

THE MESSENGER

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS CONVENTION AT TORONTO, (WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1927)

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

Mayor Foster Welcomes Conventioners

Judge Rutherford, ladies and gentlemen, it affords me very great pleasure that I have this opportunity to welcome to the Queen City, the City of Toronto, the delegates from all parts of the world who are attending this magnificent convention. I have much pleasure as the magistrate of the City of Toronto in welcoming you to our city. I extend to each and every one the freedom of our City while you are attending this great congress. I hope after you have completed your very important work that you will remain in the City of Toronto for a day or two so as to have some relaxation from your strenuous work, that you may become acquainted and see something of our Queen City.

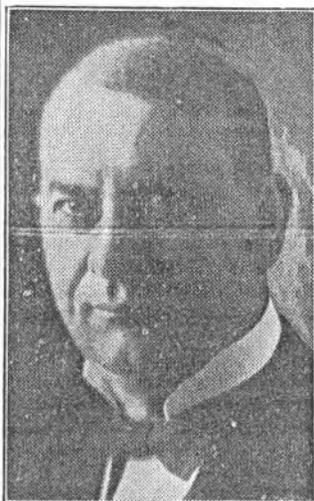
We have a City here which is developing rapidly. To give you an indication of its progress and the public works that are under way, our system of water supply to our citizens has about ninety million dollars invested, which is entirely owned by the people of the City of Toronto, not by private corporations. We are up to the peak of that supply. We are now duplicating it at an expenditure which is under way costing fifty million dollars. We have also a supplementary reservoir, which cost eleven million dollars, to meet the demands for domestic and sanitary conveniences in the northern part of the city, a district which has been developed within the last five years, which I hope you will have the pleasure of seeing. It is very much elevated, some four or five hundred feet higher than where you are located today.

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sand students who attend there come from all parts of the world, indicating the confidence that the people have in the educational facilities in the City of Toronto. We established several years ago a technical school for the purpose of giving special training to the coming generation, and several have been built since, accommodating now about 15,000 students.

I extend to you my deep appreciation of your holding this great congress in our City. I thank Judge Rutherford and the rest of you for coming to our City, for I do appreciate this wonderful congress, almost the largest ever held here, and I hope you will be favored with splendid weather during your visit here.

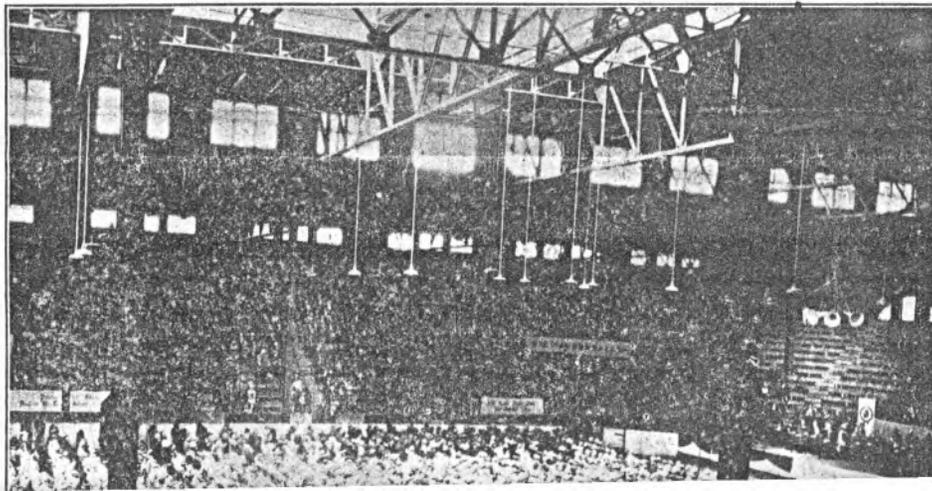
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Judge Rutherford Responds to Mayor's Welcome

Mr. Mayor and the good people of Toronto, I have much pleasure in acknowledging the words of greeting spoken by the Mayor. I received a letter from him some months ago inviting us to hold this convention here, and I was favorably impressed from that time. The treatment accorded us in Toronto and by Toronto's officials has been unusually kind, and we appreciate it very much. It has been my good pleasure to visit every city in Canada from Quebec to Vancouver, and I unhesitatingly say that Toronto stands at the head of the list. Canada is a wonderful, resourceful country. It has great rivers, wonderful lakes, marvelous mountains, broad fields. It produces practically everything that man wants; and if a man should

God, His promises, His kingdom and the blessings that He has in store for all the families of the earth. I am happy to know, and I am sure that you are happy, that, as we observe the progress in this new land and see the people making improvements, we are much happier to say that the time is not far distant when the improving will be far greater. Toronto shall continue to grow, the beauty of Canada shall continue to grow, and the beauty of the people shall continue to grow, because the knowledge of Jehovah God, of His kindness and His glory shall fill the whole earth as deep as the lake out here, and much deeper, until all shall know Him from the least unto the greatest. And then it will not be necessary to hold conventions and for people to travel for thousands of miles to come together to tell each other about God, but all shall know Him from the least to the greatest, because we are entering upon the time in which the people shall know; and it is our privilege to be students of His Word to try to assist others to understand His goodness and His provision for the benefit of mankind. We would live in vain if what little we do here should pass away for ever, but we know that Jehovah created this earth for the benefit of man, that He purposes to make the earth a glorious place and that He has promised to restore and will restore the human race to perfection until all men shall become as youths, their flesh become fresher than a child's, their eyes keener than any we have seen, their wisdom sur-



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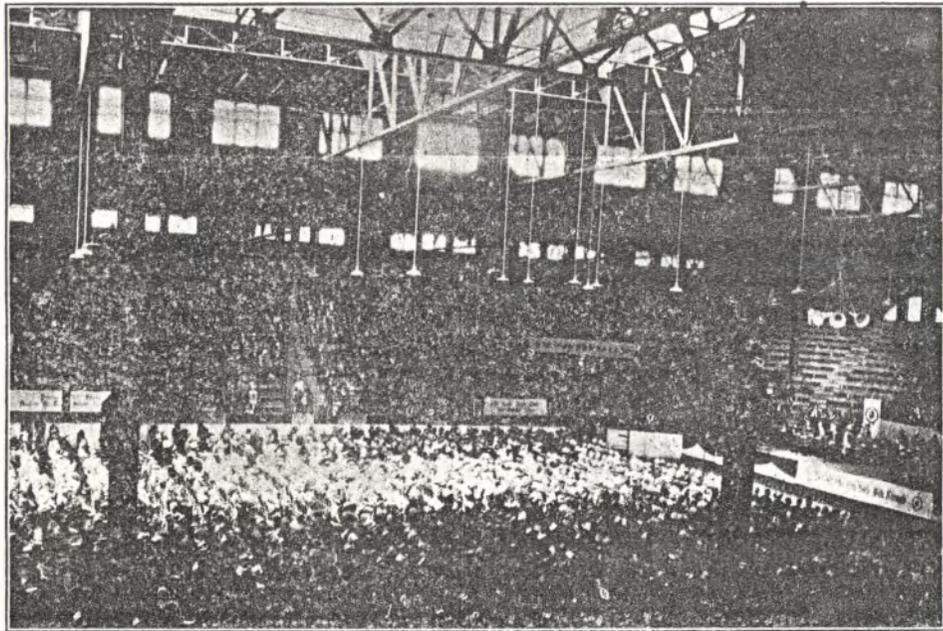
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Let me say, that while you are visiting our City and driving and sight-seeing, you will notice we have some very nice parks opposite the Horticultural buildings and in connection with the grounds. We have about 2,000 acres in parks and recreation grounds. We have a population of about 110,000 children for which we provide supervision throughout the City in the various parks, giving them recreation in the open air to make them good, healthy and bigger future citizens.

In addition to these attractions, we feel that we have in our Queen City almost the finest educational center that there is in America or in the Dominion of Canada. You will, no doubt, in your sight-seeing, visit Queen's Park where the Parliament buildings and University are located. We have some forty-eight to fifty buildings in connection with educational work. Some five or six thou-

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CROWD IN THE COLISEUM AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING

mentally and socially and be better acquainted with those who are attending the congress and, after returning home to your own community, that you will have a good word to say of the City of Toronto. I have no doubt after you have been here that you will be able to benefit your community, giving them advice, your views and what you have heard in addresses. I am sure you will have something special to give your community after this congress, after

you have heard Judge Rutherford next Sunday, when he will, I have no doubt, well please not only Canada, but the world by his address, which is to be broadcast from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to all parts; and I am sure the public will appreciate his wonderful address to be given next Sunday. I again congratulate you for having your congress here. I am glad to meet you; I am sorry to part, but I hope you will all come again soon.

be thankful anywhere on earth he should be in Canada.

