissolved in the sense that His spirit was absented from His body, but when God raised Him from the dead He lived in the power of an endless life and His priesthood is connected with His risen and resurrected life.

Once there arose the question in Israel as to who should be the high priest. There was an insurrection amongst the sons of Korah and one said to Aaron, "You have taken too much upon yourself. You want to run the whole thing." Moses referred the matter to God who said, "Bring twelve dry sticks and write the name of every tribe on these sticks, one on each stick." So he brought twelve dry sticks, wrote the names of the tribes on them, then they put these sticks in the sanctuary where the ark of the covenant was, and God said to Moses, "The man whom I have chosen to be the priest, I will make his stick to bud with a blossom and that will settle the matter." And sure enough, when he looked in the morning, the stick with Aaron's name on it, had blossomed and brought forth. God had settled the question by bringing life to a dead old stick. God's Priest is Priest because He never dies. And because He ever liveth, He is able to make intercession. I would that the full wonder of it could thrill our hearts. Just think of it! If Melchisedec were dead for two hours, wouldn't the devil be hot after us! I am afraid it would be the finish of us. But he is always alive and always on the job. I have gone by some churches where I noticed a sign, "Father So-and-So will be back at four o'clock," and then I wonder what might happen till that hour arrives. Our High Priest ever liveth to make intercession. Charles Wesley has put it in these words:

"Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me."

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The Get Acquainted Page

Conducted by WATSON ARGUE

Presenting the story of one of our most outstanding missionary churches, The Pentecostal Church of Cleveland, Ohio. D. P. Holloway, Pastor. Brother Watson Argue was the evangelist for the last convention here.

ANOTHER Annual Missionary Convention concluded—the Twenty-Fourth! How well we remember the first of these annual feasts, when the Pentecostal Church of Cleveland took a definite step of faith in its steady growth as a missionary church.



D. P. Holloway, Pastor

The church had just recently been settled in its own property, the building on White Avenue having been purchased from the Swedish Baptists. The original congregation was composed of a few humble folk, rich only in faith. The

buying of this first building at the time seemed quite an undertaking, and we carefully, but not fearfully, counted the cost before going into it. With such a start the work could not but succeed, and it was not long before the missionary spirit which had all along been in evidence in the form of street work, jail work and personal testimony to be expected from earnest Pentecostal Christians, asserted itself in a real start in foreign missionary work.

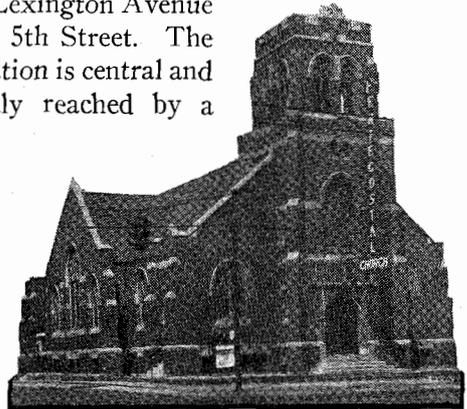
Marguerite Flint, whose success in India has been so marked, was the first of our army of soul winners to go forth. Since then other missionaries have gone forth from this church whose names have become known throughout the movement.

A number of our young people have also gone into the ministry here at home.

Only eternity will reveal the factors that entered into the moulding of the Pentecostal Church of Cleveland into the active missionary

church that it is, but no doubt the zeal of Brother D. W. Kerr for missions had a great deal to do with it. Under his ministry great strides were made, and when in the providence of God he moved west, we were fortunate in having Brother Gortner to fill the place. There was no abatement of the missionary spirit under his ministry. On the contrary, the foreign work held a prominent place in his heart also. It is said that any religious movement to endure must be built around some vital principle. Since Jesus commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, no more vital principle than that of propagating the Gospel can well be imagined.

The work grew and prospered under the ministry of Brother Gortner, but in process of time he also felt the call of God to move west. He was followed by Brother Geo. Bowie, well known and dearly loved until he was called home to glory. It was while Brother Bowie was pastor that the work reached the stage where it became necessary to look for larger quarters. This step again seemed great, especially for a congregation none of whom were wealthy, but we have a great God, and in faith in His unflinching grace the present building was purchased from the Lutheran congregation on the corner of Lexington Avenue and 5th Street. The location is central and easily reached by a



The Pentecostal Church, Cleveland, Ohio

number of street car lines. At first the building seemed a little large (seating nearly a thousand people) but we had the promise, "I will cause people to flow unto thee." In a very short time the seats were being filled at the regular services.

The long sickness and finally the death of Brother Bowie left the church much of the time with supply preachers. A few people feared that we might not be able to hold together under such unfavorable conditions, but in spite of this very real handicap, the work of the church went on as usual, the missionary offerings kept up, the payments on the church property were always promptly met, and the Lord blessed His people.