Why is it so wonderful? The great Jehovah God, the Creator of heaven and earth, made it. That is the reason. Long years ago the Indians lived here; and when the white man came he began to improve it and that improvement has progressed until today we see many wonderful things that were not dreamed of when Toronto began. I speak to you in an ordinary tone, and, with instruments provided, the voice is carried throughout the hall. Not only this, but with a similar instrument the voice is broadcast throughout the land that an audience of millions of people may hear and hear distinctly. Of course, many men not knowing otherwise have thought that these things have come about because of the wisdom of man. The prophet of God, however, more than 3,000 years ago wrote about the radio and now we have come to the time when the Lord has brought it to pass; and it is our privilege to use it to His glory; and we have come here for the purpose of magnifying the name of Jehovah and giving witness to the good people of Canada and of the United States and all other places that might hear concerning

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PROGRAM TODAY

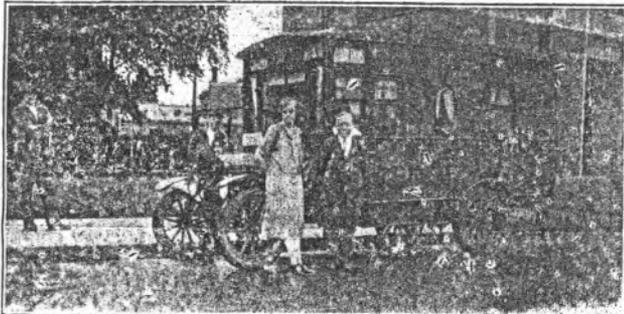
Morning		Act I	
9:00	Praise	Scene I Betty's Parents Plan a Birthday Party	
9:30	DISCOURSE M. A. Howlett	Scene II The Party	
10:30	DISCOURSE J. F. Rutherford		
Afternoon		Act II	
2:00	Praise and Testimony A. S. Rogers	(Betty is accidentally killed while at play.)	
3:00	DISCOURSE P. W. Franz	Scene I Betty's Funeral Sermon	
4:00	DISCOURSE E. D. Orrell	Scene II Bereaved Parents Discuss the Sermon	
		Scene III Parents Attend an I.B.S.A. Lecture	
Evening		Act III	
7:00	Radio Program	Scene I The Visit of Benjamin, a Friend	
10:00	Music Musical Resurrection Dramatogue, "The Return of Little Betty Brown"	Scene II The Happy Reunion	

"COME OVER INTO MACEDONIA"

Colporteurs Bowen have a very up-to-date house-car fully equipped with bed, etc. A little closet holds their clothes; a cupboard contains their eatables; two leather-covered ramps on the side of the car serve as seats and also contain the Society's books which they sell. Windows are beautifully curtained and a carpet on the floor matches interior decorations. The house-car was erected on a Ford truck chassis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, colporteurs, left Amarillo, Texas, on May 28th, a distance of about 2,000 miles from Toronto. They travelled in this house-car.

They canvassed nearly all the way to Wichita, Kansas, where they



stopped for a three-day convention, June 10th, 11th and 12th. There were about 240 students there.

They went from Wichita to Topeka, Kansas, and from there found concrete roads all the way to Toronto. They stopped three days in Kansas City.

They had a slight accident in Topeka. Their house-car was parked by the side of the road when a wheel came off another man's car, and the car hit the house-car, damaging the wheel and fender.

They celebrated the 4th of July by going on a drive with the St. Louis, Missouri, class.

They like the house-car fine as it saves lots of housework, and they have no other object than to continue in the colporteur work.

I.B.S.A. REPRESENTATIVES IN SPAIN

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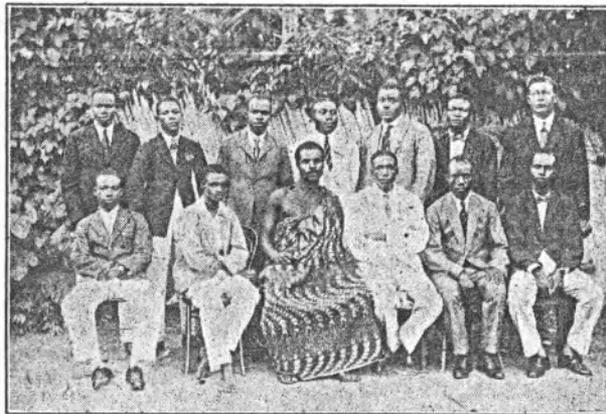
The British and French know more about the Gold Coast of Africa than do most people on this side of the Atlantic. In the old slavery days there were plenty of Bostonians who knew about it, for it was largely to the Gold Coast that the slave ships of Boston went for their cargoes of living freight for the cotton fields of Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas.

The Gold Coast is a name generally applied to the under side of that great shoulder of Africa which projects for over a thousand miles out into the bosom of the Atlantic. It is one of the world's great storehouses of raw materials, producing such quantities of vegetable oils that the rivers which run down from the edge of the Sahara into the Gulf of Guinea are sometimes called the Oil Rivers.

In this part of Africa are found some of the most intelligent specimens of the Negro race. With a very little opportunity they become lawyers, doctors, government officials, or what not. Their descendants in America to-day are rapidly rising in the scale of material advancement, and there is no class of work for which they can not and do not fit themselves.

It is now several years since the Society opened an active campaign for presenting the truth to these progressive natives, in their own land. If it were not for the garb of honor on the central figure of the picture, no one would know but that the accompanying picture was taken in one of the southern states instead of in Africa.

The facial expressions, the beaming countenances, the clothing, the furniture and the postures all show the wonderful possibilities for



the spread of the truth among these kind hearted and intelligent people, so long down-trodden by the devices of the Adversary. Those who love the Lord will look into these faces with unusual interest.

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ANY INCREASE IN RAILWAY FARES DOESN'T WORRY THESE BIBLE STUDENTS

From Carbondale, Illinois, to Toronto, on foot.

Mrs. Grace C. Hall and her daughter, Lottie M. Hall, age 15 years, left their home at Carbondale, Ill., on Sunday morning, July 10th, at 8.00 a.m. Mrs. Hall is the mother of six children, Lottie being the eldest.

They carried with them one Boston bag and one sample case. They only walked about two miles when they were picked up and taken eight miles. They walked a little farther and then were given a lift of about 50 miles. They were picked up about six or seven times on that day. After covering about 200 miles of their journey they stayed that night in Bloomington, Illinois.

They stayed in Bloomington with some people who were much interested in their trip, and as they were going on a little trip themselves the next day, decided to go about twice as far and took them to Pontiac, Michigan, just to help them along. That night they stayed at St. Joseph, Michigan, with 179 miles more of their journey behind them.

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On Wednesday they travelled from Marshall, Michigan, to Windsor, Ontario, a distance of about one hundred miles. They stopped there early in the evening as they were tired. Mrs. Hall had so many blisters on her feet that she had to stop and doctor them. They attended testimony meeting with the friends in Windsor.

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great big flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. That would be appropriate to the Roman church, not the Lord's.

But there is, nevertheless, considerable work to do in taking care of the interests of the subscribers, which now run to several hundreds in number. Some one must answer the letters, mail out the books, look after printing and distributing, etc.

It will be apparent that the Spanish representatives are just one happy family in the Lord. At this distance it does not look as if the two little folks sitting on papa's knee would be of much assistance in the work, except in the warming of papa's and mama's hearts, as they look forward to the blessings coming upon their heads when kingdom blessings are everywhere abroad in the earth.

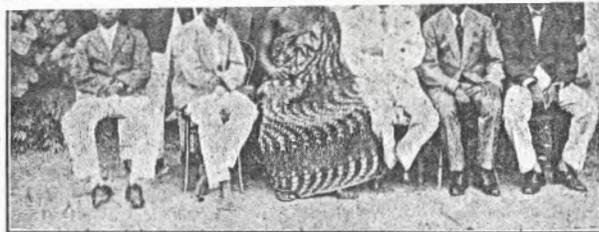
HARMONY OVER CKCX

Those who had the pleasure of listening in last night over C K C X will not soon forget it. We do not claim for Bible Students that they are the best musicians in the world, but in a jazz-mad age, when there is so little real music and so much anarchy in the realm of sound, it is refreshing to hear high class music played the way it was played last night.

There is something about the truth that puts music into a man's heart. He understands the reason for the deep diapason of trouble that has for thousands of years borne down the hearts of men, the reason for the moaning of the prisoners, the reason why the notes of hope have been so few and so soft and tremulous. In his heart he hears the Hallelujah Chorus coming, and he loves to express it at every opportunity.

All the performers over C K C X last night were truth-lovers. Loving the plan of God, and the Author of that plan, and with the consciousness that all that they do is done for Him, we can be pardoned if we say that we detect, in their renditions of the work of the old masters, a sympathy and feeling which is not often found.

The selections for broadcasting over stations of the I. B. S. A. are made with care. The music shelves of Europe and America have been made to deliver up some of the very best compositions, in addition to which, at some of the stations, songs have been used which have not found expression elsewhere. All of these songs breathe a reverence for Jehovah, which is refreshing in a day when there is such a general neglect of the Father of lights from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift, including music.



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America is the land of opportunity for the downtrodden and oppressed of Europe. While this is true to a considerable extent of Canada yet it is specially and most emphatically true of the United States, which has become the home of millions of people from every part of Europe, and, for that matter, every part of the earth.

There is no question but that the hand of God is discernible in the hiding of the American continent from the warring powers of Europe until God's due time, and it is interesting that that due time coincided so closely with the invention of printing.

To be sure, America was really discovered by Leif Ericson. This fact is now universally conceded by American scholars. Relics of his expeditions to this land have been found which leave the matter no longer open to question. But the Norsemen did not continue their voyages, and the few whites that they left on American shores drifted south, and were manifestly the progenitors of what are called the White Indians of Panama, a race of Indians far above the average indicating in various ways their origin in one of the Nordic races.

Columbus obtained his first knowledge about America from Norse records in Iceland, and with this knowledge in his possession he was able to sail the western seas with a confidence born of assurance that he would find land in due season.

As a matter of fact the land was found just in God's due season. The Reformation was at hand, and God had prearranged that liberty lovers from all over the world should sail across the great sea and find conditions which would be more favorable for the unhampered study and circulation of the truth than was possible in most European lands.

And so it happens that we now have on American shores all kinds of nationalities. Among these, in the United States, are several million people who trace their origin to Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Lithuania.

It was not possible for some of these to find their way into Canada and back again, and it would have been difficult for some for whom it was entirely possible; and so, having in view the difficulties of language and of customs barriers, Judge Rutherford decided that these should have their convention in Detroit, but at the same time that the other I.B.S.A. conventions are being held here in Toronto. E. J. Coward has been sent to Detroit as the President's representative at that convention.

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Mrs. Grace Hall and Daughter

These folks were not financially able to come on the train and there was no one from their class coming by car.

When asked if they were not afraid to take such a trip, Mrs. Hall replied: "No, not a bit, I knew if the Lord wanted me to get to the convention I would get there."

BETHEL SPECIAL ARRIVES—"CY OF THE LEHIGH" IN CHARGE

The "Bethel Special" arrived at the Exhibition Grounds promptly on time at 8:25 a.m. Monday. Our friend "Cy", though not a Bible Student, was, nevertheless, very much interested in the crowd of 305 people who were under his supervision on this train. Cy expressed himself as being surprised at the many different nationalities on board. There were Lithuanians, Polish, Greek, Armenians, Syrians, Germans, English, Italian and colored. Cy dubbed the train the "Melting Pot". He is manifesting some interest in the truth, and will have to watch out or he will be a Bible Student in the Melting Pot himself.

The Lehigh train left Pennsylvania station, N.Y., Sunday night, July 17th, friends joining it at Newark, Plainfield, Easton, Allentown, and Wilkes-Barre, Penn. There were nine sleeping cars, two coaches and one baggage car, with delegates from Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Texas.

Some one was heard to remark that only two persons were seen smoking cigarettes on the train of whom one was Cy and the other a stranger.

When the train left New York the heat was oppressive, but in the early evening a shower of rain cooled the air so that it was uncomfortably cool during the night.

The train crew found they could not give us heat, because the steam couplings were not connected. They did not anticipate such a sudden cold spell. Nobody complained, however.

The first incident of importance occurred at the boundary, when the Canadian immigration officials boarded the train for purposes of inspection. To the majority on the train this was a new experience. However, the officials accepted the word of Mr. Kammerlein and R. H. Barber, who were in charge of the Bethel Special, to the effect that the delegates did not carry any contraband; and consequently the suitcases were not searched. As the officials approached the train, two men were standing on the rear platform. The officials mistook one of them for a Chinaman. It seems there is some law against Chinamen entering the Dominion. Boarding the train at the front end they demanded to know where the Chinaman was, insisting that they had seen him on the rear platform. Mr. Barber protested that there were no Chinamen on board. Nevertheless they refused to be con-

Mike John, a Syrian Bible Student, of New York, was found on the rear platform. He it was who had been mistaken for the Chinaman. We failed to see any resemblance, however. John enjoyed the joke hugely.

The officials were very kind and generous, only requiring to see the papers of those who were not American-born citizens.

It was a hungry crowd that arrived in Toronto, having eaten an early supper, and not a diner or sandwich man on the train! Wm. Frange was prepared to take a picture of the friends as they came off the train, but they were all so hungry they scattered in every direction, and the picture was not secured.

One novelty in connection with this train was that sleeping accommodations were not sold through the regular ticket office, but sold by Cy himself, who passed through the train and sold berth tickets to those who held the seats. This saved the friends the trouble of standing in line for hours to get their sleeper tickets. However, Cy did not like it because it involved two hours and a half of hard work for him, and it was so warm in the train that he surely earned his salary.

The "Bethel Special" will leave the Exhibition Grounds, Monday, Time. The tickets were sold in the afternoon and evening at Niagara Falls, leaving Niagara at 12:30 p.m. Standard Time, arriving in New York at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 26. The train will consist of standard sleepers, and day coaches.

ALL THE WAY FROM AUSTRALIA

While Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shaw of Australia boast the age of three score years and ten, they are still the "young men" who see with much clearness kingdom visions. They are young in spirit and in zeal for the Lord. Their interesting report follows.

"We left Sydney on May 5th, and ever since that time the dear Lord has guided us all the way. We brought along all the literature we could possibly carry, and disposed of it among our fellow passengers:



From Far-Off Australia

We could have disposed of much more had we had it with us. Our method was to give the books away, asking the party to read them, and to pass them on to others.

"We found some who evidently had hearing ears. We greatly rejoiced in noticing the difference in the attitude of the people today, as compared with our last visit to these parts about two years ago.

"There were four clergymen on board. One of these reverend gentlemen could not restrain himself and, without being invited, assailed us because we did not belong to any sect or creed. He said that he knew who we were, "Sheep stealers and nothingisms." We calmly replied that if the shepherds watched and fed their flocks the sheep could not be stolen, for the Lord said: "My sheep know My voice and they follow Me," and that the clergy, as a class, were responsible for the straying of the sheep in our day.

"Upon reaching Auckland, New Zealand, we spent an evening of sweet fellowship with the Gates

that the wicked were for ever dead. They said they felt that we were sincere, but they were very sorry for us. We replied, 'Oh, please be sorry for yourselves, because we know we have the Truth.' However, we gave them a loving invitation to come to the convention.

"Now we are here in the very heart of the convention, and it all seems so wonderful! We really feel that we are in the presence of the Lord, realizing the meaning of the words: 'No veil between the Father and His children today.'"

C. E. STEWART AT THE GATE

Every person who has ever read the Bible has read the interesting story of Peter and Rhoda and had a good laugh at both Peter and Rhoda's expense. We remind the Bible Students of it.

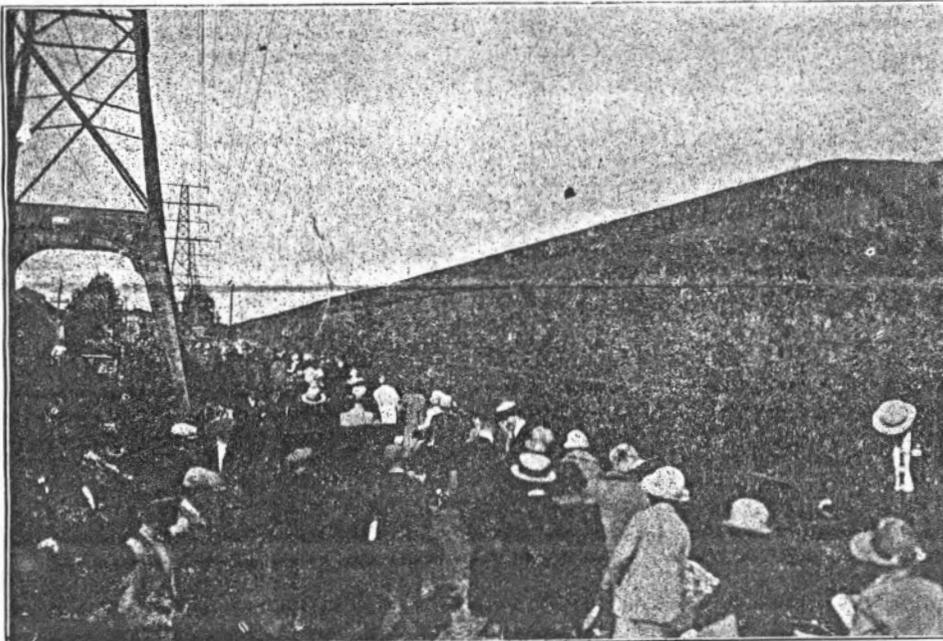
Peter had been put into prison for preaching Jesus Christ, and for healing the cripple and doing some other things that were very offensive to the doctors of divinity, the professors in the theological "seme-

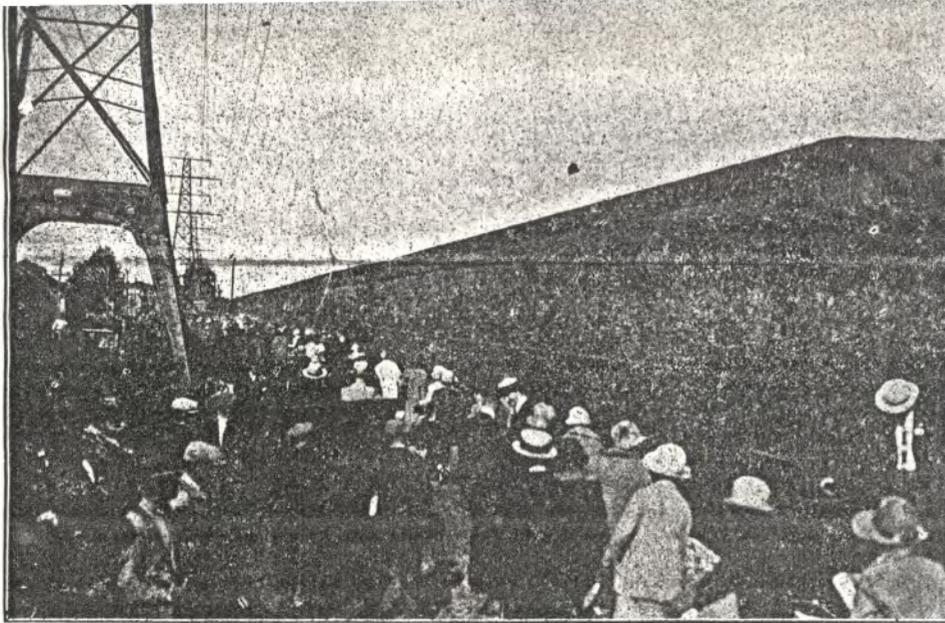
And so it was that an angel of the Lord came in during the middle of the night, gave Peter a friendly kick in the side and told him to get up and get out of that place. Peter was all in favor of getting out, but he was handcuffed. The angel just gave the shackles a rap and away they went clanging to the floor. Then one of his warden pals opened the prison door, and, the first thing Peter knew, he was out on the street.

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When she saw Peter coming she was so excited that she ran into the house and told all the Bible Students, without thinking to let Peter inside. But Peter, man-like, and mad all the way through because he had been jugged, wanted to get inside, and rattled and banged away at that gate enough to tear it off its hinges. If he could have gotten hold of Rhoda for a minute she would have received what the gate received.

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In spite of our best endeavors, things go wrong. However, we can take fresh courage; for the old order is passing and a new world is beginning. Earth's new King tells us: "Behold, I make all things new."—Revelation 21:5.

Man's troubles began with the deception of Eve by Satan. Mankind soon reaped the results of sin: sorrow, suffering, and death. Forced out of the garden of Eden into the inhospitable earth, the descendants of Adam competed for the limited good things of the earth. Poverty led to selfishness. Mankind imbibed the spirit of the Devil and began to oppress one another. Oppression is injustice. With varying characters and changing scenes the play has gone on until the present time. There is no new thing under the sun.

Threefold Change

However, "He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new." To bring about a complete reversal in earth's affairs, three changes must take place: (1) In rulership; (2) in the economic conditions; and (3) in man's heart. This change is prophesied. "We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (2 Peter 3:13) Formerly many

believed that the literal heavens and earth are to be burned up. Bible students today know that the Apostle Peter had no such thought. He looked forward to the supplanting of the present social, political and ecclesiastical order by a new regime. The old earth has been composed of Satan and his cohorts. The old earth is the present iniquitous league of big business men, big politicians, and big ecclesiastics.