Brother H. J. Steil came to the Cleveland church shortly after Brother Bowie's decease. Under his ministry the attendance began to climb, until we had a gallery crowd at nearly every Sunday service. Although he felt called to another place, his ministry is cherished in memory, and he is loved by those who know him.

Brother B. E. Mahan came to Cleveland from Jeanette, Pa., where he had built up a good work. Under his loving ministry the work continued to enjoy the blessing of God, until he also answered a call to the East.

The church was again without a regular pastor, but God again demonstrated that He is able Himself to keep a congregation of saints who look to Him for guidance. We were obliged to use supply pastors much of the time. However, the Lord sent Brother Bard home from China about this time, and he was greatly used of the Lord in caring for the spiritual work of the church in this crisis.

The Cleveland church had become accustomed to the best of Pentecostal preachers, and the search for a suitable pastor revealed the fact that if good preachers were not scarce then we must be very particular. We considered a number who could easily have filled the place, but did not feel free to choose until finally we were brought in contact with a man whose whereabouts God knew all along. "Way down south was a Pentecostal preacher by the name of D. P. Holloway. As soon as the brethren met with him they were satisfied unanimously that here was God's man. It was not long before he was moving to Cleveland, with Mrs. Holloway and the three little girls. The whole lovable family quickly found a place in the hearts of the Cleveland saints. The young people especially, love them.

For the benefit of those who do not know him, Brother Holloway was saved and filled with the Spirit in 1911, and was ordained to the Full Gospel ministry in 1918. For a number of years he was engaged exclusively in evangelistic work, before he became the District

Superintendent for Mississippi, which office he held for four years. He was then called to the pastorate at Mobile, Ala., where he spent six years. It was under his ministry there that a large brick and stucco church building was erected and paid for during the depression. He was installed as pastor in the Cleveland church in June, 1935. At the time there was still a mortgage indebtedness of \$13,300 on the church, which was lifted in the early part of 1937.

The missionary campaign just closed we consider perhaps the best in some ways, that we have ever had. The earnest, efficient and effectual ministry of Brother Watson Argue has made an impression on the people and the work that will not soon wear away.

All in all the work in Cleveland is "looking up," as the saints also are looking up and expecting the soon coming of their glorious Lord. Those who read this may consider themselves invited to come in and worship with us whenever they may be passing through Cleveland.

—*Written by one of the old time members.*

The Man Who Pleads for Me

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If we fully understood all that it costs Jesus to put us back in touch with God when we so lightly sin, we would not so easily walk into the things that displease Him. It costs Him continual intercession to keep the right relationship between God and us because of our repeated failure. I think of Peter and how it was said of him, "Satan hath desired to have thee and sift thee as wheat," and God only knows how Satan did shake him till he must well nigh have gone the same way as Judas, but there was one saving feature, for Jesus had said, "I will pray for thee that thy faith fail not." He ever liveth to make intercession. As long as He lives in the sanctuary above I can hear the bells of the mighty Melchisedec. Though Satan rages and the world, the flesh and the devil put on their greatest attractions I am safe for I have in the sanctuary above, a living, eternal, everlasting High Priest who ever makes intercession.

Now we have come to the final point, How to get it. The one condition for receiving this uttermost salvation is, "He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him." The approach to God is through Jesus. How shall we come? Come with your brokenness for *there* is true confession. Come with your

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The Lowest and the Highest Eager for the Gospel

MISS BLANCHE APPELBY

In the Stone Church



AFTER spending seven and a half years on my last term, I want to praise God for bringing me safely back here. I sailed from China on July 24th and it wasn't till after I had left Japan that the radiogram was received telling us that China and Japan were engaged in war, although undeclared. Since arriving home I have received air mail letters and Chinese periodicals which tell of some very harrowing scenes. One told that in Canton in two days they had six air raids and the sights were fearful; as many as one hundred bodies were piled up on the streets in one heap. Another wrote that in her town there were air raids and bombs were dropped about a half mile from the chapel, making holes 18 to 20 feet deep. She said her nerves were shattered because of the continual strain. They are not permitted to have any lights in the chapel, at least no bright lights, so they conduct their service from 6:30 to 7:30. She said that when the Chinese heard the air raids they became so frightened that they ran, and those sending the bombs could see the moving objects and immediately dropped the bombs. So for the present our missionaries have had to vacate the interior stations but the native workers are carrying on and I would beseech special prayer for them and all the native Christians. I have rejoiced to hear from the field that since the war has come the Chinese are giving themselves more to prayer and seeking God's face. Please pray for those in authority. I have been told that Chiang Kai Shek rises every morning at 5:30 to have private devotions and after they have family prayer and before he settles any problem they first bow their heads in prayer to ask God's guidance. Pray that God's will may be done.

I want to bring before you some thoughts from that wonderful verse in John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

It is wonderful to be given to hospitality; I have read of the house of Stephanus being addicted to hospitality and I know that many

times, when we receive God's children into our homes we really entertain angels unawares; we benefit spiritually in our contact with them. I remember hearing a missionary tell the story of how a queen and some friends were overtaken by a terrible storm and were forced to take refuge in the home of a peasant. The peasant woman received them kindly, inviting them to sit down and serving them tea. Somehow, after they had departed she found that one member of that party was the queen. So thrilled was she that she bound beautiful ribbon from one arm of the chair to the other and no other person was permitted to sit in that chair because the queen had honored it. Whenever anyone came to her home she would say, "This is the chair in which the queen sat." I think there is One who is greater than any King or Queen of any country and that is the Lord Jesus Christ and it is our privilege to receive Him. Perhaps not in the way that peasant woman received the queen but in a far more important manner—to receive Him into our lives and give Him the throne chair of our hearts, and if we could imitate that peasant woman, that throne chair would be reserved for Him alone. "But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God."

I shall briefly tell you of some in China who have received Him and have been given this power to become the sons of God. How I praise Him for the power of the Gospel. I often think it is not eloquence, it is not a high mental caliber, although that is to be desired, but it is the Gospel that is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

I remember very distinctly, while I was still on my first station in Lo Pau, we were having special meetings. I was staying at the school and because of the students studying aloud, I was unable to concentrate so I took my Bible and went out to find a shady spot where I could commune with Him. I started to turn to the left, towards the dike, but suddenly I heard a gentle voice whispering, "Turn to the right." I obeyed and seeing a spreading banyan tree in the distance I went there to read. A woman came along who appeared to be demon possessed. I invited her to sit down by me, thinking here was an opportunity to witness for Christ. She said she had no time as she had to beg, and although I do not approve of giving money to beggars I told her if she would sit down and listen I would give her something with which to buy her a meal. But she went on. Soon

another woman came, an old grandmother. She sat down beside me under that banyan tree and asked, "You are a Western physician, aren't you?" I said, "No." "Well, what have you come here for then?" she asked. "To preach the Gospel." She said she had heard the Gospel once but was still worshipping idols and then she added, "I thought you were a physician and that you could heal my eyes. That is why I came to you."

Her eyes were so blind that when she took her basket of things to be marketed, the people would steal from her, so she had to have someone lead her and she said, "I thought you could heal my eyes so I wouldn't have to have anyone lead me." I said, "Grandma, I can introduce you to a Specialist who can heal your eyes, but you cannot worship false gods and the true at the same time."

She invited me to come to her home and I went. I invited her to our special meetings where she could be anointed and the Lord would heal her. She came the next day and as she came to the prayer room after the sermon, the minister said, "Grandma, if you will empty your incense urn, God will heal you." She was anointed and prayed for and then she went home. She told us she lay in bed and said, "Lord, search my heart, if there is any sin there forgive me and heal me," and she said that the pupils of her eyes began to revolve and the next morning she could see the light. She came to the chapel and said she could see the palms of her hands and the finger nails. She was overjoyed as she told us she did not need anyone to lead her now. The next day she came again and at the close of the preaching service she went into the prayer-room and God gave that poor and ignorant woman who could neither read nor write, a vision of heaven. Those around her could feel she was going higher and higher and as she entered she said, "The avenues are paved with precious stones, and oh, the trees and the flowers!" Then an angel led her to the golden laver and there she was bathed and washed clean. From there he took her to the great Father, but as He looked at her she said, "I am so poor, so inferior and so unworthy." But the heavenly Father said, "Am I not your Father and aren't you my daughter? Why should I not take care of you?" Soon she had led her husband to the Christ and for many months they lived for the Lord and loved Him. In their last hours the Chinese preacher and Bible woman ministered to them and then the