The new world will be composed of a spiritual ruling power (heavens), and its earthly representatives (earth). With Satan bound, the present spiritual ruling powers will be no more. The new King will have His own heavens, the church.

The return of the Jews to Palestine marks the beginning of the new earth. When they have returned, there will be fulfilled the words of Jeremiah: "This shall be the covenant that I will make. . . I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts."—Jeremiah 31:31-33.

Princes

The leaders of the children of Israel at that time will be the awakened worthies of old, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and all the prophets. Jesus informed the religious rulers of His day: "There shall be weeping . . . when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out." (Luke 13:28.) They shall see them as princes on the earth. Jews are not to be alone in the new earth. "The Gentiles

[also] shall come to thy light."—Isaiah 60:3.

Equality and Plenty

Not only will political and social equality be preached; it will actually be practised. "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day." (Isaiah 2:11) In the past much of the substance of the earth has been wasted in the riotous living of a few, in disastrous wars, and through an inefficient industrial system. In the new world plenty will prevail. "The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."—Isaiah 35:1.

"All nations shall flow unto it [the new world]. They shall beat their swords into plowshares . . . nations shall not . . . learn war any more."—Isaiah 2:2-4.

New Spirit

The permanency of the new order is secured by a new perfect foundation—a new spirit, the holy spirit of God. "I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes." (Ezekiel 36:26-28) It is because mankind will imbibe this new spirit that they shall obtain the blessing of the new age.

To enjoy these blessings man must first of all live, and then be in such physical health that he may enjoy life. Life itself is the greatest gift in the power of the new King. "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:26) Instead of dying, they shall become perfect; and the physical ailments of mankind will cease to exist.—Isaiah 35:5, 6; Revelation 21:1-5.

From Far-Off Australia

We could have disposed of much more had we had it with us. Our method was to give the books away, asking the party to read them, and to pass them on to others.

"We found some who evidently had hearing ears. We greatly rejoiced in noticing the difference in the attitude of the people today, as compared with our last visit to these parts about two years ago.

"There were four clergymen on board. One of these reverend gentlemen could not restrain himself and, without being invited, assailed us because we did not belong to any sect or creed. He said that he knew who we were, "Sheep stealers and nothingisms." We calmly replied that if the shepherds watched and fed their flocks the sheep could not be stolen, for the Lord said: "My sheep know My voice and they follow Me," and that the clergy, as a class, were responsible for the straying of the sheep in our day.

"Upon reaching Auckland, New Zealand, we spent an evening of sweet fellowship with the Gates family. It was evening when we arrived at Suva, Fiji Islands, and the office of the Bible Student there was closed.

"On reaching Honolulu we were met by the dear ones and had a delightful time of sweet fellowship, especially as they see and understand the beauty of the up-to-date *Watch Tower* articles.

"On the way to Vancouver we learned that Mr. G. R. Pollock was to speak on Sunday. We told many on board who had become interested in the glad message, and some decided to wait over the week-end and hear him. Two ladies, fellow passengers from New Zealand, were so earnest that we took them to stay with us. They told Brother Pollock that they were favorably impressed with his lecture. They crossed the Rockies with us and stayed a few days at our daughter's home in Alberta, and left rejoicing in what they had heard, promising to give the glad news to their relatives in New York.

"We had many such privileges of giving out the message on our way to the convention. On the Great Lakes steamer we were greatly assisted by dear Mrs. Ilett from Watertown, N. Y. She was never tired of singing the praises of our heavenly Father. Through our combined efforts many promised to come to the convention. Others are having the literature sent to them.

"We had rather a hard case in connection with two lady missionaries from China. We all enjoyed the conversation until we touched on eternal torment and the trinity. Then they lost their tempers and became bitter, one pointing her finger and saying 'Ah, I know, a second chance.' They knew they would be 'caught up' at any minute, and

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Here was *The Messenger* almost dying to lay hands on him and draft him into the Lord's service! If there had been any way of pulling him over that wire instead of telling



C. E. Stewart at Work

him to hurry up and get down here, that would have been done. Would that there were more really consecrated Christians in the earth like Charles E. Stewart, people who, when they get to convention, are really trying to see what they can do for the Lord, and who try, with no self-interest, to do for Him all that lies in their power.

A Righteous Government Foreshadowed --

WITHOUT a question of a doubt the Scriptures show that it is God's purpose to establish a righteous government on earth for the benefit of man. He has promised it and He will bring it to pass. Before He establishes that righteous government, however, He teaches the people important lessons. Every time the people fall under the oppressive rulership of Satan and his earthly representatives and God rescues them that fact furnishes proof that God is the true Friend of man. The people must come to know that Satan is their enemy and that their help comes only from Jehovah. When this lesson is learned the people will appreciate God's righteous government.

The loving kindness, the long-suffering and patience of Jehovah is marvelous in our eyes. His perfect wisdom enables Him to know just His righteous government. Long ago He began to make pictures foreshadowing His organization through which the people will be blessed. He organized the Israelites into a nation, and gave to them a code of perfect laws. The fact that the Jews did not keep that law is no evidence it was not perfect. What He did for them was not so much for their benefit alone but to teach lessons to all people to love righteousness and hate iniquity.

An organization is a systematic arrangement of creatures or parties to carry into operation a fixed plan of action. "Known unto God are all His works, from the beginning of the world." (Acts 15:18) Having a fixed plan of action from the beginning, God, of course, would have a systematic arrangement of His creatures for the carrying of that plan into operation. (1 Corinthians 14:40) The very creation of God testifies that He does everything in order and with proper organization. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out

law; and nothing shall offend them." (Psalm 119, 165) Nor shall they be turned away from God's organization and plan of action. If they love the Lord's way and joyfully seek to do it they will trust Him implicitly, and thus doing will enjoy the peace of God that passeth the understanding of men. The evidence is overwhelming and absolutely conclusive that God has a plan. Man must learn God's systematic method of organization for carrying His plan into operation. This is what we are studying this evening. Man should not spend all of his time in trying to learn if God has a plan. That should be easily understood. Man should devote himself to ascertaining how God is carrying out His plan, and then get himself in exact harmony with God's way and joyfully follow therein.

From the time of Eden until the overthrow of Egypt the great lesson

rael, and particularly in the law which He gave to that people, was to foreshadow better things coming later. As the Apostle Paul puts it: "Which are a shadow of things to come" (Colossians 2:17); and "for the law, having a shadow of good things to come." (Hebrews 10:1) Referring then to the experiences of Israel the record is: "Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." (1 Corinthians 10:11) Based upon these and corroborative scriptures, the conclusion is reached that the nation of Israel, organized by the Lord, was His typical organization and foreshadowed something better to follow in God's due time. For this reason the Lord's dealings with Israel hold the greatest interest to all who desire life and who would know God's way of leading men to

him to again begin to people the earth. The young man Abram chose the way of faith and trust in the Lord God. (Genesis 12:1-3) In obedience to God's command Abram left the land of his nativity and journeyed to the strange land then occupied by the Canaanites and hence known as the land of Canaan. (Genesis 12:7) Then Abram journeyed on to the south part of the country. There was a famine in that land, and Abram went on down into Egypt.

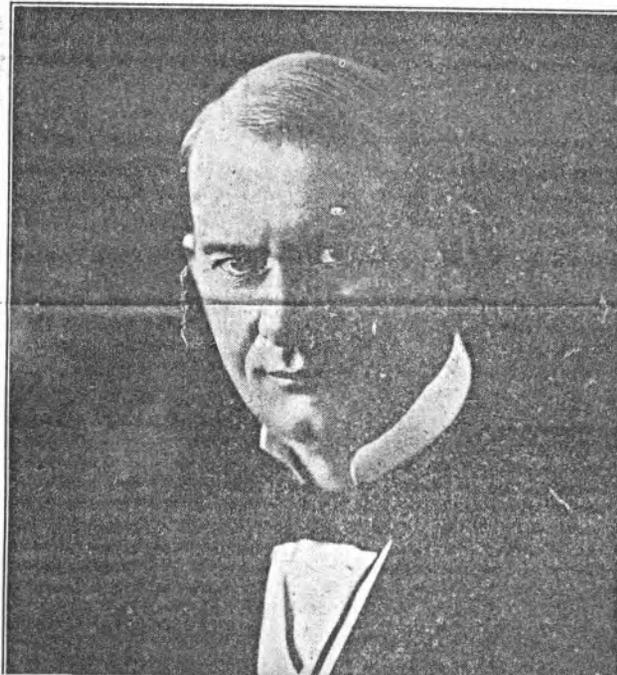
To Abram God had made the promise that he should have a seed, and that through him and his seed the blessings of all the families of the earth should come. The Devil hated that seed. (Genesis 3:15) Doubtless he knew of the promise made to Abram. He therefore began to devise a scheme to have the wife of Abram debauched by Pharaoh, one of Satan's own servants, and thus compel God to either accept his unwily offspring as the seed or

and said: "I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. . . . Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."—Genesis 17:1, 5-8.

Ever on the alert to thwart the purposes of the Lord, again Satan made an attempt to have Sarah, the wife of Abraham, debauched that the promised seed might be defiled. Again God thwarted the wicked one's purpose.—Genesis 20:1-7.

When Sarah had passed the time according to women, and Abraham was one hundred years old, God overruled these seemingly unfavorable conditions and caused Sarah to conceive and bear a son; and he was named Isaac. The Lord made the promise then to Abraham: "In Isaac shall thy seed be called." (Genesis 21:1, 12) That Isaac foreshadowed "the seed of promise" through whom the blessings must come to mankind is clearly stated by the divine record. See Galatians 3:8, 16; 4:22-28.