dear old couple went home to be with the Lord. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Let me tell you of another one who came from quite a different rank than this old grandmother. When we went to our interior Station called Eight Steps, a little over a year ago, there was a lady who had studied medicine, had been a teacher and then married a very prominent man. He was a land owner and at the time of the opening of our chapel she kindly loaned us flowers for the occasion and later on I called on her to express my thanks. Thus we became acquainted. Later on we rented four rooms from her. Two of these rooms were quite airy and light but the other two had no windows. Before we rented the place I looked at the rooms on the fourth floor and there I saw a beautiful shrine with the goddess of mercy and I learned that this highly educated, wealthy woman was bowing down to this goddess. Though she had wealth and station she did not have peace because she did not have Jesus. But when we moved in, the shrine was moved out even though we did not say a word about it. She began to listen to the Gospel and then when we had the evangelist come to our place with the tent she came to the meetings and accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. Then when Mr. Johnson came up in March there were sixteen to be immersed. It was a raw day and of course we had no baptistry but this wealthy lady of rank joined the others, giving her testimony to the people of her town who knew her. After she was baptized one of her friends bet with another to give \$100 to get her to play *mah jong*, a gambling game. She knew nothing of the trap but they sent someone to her home to invite her out. After she had been there a while they brought out the game and said, "Let us play," but she said, "No." "Why not?" they asked, and she said, "For three reasons: First, because I am a Christian; second, because my husband doesn't approve of it; and third, because it is against the government orders." And they failed to persuade her. When the friend saw she couldn't win her over she was unwilling to give the \$100 but she compromised by inviting the other woman to a feast. At another time they invited her to eat food which had been offered to idols; she came to me for advice and I showed her the passage in God's Word forbidding Christians to eat food offered

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Utah Plant for Bombs

The only army ammunition plant west of the Mississippi, seven miles south of Ogden, Utah, has neared completion and will be ready to start producing giant bombs February 1st. The \$2,500,000 new arsenal has a storage capacity of some 8,000,000 pounds of deadly explosives.

Chief activity will be the loading of the new 2,000-pound airplane bombs, that stand more than eight feet in height, hold 1,000 pounds of high explosives, and cost \$1,500 each.

U. S. to Build 11 Battleships

The President's budget will call for funds being provided during the coming fiscal year for two of these new 35,000-ton battleships, at least two light cruisers, eight destroyers and six submarines. The battleships will cost about \$60,000,000 each and will mount sixteen-inch guns, the most powerful naval armament in the world.

Big Air Fleet in Hawaii

Plans were announced to make navy aircraft forces in Hawaii the swiftest and most powerful ever based at the cross-roads of the Pacific, by adding 42 multi-motored long range patrol and bombing planes in 1938.

New Army Device "Spots" Planes 20 Miles

A machine which spots an airplane 20 miles away by the heat thrown off by the plane's motor is nearing perfection—amid great secrecy—at the hands of army engineers.

Experiments being conducted at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., already have demonstrated the device's success.

It was described as "an extremely delicate heat detector which through infra-red rays, can spot and follow the fastest pursuit plane, even if the plane has the engine shut down and is flying without lights."

Scrap Cargoes Forecast War

Waterfront activities reflect fears of war in Europe. When roustabouts see mountains of scrap iron begin to move abroad their hunch is "there's trouble ahead." They predicted the war in the Far East 18 months ago, they say, and now they look for war in Europe soon.

The flow of scrap iron has shifted from the Far East to Europe.

British Goal is 10,000 Military Planes

It was learned on high authority Great Britain expects within one year, to have a fleet of 10,000 military airplanes—which will more than equal the combined air strength of Italy, Germany and Japan on the basis of available estimates.

20 Million Gas Masks Ready

Mr. Wedderburn, Under-Secretary for Scotland, announced twenty million gas masks are now ready for the populace of the British Isles.

80,000 German Fliers are Ready to Fight

Between 80,000 and 110,000 regularly uniformed men, foreign military observers estimate, are now ready to spring into the air for a war-plane defense of Germany.

This amazing air-force—unique in the light of the relatively short time that Germany has been rearming—is bolstered by a civilian aviation corps of unknown strength, a reserve group "on call" for national emergency.

U. S.-English Pact in Naval Move

Diplomatic officials discussed the possibility that the dispatch of three United States cruisers to Singapore next month is intended to give Japan a demonstration of the seapower Great Britain and America can combine in the Far East. Officially, the reason for the trip is to have the American Navy represented at the opening of new docks—marking the virtual completion of Britain's formidable Singapore base.

The Gentle Art of War

A recent news dispatch from Tokio puts two Japanese lieutenants on a par with the opinion expressed by Vittorio Mussolini in his recent book, that war is a wonderful sport, the "quintessence of beauty."

For these Japanese officers wagered to see which first could kill 100 Chinese soldiers. The race went on merrily, but all bets were off when both found they had overshot the mark and were tied at 106 each.

So they agreed to go on with 150 as the goal. Such sidelights on the "gentle art of warfare" as practiced by the Japanese wins for them the same measure of universal applause as greeted the boasts of the younger Mussolini.

Japan Builds Up Fleet to Outrank U. S.

Despite the secrecy surrounding Japan's defenses, disturbing reports of a huge new naval program have reached Washington. According to these reports, Japan, under the third fleet replenishment program began laying down last July 1st, four 45,000-ton battleships mounting 16-inch guns, and sixty-three other ships. These include five aircraft carriers, seven cruisers, forty-three destroyers and eight submarines.