At this point God made a living picture which foreshadowed the unfolding of a part of His plan. In this picture Abraham was used to represent God, while Isaac was used to represent the only begotten and beloved Son of God, who was afterwards called by the name Jesus. Abraham's offering of Isaac upon the altar foreshadowed that the Son of God would be offered as a great sacrifice to provide a sin offering for the benefit of the world, to the end that in God's due time the peoples of the earth



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Order is one of the hardest lessons for creatures to learn. A deflection from God's way is displeasing to Him. Deflections of the human race are usually caused by weakness and by being overreached by others. A wilful and deliberate going contrary to the Lord's appointed way is treason.

Humility means to be submissive to God and to follow His appointed ways. Humility is the very opposite of pride. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18) God pushes the proud away from Him, and shows His favor only to the humble-minded. (1 Peter 5:5.) He who joyfully conforms himself to the way of God proves his love for God. (1 John 5:3) We may be absolutely certain that the All-wise God has one way for carrying into action His plan. It would be inconsistent for Him to have divers ways. It has ever been the policy of the Devil to induce men to believe that they have a sufficient amount of initiative and wisdom to make their own arrangement, and to carry it out without reference to the Word of God. Those who follow such a course come to grief. "Great peace have they which love Thy [God's]

of His willing and obedient ones was that the Lord is the Almighty God, in whom is vested wisdom, justice, love and power, in equal and exact balance. He selected the descendants of Jacob, otherwise called Israel, and organized that people into a nation in furtherance of His own fixed plan. The first lesson that He taught the Israelites was that the Lord is God. For their benefit He got Himself a name when He overcame the Egyptians and overthrew their false gods. The lessons given Israel were for their benefit, and for those who should follow thereafter.

A shadow is a reflected image, as from a mirror or from the clear surface of still water. It is the representation of something real. The word type is sometimes used in a similar sense. It is a figure or representation of something to come. God's dealing with the nation of Is-

The beginning of God's typical organization was Abraham, who was first called Abram. He was the grandfather of Jacob, afterwards called Israel. He is known as the father of the faithful. He was counted a righteous man and the friend of God. As a man he was imperfect, of course, being one of the descendants of Adam; but his heart was right and he believed on and served God, and therefore his faith was counted for righteousness.—Romans 4:9, 24.

Abram resided with his father Terah in Ur of the Chaldees. Only two generations had passed since Adam's death, and by tradition Abram would learn of Adam's wrongful course. He would learn about Abel, and also how God rewarded the faith of Enoch. He would learn, too, that it was the faith of Noah that caused God to save him from the flood and to use

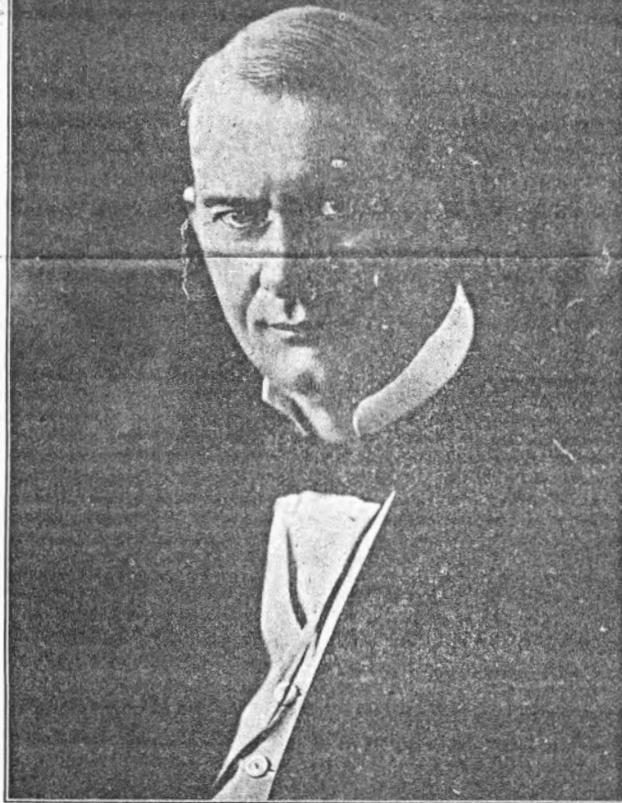
his repudiate his own word. Satan so arranged it that the princes of Pharaoh would see the beautiful wife of Abram, and then go to Pharaoh and commend her to the king, who, to gratify his lust, would be an easy tool to carry out the Devil's scheme. (Genesis 12:15-17) Accordingly Pharaoh had Sarah, the beautiful wife of Abram, brought into his palace, intending to gratify himself. But the Lord God protected Abram and Sarah by bringing great plagues upon the house of Pharaoh; and the king, becoming alarmed, sent Sarah away undefiled. Thus failed another wicked scheme of Satan.

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In making this picture the Lord God directed Abraham to take Isaac, his only son, whom he loved dearly and in whom he had all of his hopes centered, and to go to Mount Moriah and there offer up his son as a burnt offering. Because God had told Abraham that "in Isaac shall thy seed be called" and that the blessings shall come through him, this was a crucial test to offer up as a sacrifice this only son. In obedience to the Lord's command Abraham provided wood for the altar, fire, and a knife; and with this provision he and his son journeyed to Mount Moriah. Abraham built the altar, laid the wood in order, bound his son Isaac and laid him upon the altar upon the wood, and then stretched forth his hand and took the knife to slay his son. In another instant the knife would fall and his son would be dead. God's purpose here was to test and prove



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Abraham's faith. Having met the test the Lord God arrested the hand that would have slain the son. The record reads:

"And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, behind him a ram caught in a thicket by the horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen. And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord; for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son; that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." (Genesis 22:11-18.) The shadow made by this picture was afterwards carried out in every particular.—John 3:16, 17.

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Jacob had twelve sons, and they became the heads of the twelve tribes or divisions of the nations of Israel. Jacob grew old, and the time came for him to die. He called before him his sons and, his mind being moved upon by the invisible power of God, he uttered this great prophecy: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."—Genesis 49:10.

Sceptre means the right to rule. The lawgiver means one who shall guide the people in the way that they shall go, who shall shield and protect them and teach them the way to life. Shiloh means the Messiah, or great Deliverer. "Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be." Thus the Lord God caused a prophecy to be uttered by Jacob, foretelling the coming of Him who would undo the evil work of the Devil and who would do also that which Lucifer should have done when he was perfect, before iniquity was found in him.

Law Covenant

We left the children of Israel standing safely upon the eastern shores of the Red Sea, singing a song of deliverance from Egypt. (Exodus 15:1-21.) Three months later they were in the desert land of Sinai. Moses, whom God had used as their deliverer from Egypt, went up into the mountain; and there the Lord God said unto him: "Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now, therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine. And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came, and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these

Emphasis is here laid upon the point that God provided by this covenant, and the law thereof, that the people should have no other gods beside Him; that they should make no graven images, and should not bow down to them nor serve them. What was the moving cause for this law? Was it because Jehovah feared that His adversary, His disloyal son the Devil, would get the worship to which He, the Lord, was entitled? Was it selfishness on the part of God that moved Him thus to provide by the law that there should be no other gods? No! None of these reasons is correct. The Devil has made many men believe that it was selfishness that induced Jehovah to act, but this is not true. God had already demonstrated His unlimited power and His ability to destroy the creatures of heaven and earth, including Satan the Devil, whensoever He might desire. It is impossible for God to fear. Then why did He make this provision in the law? The Lord God knew that the insatiable desire of Satan was, and is, that he might have the worship of other creatures. He knew that if the people followed after Satan they would be led into wickedness and must die. Surely the great flood and the destruction of the Egyptians were sufficient to prove this to all reasonable creatures. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked."—Ezekiel 33:11.

The delight of the Lord was not in the destruction of the evil ones. He would teach an all-important lesson to His intelligent creatures. He would have the people believe and understand that the one way that leads to life and happiness is by doing good, and that none can do good who are out of harmony with the great Eternal Good One. The love of God for mankind provided the Law Covenant, and particularly the command that the Israelites should have no other gods beside Him.

God's dignity would preclude Him from commanding any creature to worship Him for God's own good. He owed the human race

the Lord continued to deal with them and use them to make shadows of better things to come pertaining to His kingdom and His manner of bringing deliverance and blessing to the people.

In due course God permitted the Israelites to have a king. Saul was anointed as the first king of that people. After a brief reign he was commanded by the Lord to go and destroy the Amalekites, one of the representative tribes of the Devil's arrangement. The Amalekites had opposed God's chosen people when they were marching to Canaan. The Devil had induced them so to do and used them for that purpose. Their wickedness had now come to the full.

Saul failed and refused to carry out the instructions of the Lord, although he pretended to do so. Because of his disobedience he was rejected from being king. Samuel, the prophet, speaking as the mouthpiece of the Lord, said unto Saul: "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king."—1 Samuel 15:22, 23.

Being rejected of the Lord Saul thereafter sought solace and comfort at the hands of the Devil, by communing with the Devil's colleagues, the evil spirits. (1 Samuel 28:6-11.) Saul's experience represents and foreshadows that of the nominal, or so-called Christian churches. As declared by the Prophet Jeremiah, God planted the church a noble vine, and today we see it degenerated into a strange vine of the earth. (Jeremiah 2:21-23.) The so-called Christian churches, the systems, have forsaken the Lord and have joined hands with the Devil; and now they seek solace at his hand by communing with the evil spirits. These systems are confusing the people, as their name Babylon in-

ious reign of Solomon, which foreshadowed the peaceable and glorious reign of the great Prince, of Peace, the Christ in glory.

God's dealing with Israel over a long period of time was also to use that people as witnesses for Him. Many times Israel was unfaithful to the Lord and turned away from Him, and many times she cried unto Him and He heard the cry and delivered her out of the hands of her enemies. These experiences foreshadow how the Lord, in the exercise of His loving kindness, will in due time deliver all the human race that call upon His name and serve Him.

Zion is the name of God's organization. Any part of that organization is properly called Zion. When Israel was in harmony with God, and when they were the people of God, that nation was a part of God's organization, and therefore called Zion. When Israel was carried away captive to Babylon, and her people were asked to sing a song of Zion, they wept when they remembered Zion and recalled how blessed were that people when they were a part of God's organization and obeyed Him.—Psalm 137:1-3.

The people of Israel, organized into a nation and entered into a covenant with God, were typical of the true Zion which God has chosen as His dwelling-place and out of which He shines. (Psalm 132:13; 50:2.) Of course the enemy Satan has always opposed Zion. He corrupted the chosen people of God from time to time by inducing them to worship devils and to turn away from the true God. Being in a covenant with God and departing therefrom to worship idols was an illicit relationship with the evil ones. This the Lord denounced as harlotry with other gods, and for this He punished them.

Similar conditions exist on earth today. There are many organizations called churches that claim to be in relationship with God and to worship Him. At the same time these form a part of the Devil's organization because such constitute the religious element of this world.

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It was this same Jacob whose son Joseph was sold into Egypt, and later became the ruler of that land, and gave a witness in the name of the Lord God. It was this same Jacob who was the father of the great multitude of Israelites whom God miraculously delivered from Egypt. From that day to this God caused a chain of events to picture and foreshadow the gradual unfolding of His great plan, pointing to the Saviour of the world who shall deliver from the enemy and from his wicked influence every one of the human race who will show faithfulness unto God.

Law Covenant

We left the children of Israel standing safely upon the eastern shores of the Red Sea, singing a song of deliverance from Egypt. (Exodus 15:1-21) Three months later they were in the desert land of Sinai. Moses, whom God had used as their deliverer from Egypt, went up into the mountain; and there the Lord God said unto him: "Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now, therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine. And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came, and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord."—Exodus 19:3-8.

On the third day thereafter God confirmed the Law Covenant which He had made with Israel in Egypt at the time of the Passover; and now He gave to them specific laws which should be their guide, amongst which is the following: "And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."—Exodus 20:1-7.

that the people followed after than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king."—1 Samuel 15:22, 23.

Being rejected of the Lord Saul thereafter sought solace and comfort at the hands of the Devil, by communing with the Devil's colleagues, the evil spirits. (1 Samuel 28:6-11) Saul's experience represents and foreshadows that of the nominal, or so-called Christian churches. As declared by the Prophet Jeremiah, God planted the church a noble vine, and today we see it degenerated into a strange vine of the earth. (Jeremiah 2:21-23) The so-called Christian churches, the systems, have forsaken the Lord and have joined hands with the Devil; and now they seek solace at his hand by communing with the evil spirits. These systems are confusing the people, as their name Babylon indicates. They have mixed with all the nations and rulers of the earth and have made them drunken with their false doctrines. Concerning them it is written: "Babylon the great is fallen, . . . and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."—Revelation 18:2.

These wicked systems, like their prototype, parade before the people in the name of the Lord to mislead the people. But God has rejected them even as he rejected Saul. David succeeded Saul as king. David means beloved, and foreshadows those who love the Lord and who are faithful to Him. The Devil sought in every way possible to kill David, because he was faithful to God. David was not a perfect man, yet it is written that God called him "a man after mine own heart". (Acts 13:22) This was because of David's faithfulness to the Lord. Whenever he, because of weakness, had committed a wrong he was quick to confess it to God and to ask forgiveness; and under all circumstances, he faithfully represented the Lord. He foreshadowed the true Christians, fighting the good fight of faith and refusing to compromise in any manner with the Devil or any part of the Devil's organization. After David came the peaceable and glor-

God's dignity would preclude Him from commanding any creature to worship Him for God's own good. He owed the human race nothing. Strictly adhering to justice, God would have wiped the human race completely out of existence, but His love for man led Him to make a plan for man's deliverance; and, having made it, He will carry it out. The reason, therefore, for the Law Covenant with Israel may be summed up as follows: (a) It was made for the good of the people, and as a schoolmaster to lead them in the right way until the coming of the Redeemer; (b) to prove to the people and to all mankind that no one can get the blessings of life by his own efforts; and (c) to prove the necessity of a great Redeemer, Mediator and Deliverer.

For forty years God led the children of Israel through the wilderness before they were permitted to enter the land of Canaan. During that period they had opportunities to learn many lessons. Their experiences in the wilderness, under the leadership of Moses, were typical: foreshadowing the experiences of Christians who follow in the footsteps of Christ Jesus during the wilderness period of the Christians on earth, during which time the Gentiles have been in power, ruling under the supervision of the god of this world, to wit, Satan the Devil. (2 Corinthians 4:3, 4) At the end of that period of forty years the Israelites entered into Canaan, now Palestine, and there

was a part of God's organization and obeyed Him.—Psalm 137:1-3.

The people of Israel, organized into a nation and entered into a covenant with God, were typical of the true Zion which God has chosen as His dwelling-place and out of which He shines. (Psalm 132:13; 50:2) Of course the enemy Satan has always opposed Zion. He corrupted the chosen people of God from time to time by inducing them to worship devils and to turn away from the true God. Being in a covenant with God and departing therefrom to worship idols, was an illicit relationship with the evil ones. This the Lord denounced as harlotry with other gods, and for this He punished them.

Similar conditions exist on earth today. There are many organizations called churches that claim to be in relationship with God and to worship Him. At the same time these form a part of the Devil's organization because such constitute the religious element of this world. For this reason God has cast them away from His favor. Within these organizations, however, are many good people who love the Lord. These are in fact prisoners. If these prisoners will forsake the unrighteous organizations of church systems and turn themselves wholly to the Lord He will bless them.

In the ecclesiastical systems of the present time the leaders are arrogant. They assume great piety and speak with absolute authority. They misrepresent the Lord and His truth. They oppress the people who do not concur with them. God has promised that their arrogance shall be brought low because the time is here for the Lord God to establish His righteous government and reward righteousness.

The organization of the peoples of Israel and God's dealing with them foreshadowed the organization of His true people who faithfully obey Him. The casting away of Israel foreshadowed the casting away of Christendom, so-called, represented in the present denominational systems. A few of the Israelites were faithful and accepted Christ as King. A small number of Christians on earth faithfully adhere and give their allegiance to Christ the great King. He will establish God's righteous government and that He is now proceeding to do. But before He does so He will rebuke the arrogance of those who claim to represent Him and who do not represent Him.

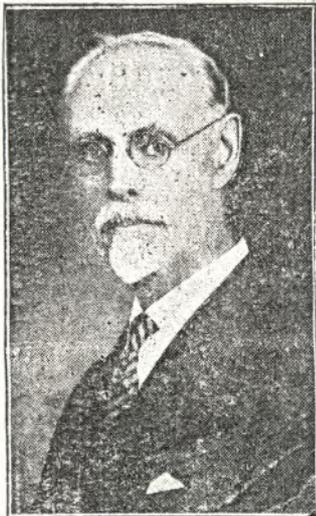
Heard From The Convention Platform Yesterday.

THE DRAMA OF THE AGES

By W. E. Van Amburgh

For the past six thousand years this earth has been the stage upon which has been played the most exciting drama ever enacted, with men and many of the angels of heaven as the leading actors.

Two great moral forces, right and wrong, have been active in the world ever since the days of Eden. Wrong has held the ascendancy,



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Preparations are already under way for the next act. The workers now on the stage are rushing about with feverish activity as though under the strain of some mighty, mysterious, unseen energy. God has, so to speak, thrown the switch and turned on the tremendous current of His divine power; and the whole world quivers as though by the vibrations of some gigantic motors.

God has guaranteed that the forces of evil and unrighteousness shall be utterly routed, and that all who love iniquity shall go down to death. Then shall the stage be set for the next great scene, the one of greatest joy and happiness the world has ever known.

The earth is being rapidly transformed into Paradise, made ready to welcome the billions who are soon to be raised from their graves. Christ purchased Adam and all his children, and has promised that "all who are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of Man and come forth." Christ awakened Jairus' daughter, the widow's son and Lazarus to illustrate how literally and personally He would awaken all the others.

Think for a moment of the power and wisdom needed to be able to bring forth all the billions who have lived and died, and to return to each one his or her own personality, that they may remember themselves; their friends and all the lessons learned during their lives. Truly,

That will be a power
Such as earth has never known
When Christ brings back our loved ones,

And gives to each his own.

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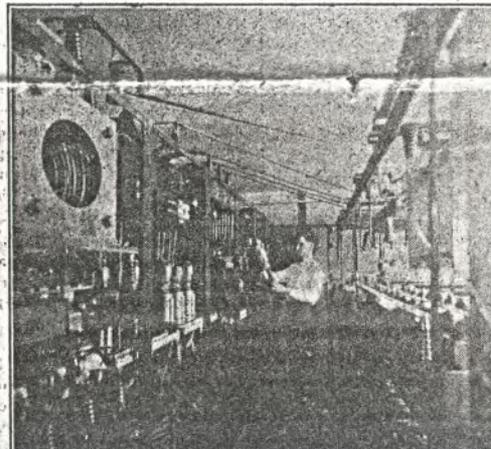
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harden the heart. It would be soft to serve the Lord if all we had to do was to sit down in an arm chair and read the Bible and make our minds as pure and lovely as possible. But when God chose that His house of sons should be His witnesses in an unfriendly world, He chose the crucial test for obedience and loyalty.

Jesus said regarding His mission on earth, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." Then in John 17:18, He said concerning His followers, "As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." In 1 Peter 2:9 a clear statement regarding the earthly purpose of the church is made, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a people for a purpose: (what is that purpose?) that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He outlined the work of the church, saying, "Ye shall receive power, after that the holy spirit is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." How anyone could possibly draw from these scriptures, that the chief purpose of the church on earth is anything but witnessing for the Lord is beyond my ability to fathom.

The ultimate end of life is not an eternity of idleness and ease. The spirit of the universe, throughout all the ages to come, both on earth and in heaven, will be that of bubbling activity. Important and prominent throughout all that time, will be the work of the church; and since we know that the church is to be an example of all that is right, cannot we see that each member must catch that spirit of service now?



Noah was one of these. God told him to rebuke unrighteousness and build an ark; that the old order would be destroyed. In Gen. 6:22 we read, "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he." Did he have great success? No. Did he make many converts? Not one; but he obeyed God, and God protected him.