China to Put 800,000 More in Field

China is training, behind the lines, a new army of 800,000 men to support the ninety divisions—approximately 900,000 men—trying to hold back the Japanese horde.

Red Army Aid in Mongolia is Reported

Forty thousand Soviet troops were reported to be entering Outer Mongolia as the Japanese, moving from captured Tsingtao and Taining, sought to strengthen their grip on rich Shantung Province in the North.

British Kill 43 Arabs

Strong contingents of British troops guarded the Bethlehem pilgrimage today after reports were received that forty-three Arabs were killed and more than twenty wounded, in a furious two-day battle in the Tiberias region.

Only three British casualties were reported in the battle, and they suffered wounds.

Pilgrims of many creeds and races thronged to the shrines of the Holy City and near-by Bethlehem to commemorate the birth of the Prince of Peace while the police guarded against a feared outbreak of terrorism.

New Tinder-Box

The Near East and Northern Africa have emerged during this year as a new powerful tinder-box. From Palestine to Libya, and from Morocco to India, the Moslem world is being goaded to rise against Franco-British mastery and to seek the protection of Mussolini who assumed the role of the liberator of Islam early in the year. It is a prize weapon in his arsenal for the restoration of the Roman Empire.

Stalin's Purge

The eight former Communist "big shots" just slaughtered by Stalin's firing squads included Leon Karakhan, who a few months ago was Russia's ambassador to Turkey.

This brings the total of victims of the Stalin purge to more than 1300 and shows that Communism is progressing rapidly in Russia—backward.

Hardly a day goes by, but what we read in the papers of new deaths due to execution by the Russian Government. Many of these have been arrested and executed for minor offences which, perhaps, were mostly pretexts for a good excuse to do away with characters or persons who might obstruct the Russian leader's program and plan. All this is a forerunner and foreshadowing of the coming Purge of the Antichrist, when he will seek out those who believe in the name of Jesus and who will be executed for minor offences, because they will not be heartily in sympathy with his form of government. Christians cannot take the Mark of the Beast and because they will not become loyal supporters and active boosters for the Antichrist he will deem it legitimate to do away with the Christians.

Anti-Jewish Drive

Rumania's 1,200,000 Jews faced the new year with the gravest anxiety today as stringent measures imposed by the new Government of Octavian Goga for the "regulation of foreigners" made them fear the loss of their homes and fortunes.

These leaders are demanding that all foreigners who have become Rumanian citizens after 1920 be expelled from the country or be limited so strictly in occupation privileges that they be reduced to poverty. Such restraints would hit squarely at thousands of Jews, who fled from Russia, Poland, and Germany after the World War.

Jews, desperately contemplating a flight now to a new haven, asked, "Where to?" This Jewish persecution is a means to drive the Jews to their homeland thus fulfilling prophecy.

Liquor Cited as Major Cause of Sex Crime

Samuel Papanek, young assistant Cook County State's Attorney, said that a year as head of the unit had convinced him "liquor is the major cause of sex crimes."

He added, "Investigations have shown that the offenders came from well-to-do families with excellent backgrounds as well as the poorer residential districts.

"We're up against a tough problem. We're fighting a primeval urge that's infinitely strong. Intoxication has in many cases made sex-offenders out of persons known as law-abiding citizens."

California Storm Damage

Damage from the California storm and high water from December 10th and 13th reached an estimated total of \$14,635,000.

Unemployment

The results of the National Unemployment Census reveals possible maximum unemployment of 10,870,000.

Millions Visit Lenin's Body

Nikolai Lenin's unmouldering body has attracted 11,500,000 visitors to his tomb in Red Square since his death nearly 14 years ago.

War and Debt

From 1917 to 1919, the United States increased its public debt from three billion dollars to more than 25 billion dollars. This was to fight a war.

From 1933 to 1937 we increased the debt from approximately 22 billion dollars to approximately 37 billion dollars. This was to fight an unseen economic foe—an enemy called "depression."

There was no great opposition to the war expenditures but there has been great opposition to the expenditures raised for the "depression" fight. And yet the depression is largely the result of the war and of the world-wide economic dislocations caused by that war.

The tragic thing is that men recognize this, but are apparently unable to prevent its recurrence. The economic frictions caused by the last war seem to be leading up to a new war, and no force seems equipped to break the vicious circle.