When Israel left Egypt 603,550 men, twenty years of age and upwards, walked out, but only Caleb and Joshua entered Canaan; 603,548 fell in the wilderness. In Num. 32:11, 12, we read why Caleb and Joshua were approved of God. "Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt shall see the land. I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob because they have not wholly followed Me, save Caleb and Joshua, for they have wholly followed the Lord." They did what God told them to do; they had faith in God; they revered His name; they were acceptable to God.

No Bible story is more thrilling than that of David and Goliath. The Philistine giant, haughty, proud, boastful, arrogant, pictures well Satan's organization. He looked with contempt and disdain upon David, a lad, but a servant of God; that made the difference. David hastened, he ran in his eagerness to serve God and wipe the reproach from the name of the God of Israel.

"Am I a dog," shouted Goliath, "that thou comest to me with staves?" David answered, and his words indicate faith and reverence for God, "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel whom thou has defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee and take thine

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We are living in a time when Satan is marshalling his hosts for the final conflict; and faithful witnesses are delivering the message of God. To these God says, (Isaiah 58:1) "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet."

Until we reach Luther's day in the dark ages, God permitted the "mystery of iniquity" to take measurably its own course. There He began a siege against it carried on by Luther and his associates. In the year 1528 the fate of the Reformation was in the balance, because the Vatican and the Emperor of Germany had decided to limit or isolate the movement and crush it out. But God's plans are not to be interfered with by kings and popes; and the presence of some of the nobility of Germany on Luther's side caused his opposers to abandon their scheme. This is pictured in Ezekiel 4.

The prophet was told to lie on his left side for 390 days, representing 390 years, to build a toy fort and under the protection of an iron pan, placed between himself and the fort, to lay siege to it. Ezekiel pictured the fortress of error, protected by the civil power, pictured by the iron pan.

This form of protection continued 390 years, reaching to 1918. Everyone knows that about that time the most diabolical attempt ever staged was directed against God's people. The press, the pulpit and the courts, as if by a mighty concerted act, were freely used to slander, destroy, misrepresent and incarcerate peaceful Christians, liberty-loving, innocent men and women.

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Seemingly, Jehovah paid no attention to Lucifer for the part he played, as though He might not have known that Lucifer was the chief sinner. He was permitted to do much as he pleased, and, operating through fellow angels whom he influenced to join him, went to great lengths of unrighteousness and abused man almost without limit. The experiences of mankind under Lucifer, the god of this world, have been terrible, a pitiful spectacle and object lesson to men and angels.

As Jehovah did not immediately punish Lucifer, as He did Adam, apparently many of the angels reasoned that possibly God was not able to do so. At any rate, many of them joined in Lucifer's rebellion. God gave them plenty of time; and every angel in heaven was thus put to severe test, for the powers of sin were in full action, with mighty personalities behind them.

To set Adam and his children free from the tomb and to provide homes and sustenance for them will need much preparation: deserts to be turned into fruitful fields, houses provided, clothing prepared and arrangements made to care for them all, there being some 20,000,000,000 of Adam's children now in the grave. Not only must they be clothed, housed and fed and cared for physically, but they will need to be educated and enlightened and told the story of God's love that they may serve and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

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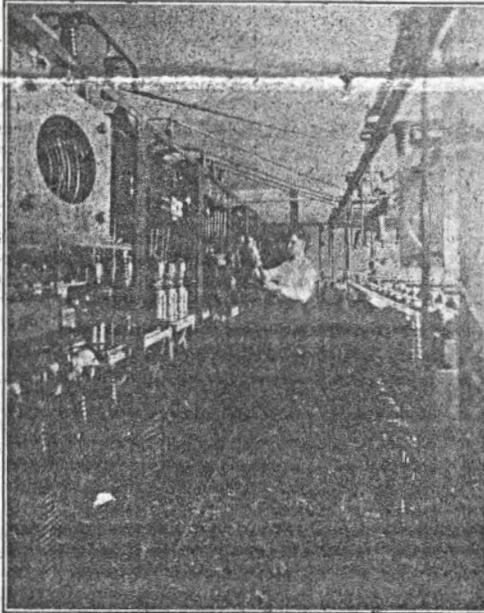
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In the past we have regarded as the chief purpose of the church during its earthly pilgrimage; the preparing of itself for heaven; and secondarily, witnessing to the world. This preparatory work on the Christian's part was supposedly character development. No one questions the expediency of every one becoming as courteous, kind, considerate, sympathetic and moral as possible; but to claim that this is the chief purpose of the Christian is a mistake and finds no support in the Scriptures.

Why was Jesus on earth after Jordan? There, before all His suffering, He could have provided the ransom price. Why then was He on earth longer? To develop character? He was already perfect as a man. But as the Bible says, He must learn obedience by the things which He suffered. His sufferings for three and a half years, all of which came in connection with His witnessing for the truth, were to test and prove His obedience and loyalty. And if that were the purpose of Jesus' earthly experiences, ours are for the same reason.

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GOD'S WITNESSES PROTECTED

By J. C. Watt

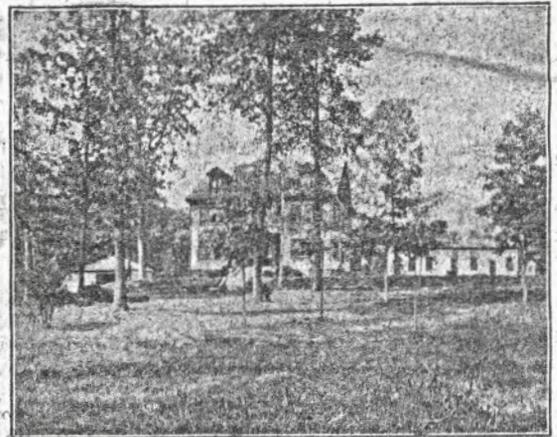
How may one be pleasing to the Lord and enjoy His approval and protection? The clergy tell you to join a church, support it financially, attend it regularly, accept its doctrines, and question nothing! But that is not the Scriptural answer. Why has Jesus always been pleasing to God? Because always cheerfully obedient and loyally devoted to the carrying out of God's will. He is called "Faithful and True."

Why is Satan displeasing to God? Because of his rebellious, treasonable and disobedient action, in which he has set aside the will of God and acted contrary thereto.

In the eleventh of Hebrews we have a long list of approved ones. Not because they had a sanctimonious look or were dressed in a certain garb, or belonged to a church, but because they had faith in the God and did His will as they had ability and opportunity. Some of them were very unorthodox, but God loved them and they obtained a good report through faith.—Heb. 11:39.

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head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know there is a God in Israel. And all the assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord's



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On down into the trouble, protected of God, the witnesses will go. The great company will fall in Armageddon, but the residue shall not be cut off from the city. (Zech. 14:2) for we have a strong city. "Salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks."—Isaiah 26:1.



EARLY ARRIVALS POURING IN AT THE COLISEUM

get out of Toronto on the 21st as he to assist in the vocal part of the impromptu program. People in other cars were attracted and helped to swell the audience. Then it was suggested that one of the party give a discourse, which was done to the evident enjoyment of all present. These friends from the West were plainly on their job and realize that the Christian's great privilege is to advertise the King and His kingdom.

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Some of the friends must be used to small-town general stores. Judging by the enquiries received, they expect to buy anything from an ice cream cone to a bellhop in the Post Office!!!!

COURTESY OF TORONTO POLICE AT EXHIBITION

We feel very grateful to the Toronto city police for the courtesy extended the conventioners. On Monday a lady took seriously ill, and policemen on duty did everything to make her comfortable and spent much time in summoning medical aid.

THE MEETING OF THE WAYS

When Greek meets Greek, then comes the battle, and when Bible Student meets Bible Student, then comes real Christian fellowship; but when thousands of Bible Students, fully consecrated to the Lord, meet together, then comes a wonderful time, a great festival of love. No one will question the fact that we are now enjoying such a banquet.

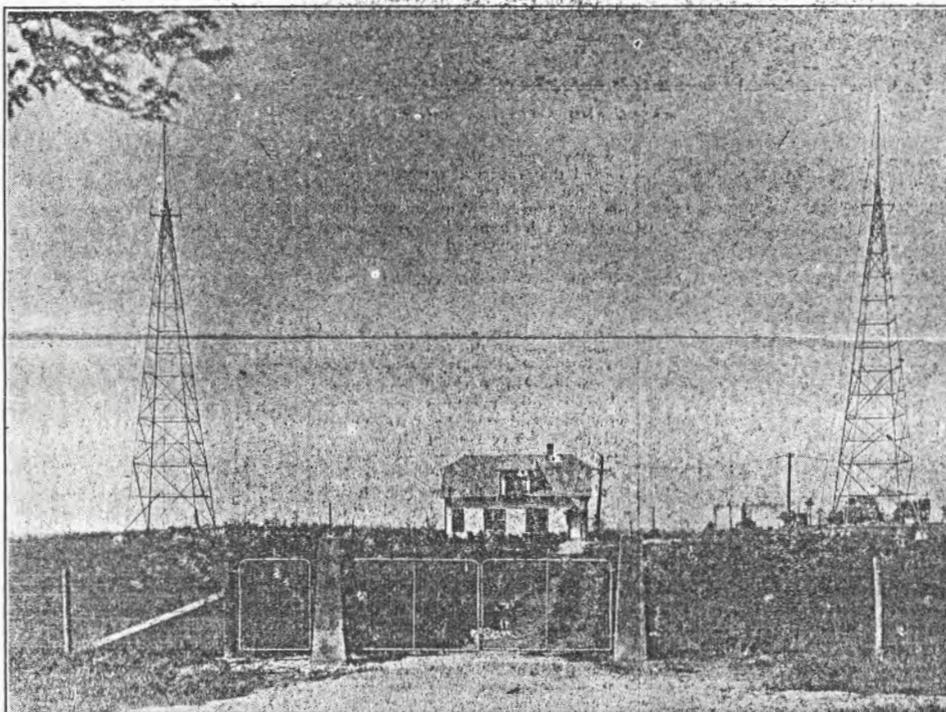
"Blue-noses" from Nova Scotia are certainly not blue, either in the color of the nasal prominence or in any other respect. Quite a number are here from the Eastern Canadian provinces. They evidently belong to that class characterized as being not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

They say that most people won't speak unless properly introduced. Not so the Arkansans. (Is that right?) "Dickson from Arkansas" is one of the friendliest chaps in the world. Just meet him and hear his joyful shout, "I'm Dickson from Arkansas." Not a bad idea that! Let's all do it, and get friendly.