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Revival Fires in India

MRS. ESTHER HARVEY, Superintendent of the Sharannager Mission, India, writes of unusual blessing and power in their midst. She says:

We had three weeks' meetings in October and the Lord blessed in a precious way. Several who had been members of a Methodist Church for many years and had never had a 'born again' experience were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. One of our lady teachers, a Methodist all her life, was saved and wonderfully filled with the Spirit. She is a joy to our hearts and how she does help lift the burdens through prayer! Another to receive was a teacher who was visiting here. She teaches in a Wesleyan School in Fyzabad. Hers was the most wonderful baptism I have ever seen. The meeting started at 8:30 A.M. and she was in the church until 4 P.M. The night before, the Lord had dealt with her and she had felt her sins were forgiven. She worshipped the Lord, folding her hands and bowing her head to the floor in real Eastern fashion. Her face was aglow with the glory of God; she was as clay in the hands of the potter as the Spirit took possession of her. For five hours she was absolutely lost in praise and worship, singing in the Spirit a wonderful chorus of praise and worship. For two days and nights she was with Christ in the heavenlies and did not want to talk with anyone. Since going back to her school she has asked for definite prayer as she has such a burden for the girls in her classes, and for the other teachers.

The Lord was especially good to our Methodist friends in these meetings. Two lady teachers received the baptism; also the niece and nephew of one of our workers who were also Methodists.

A new girl of fourteen who came to us in August was sweetly saved at this time. Her aunt had heard about the healing meetings here through a blind man who had had his sight restored in answer to prayer. The girl's mother was not a good woman and ran away; the father was dead and she had no one to care what happened to her. As she heard her aunt and the blind man talking she determined to find her way to the Mission. Fearing to ask the way, she stole away early in the morning, before daylight, saying she went the way "her heart told her." We took her in, feeling that God had

a purpose in sending her. She saw the love of Christ manifested in the Women's Home and when the meetings started she began to seek the Lord. She cried to God for forgiveness, confessed to things she had taken and made wrongs right. She knew nothing of Christ a few weeks ago but I wish you could hear her pray now!

Nine received the baptism of the Spirit during the meetings. We were disappointed in our big boys; there seemed to be a spirit of rebellion among them. We were short financially and as I went to the Convention I had only \$1.50 to leave with Miss Baird. I told her the grain would last several days but when this was gone to get no more on credit as I had had such a hard time to pay the last bill. The grain became low and for several days they had only one meal a day. Sunday came and all that was left was a little flour to make bread but nothing to go with it. They decided to go without during the day and have the dry bread at night. The boys were rather bitter at first, having to go hungry, but the Lord worked in their hearts. By the time they went to prayer they were crying to God for mercy. The break came among the big boys that night. The little boys had been so blessed praying for the older ones, and thank God every backslider came back to God that night. There was such joy and rejoicing they forgot all about being hungry. Five more received the baptism, making fourteen in all.

As you know, there is a great stir among the depressed classes to break away from caste and Hinduism. The Mohammedans and Sikhs see this and are putting forth every effort to get them to join them, but nothing but Christianity gives to all the same place. Girja Dayal, our Pastor, had a meeting with the sweepers and about fifty declared they wanted to be Christians and they want others to join them in this move. If fifty or more stand together they will not lose their work for no one but sweepers will do their work.

Three of our own boys and three of our orphan girls are now preaching the Gospel. A boy and a girl finish Bible School in a short time and will be ready for service. Two or three other boys are waiting to be sent to Bible School. We would be glad if the Lord would lay it upon hearts to support these in School. Our S. S. will help support one boy, but the church cannot do much more at present. They support five workers and pay the rent of the outstations, and this comes to a big item. Pray

for our church that our people learn to take responsibility. We have a fine band of workers.

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Miss Katherine Cooke, working in Muriaro, Bihar Province, India, writes of great victories when the enemy came in like a flood: They arranged for special meetings with two Indian Christians whom the Lord is using all over India, Mr. and Mrs. Tobit. They belong to the educated class and also know how to minister to the lower castes.

At this mission station there had been a real critical situation because the native Christians took a great dislike to one man and his mother who were both very quarrelsome and unrighteous. During the special meetings after four days there was a real break. "The Lord began working with the most self-righteous woman in the place. She went down before Him and confessed her sins. Then the old mother who had been the worst quarrelor in the place began to weep and was completely broken. She broke down and confessed her sins and confessed to me (Miss Cooke) and Sister Dyke, asking for forgiveness. Then these two women fell into each other's arms weeping and asking forgiveness. It was a sight to behold, for these two women had been at dagger's points and the whole place knew it! When people here become angry at each other they do not try to hide it, and everybody knows it. Others melted under the mighty hand of God and such confessing and weeping Muriaro has never known before.

At this time the son and his wife, who had left town and declared they would never return, came back. She had been unable to sleep, and though she knew it not, the Lord was troubling her and causing them to return. In the very first meeting she broke before the Lord, gave her heart to Him and confessed that she had been a Christian only in name before, having been brought up in a mission school but never experienced the new birth. She was under a great burden for her husband, and on Sunday night he broke and how God worked in his heart! On Tuesday he wept and wept and came to me on his knees asking forgiveness, for he had said so many untrue things. Then each of the men wept like children, put their arms around one another and confessed and forgave. All the village folk hearing the noise came crowding on to the veranda for they had never seen such a sight.

How much easier it is to do village work now! One night we had about 500 people gathered

around on the village threshing floor, and they sat and listened for over an hour. We had a petromax lantern and as far as the light reached could be seen dark faces with gleaming eyes, naked bodies shining in the lantern light, the hot, tropical night alive with the sounds of the jackal and fox in the fields all around! Wonderful to think that Jesus is the same out here and that the Spirit can work in these dark minds. As the voices rang out, "Jesus Christ is my Savior and He died to save the whole world," how one did long for every heart to accept Him and be at peace!

The Conflict Between China and Japan

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healed from long-standing diseases. This has been a strong testimony for the Gospel of Christ and it has stirred many to listen to the message. In our section in North China we have carried on a regular course of Bible study in our work; then in various parts of the city we hold cottage prayer-meetings in the homes of the Chinese. We have found this method of Gospel work very successful for we can reach those who will not come to a church or mission and God has been working so that the neighbors have been coming in to listen and many have come to a saving knowledge of Christ. We also have a sub-station in connection with our central work. There are great opportunities and if we should have to withdraw our forces now we would likely lose the stronghold which it has taken many, many years to build up. The young man that I took with me, my son in the faith, has been left in charge of the work and every phase of it is still going on. Unless things become worse we expect to return to carry on within the year.

I believe if we ever needed to pray for China it is now, for prayer is the one effectual means of moving things. This is no time to allow feelings to enter the hearts of Christians. The world in general is changing. Just now we live in the land of the free and the home of the brave but we never know what one year will bring forth in America. We are living in a changing world but as Christians we should not permit any political condition to make any change in our prayer-life and hinder our responsibility to a lost world. The church is still responsible and Christ's commission is not limited to a perishing Chicago, for the world should be our parish. The need in China or any part of our world, will never be met by a dictator but by

the Gospel of Christ, in all its reality. Men's hearts are failing them for fear but I believe the Christian people hold the key to the situation.

I praise God for the privilege of laboring in North China for twenty-one years and my interests and prayers are continually there to the end that God will, in these days of unrest and destruction of lives and property, bring forth a condition that will be to the praise of Jesus Christ and that we may go forth to greater activity for Him. We need your prayers. The Gospel work in which we are engaged is a work of faith and funds are needed to continue. "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

The Man Who Pleads for Me

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failures and tell Him the whole story, unburden your heart. We have the same Priest that the early Apostles had, the same Priest that brought Peter through, the same Priest that has successfully interceded for hundreds and thousands who have gone on before us, and He ever liveth.

Let me repeat my text: "This man—dwelling high above them all—because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood—holding the untransferrable priesthood in his hand—he is able to save them—completely, absolutely—that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." "For such an high priest becometh us." I have a wonderful Priest!

The Lowest and Highest Eager for the Gospel

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to idols; she accepted the truth, went to her friends and said, "My Bible tells me I am not to eat that food."

I lived with this wealthy woman of rank for months and early in the mornings I could hear her out in the flower garden, reading the Word of God and communing with Him. I thank God for the rich and the poor; the Word says, "Not many mighty are called," but praise God, there are some, though we praise Him equally as much for the common people who heard Him gladly.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Italy and the Arabs

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openly for the Mohammedan world to hear.

Addressing the Italian Senate at that time he said, "With the conquest of Ethiopia we have increased our Moslem subjects by many millions. I assure them that Italy will support peace, justice, and respect for the laws of the Prophet, and we will express before the whole world our sympathy towards Islam and Moslems." He has not failed to follow up this introductory promise with many words and gestures which lead to action.

The reasons behind these declarations are easily discovered. In the first place it was of immediate aid to the Italian cause in Ethiopia. One Italian writer, explaining Mussolini's attitude toward Islam, said that the Duce was determined to use the powerful religious resources that might have proved a powerful opposition, and to turn these forces for Italy's purposes. So the conquering Italians have furthered the building of mosques, and the founding of Mohammedan schools in all the towns and villages where there was any strong number of followers of Islam, not only along the coast, but also in the heart of the desert regions, both of Libya and of Ethiopia. In her older colony, Libya, where there are more than two million Moslems, fine Arabian schools have been built, and in Tripoli a High School for Islamic Culture and Jurisprudence has been founded. Here the new district governors are being formed, going out to rule the hinterland under full Moslem procedure. A strong radio station has been built at Bari, broadcasting Italian propaganda to the Arabic world. It has been so pro-Arab that it was the subject of diplomatic conversations between Great Britain and Italy, with the latter promising to tone down the broadcasts which were giving the Palestinian Arabs too much comfort in their struggle against England.

Italy had, before the Ethiopian contest 625,000 Moslems in Libya, more than a million in Somaliland, and a third of a million in Eritrea. The armies that marched to the attack on Ethiopia included 60,000 Moslem troops from Somaliland and 12,000 from Libya. These were strong advocates of Italy's cause among the three million Moslems of Ethiopia who have now been added to the new Roman Empire.

It was only natural that the whole Arabic press greeted the Italian attitude with great joy. Islam had been bound down under Turkey, England, and France, with Arab law banished to the schools. Now with the independent Arabic kingdoms of the post-war times—Iraq,

Arabia, Transjordania—Arab law and procedure were reestablished. Italy, however, was the first colonial power to accept such jurisdiction as legal and binding on her Moslem subjects.

It is the determined policy of Italy to use the Moslems against the other powers that stand in her way of Empire. Some years ago Italy provided Iran with her first gun-boats in order to demonstrate to England that Iran is strong enough to protect her own coast along the Gulf of Iran. The crews of these gun-boats were trained by Italian officers. . . .

There are tens of thousands of Italians in the rebel army of Spain, fighting side by side with tens of thousands of Moors from Spanish Morocco. These Moors, of course, are Mohammedans and their native tongue is Arabic. It does not hurt for these troops to know that the Italian Government is sympathetic toward Islam, and not merely tolerating them as an arm to use against Spanish radicalism.

Mussolini also stands to gain through his new Arabic policy by fomenting trouble in the Mediterranean lands that are under the flag of France or Great Britain. During the past autumn there were riots in many places in Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco, all directed against the French Government. It has long been known that Italy greatly desires to possess these lands in order to place some of her surplus population. Tunisia in ancient times was the site of Carthage, and Carthage was the granary of ancient Rome. The French possessions in northern Africa are capable of supporting a population many times their present number, and are capable of producing enough grain to supply the whole of Europe. It is only natural that Italy should look with longing eyes on these fields that are so near home. In fact, multitudes of Italians have drifted down into Tunisia so that there are more Italians than French in that colony and Italian is as frequently heard in Bizerte, Sfax and Tunis as is French. One news magazine, commenting on the recent riots, the details of which were suppressed by the French Government, described the three colonies as follows: "There is a great difference in the three North African units ruled by France. Morocco is a mandated protectorate whose prime utility to France is its magnificent Berbers who are the most intelligent, fearless fighters in Africa, and provide the Spahi levies of the French cavalry. A great drought this year has all but starved the Spahi's back-country kinsmen, made them desperate. Algeria is a rich and enormously valuable part of France.

. . . . It is administered by a Governor-General and the Foreign Legion sits on disgruntled tribesmen. . . . Italy, under the guise of aid to the Spanish rebels, now dominates the Balearic islands of Formentera, Iviza, and Majorca. Italians openly operate the Majorcan airdromes. . . . These islands are on the Mediterranean route between France and her North African possessions which are as profitable to France as India is to Great Britain. If Italy keeps undercover control of the Balearics, it can prevent France, in case of war, from getting food and native soldiers from North Africa. Italy would furthermore check-mate the French arrangement of naval bases on the French and Algerian coasts. Mussolini is also spreading anti-French propaganda among the Moslems of North Africa. . . ."

An interesting phase of the troubles in Algeria is that the Moslems resent the fact that the million Jews in that country have the vote, while four million Moslems have no vote. Italy is stirring up anti-Jewish propaganda there, hoping in some way to profit by the continuing disturbances. Recent headlines in the *New York Times* show that France is somewhat worried. On October 15th, we read, "7,000 More Troops Are Sent to Libya." The article reports that the Italian force in Libya is now increased to 33,000 troops, more than matching the 30,000 troops which France maintains in near-by Tunisia. On October 20th, front-page, two-column headlines blared that France was sending a big airplane fleet to Tunis, and that it was charged that an Italian plot had been discovered there. The article included a paragraph from a report made by Jacques Kayser, concerning "Italian agitation among Moslems," as follows, "Italy recruits agents and pays propagandists among natives, subsidizes Moslem pilgrimages to Mecca, and uses her radio stations to broadcast anti-French and anti-British propaganda in Arabia."

There can be no doubt that France has some reason to be worried. Her richest lands in Africa lie between the extended jaws of Italian pincers in Libya on the one side and in the Balearics on the other. If France is concerned with what worldlings can see from the point of military strategy, what would she be if she knew that the whole of Biblical prophecy announced that she was to lose these African colonial possessions, or rather that they were to be included in the coming Roman Empire, since they were a part of the former Empire!

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2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing [falsehood]?
Se'-lah.

Ps. 12.2; 31.6,18; 69.7-10.

PSALMS 88:13

13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent [come before] thee.

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