Did you ever see a pilgrim-work? Well, it was a real joy to watch that man George Kendall wield the hammer and saw. It's always a joy to work with a man who when you tell him you want a job done just says, "All right, sir, all right," before you get through telling about it, and it's done, and done right!!! Next time George Kendall comes to your town introduce him to the bucksaw.

"Why," said one of the brethren, "this is certainly fine weather for a convention." Yes, indeed, the rain

A Bible Student with a big load of large delegates in a Ford car drove merrily into the convention grounds from Herbert, Saskatchewan, after 8 days on the road. "Had lots of wet weather," he said, "but a good trip." Said it with that I.B.S.A. smile, too. "But," we rise to inquire, "why should he tell us he passed lots of Students in big cars headed for the convention?" Let's hope he's in as big a hurry to



THE COLPORTEURS' FIRST MEETING

A meeting was held for the colporteurs in the Administration building at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday. There were colporteurs present from practically all the states of the union, as far west as California, Arizona, Texas, Florida, Mississippi, and many parts of Canada.

The meeting was opened by a representative of the Headquarters at Brooklyn and in his opening remarks the speaker pointed out that the work during the past year compared very favorably with that done years previous. He said that the latest book, *Deliverance*, is selling much better than the *Harp of God* did in the year 1926, showing that there is a marked interest being aroused among the people on this all-important subject. This also indicates that a re-canvas of territory proves to be advisable. He said, too, that the number of the colporteurs in the field is practically the same as in the year 1926; but that the workers themselves are apparently not putting forth the effort to sell sets that they did during the year previous. He stressed the importance of the material contained in the sets and advised the colporteurs to renew their efforts along this line.

The meeting was then turned over to various of the successful colporteurs for their experiences

were often at home who could not otherwise be interviewed.

A colporteur from Canada was called upon to give his experiences in working the business districts. He said, in part, that he believed it to be the best field for the workers and was very enthusiastic in encouraging others to enter this field.

Other colporteurs were then called upon to give their experiences and also suggestions as to the best way to present the set of *Studies in the Scriptures* to the people. It was found that the majority of those who were really making their expenses in this work made a regular canvass for the set.

Another colporteur was called upon to give his explanation of the best way to keep a record of sales and expenses and many helpful suggestions were given to the workers. He pointed out the advisability of setting aside a regular fund for books. The attention of the colporteurs was then called to the importance and necessity of making regular reports to the Society of the work done each week.

There were many visitors who were not colporteurs at the meeting, as these were specially invited to attend in order that they might also profit by the suggestions given to the colporteurs. The auxiliary field of the work was brought to their attention. An auxiliary colporteur is one who averages a minimum of 10 hours a week in the work. Several were then called upon who are regularly employed in other business activities and household duties and told those who attended the meeting how they succeeded in averaging this amount of time in the work. Their experiences proved very interesting and helpful and it is anticipated that as a result many of the class workers will be encouraged to enter this field.

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are certainly not blue, in the color of the nasal prominence or in any other respect. Quite a number are here from the Eastern Canadian provinces. They evidently belong to that class characterized as being not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

They say that most people won't speak unless properly introduced. Not so the Arkansans. (Is that right?) "Dickson from Arkansas" is one of the friendliest chaps in the world. Just meet him and hear his joyful shout, "I'm Dickson from Arkansas." Not a bad idea that! Let's all do it, and get friendly.

Did you ever see a pilgrim-work? Well, it was a real joy to watch that man George Kendall wield the hammer and saw. It's always a joy to work with a man who when you tell him you want a job done just says, "All right, sir, all right," before you get through telling about it, and it's **done**, and **done right!!!** Next time George Kendall comes to your town introduce him to the bucksaw.

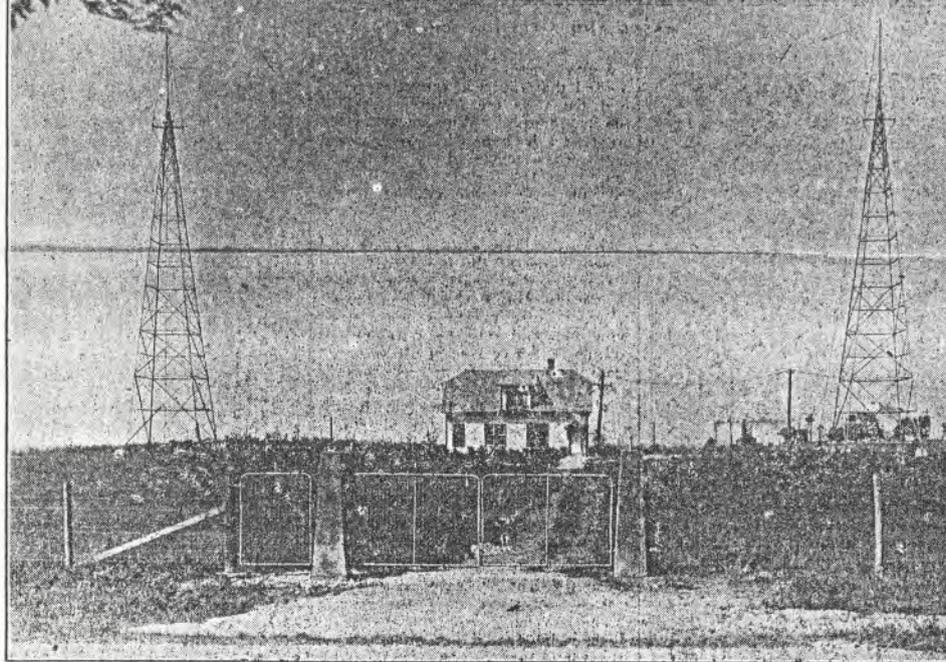
"Why," said one of the brethren, "this is certainly fine weather for a convention." Yes, indeed, the rain Sunday made everything clean and fresh. Weather conditions are ideal, so far, and could not be better.

Did you notice the text on the front of the lower platform? Believe it, friend, and DO it when Mr. ice gets busy with the baton.

Speaking of texts, read the ones over the door and notice how appropriate they are. That short, three-word one, **Service Book Room**, is one that a good many sermons will be preached from. Get your short discourses ready for the 21st and the 23rd, but let the books tell the message.



Webster Hotel, Chicago, in which is located the magnificent studios of I.B.S.A. radio station WORD



MASTS AND ANTENNA OF RADIO STATION WORD, LOCATED AT BATAVIA, ILL.

was to get in on the 16th. By the way, do you know all about what's doing on the 21st? Ask Mr. Johnson.

At the meeting held in Hygeia Auditorium in Toronto on the Sunday afternoon before convention, addressed by Mr. Van Amburgh, there were six blocks of cars parked around the auditorium bearing license plates from twenty-five states, and most of the Canadian provinces. As a preliminary commentary on the convention personnel it augurs well for the representation which will be present.

The extremely heavy thunderstorm which occurred Sunday, played havoc with camping grounds and signs. A good many of the friends who drove in had a very uncomfortable reception, those depending on tents for shelter especially so. It's sometimes a little difficult to apply Romans 8:28 in a case like this, but no doubt a good many of the friends tried hard to make it fit their case.

About seventy friends formed a happy party as, in a special coach, they covered the distance between Winnipeg and Toronto. Full of the truth spirit they could not contain themselves, but sang the songs of Zion. A number of soldiers on the train evinced an interest in the proceedings and requested permission

"SOME" INQUIRY BUREAU

When Pat arrived in New York he accosted the first man he met and asked, "Is Mike here?" That's the way it is at our Information Bureau. It's, "Well, have you seen Mr. Smith from Chicago and Mrs. Jones from Timbuctoo?"

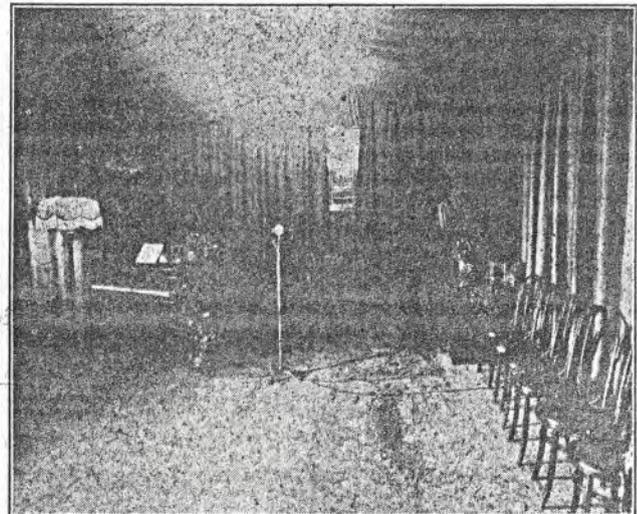
And: "Do you keep babies here? Where do you keep them, and how long? And are they supposed to hear the talks? And what about their mothers, and fathers?" etc.

The enquirers take it sweetly even when Mr. Smith and Mrs. Jones have not been seen. And it is always satisfactory to know that babies are "kept" here.

A FINE PLACE TO BE

Fine weather; a fine city; fine people; a fine view; a fine environment; a fine crowd; a fine spirit; fine discourses; a fine noise, made by the oral orifices of the friends between sessions; a fine greeting from those we haven't seen for years; a fine piece of pie at the lunch counter; a fine pain when some one steps on your toes; a fine effulgence of the light of truth; a fine prospect from the Mount of Vision; a fine chance of finally winning the kingdom. Now what on earth more could you want?

along different lines. One of the colporteurs was called upon to show the advisability of canvassing for the books on Sunday. It was shown by this worker that as canvassing for this literature was different from any other enterprise, being the work of the Lord, many people were found to be interested and gladly accepted the books. He also showed that the business men



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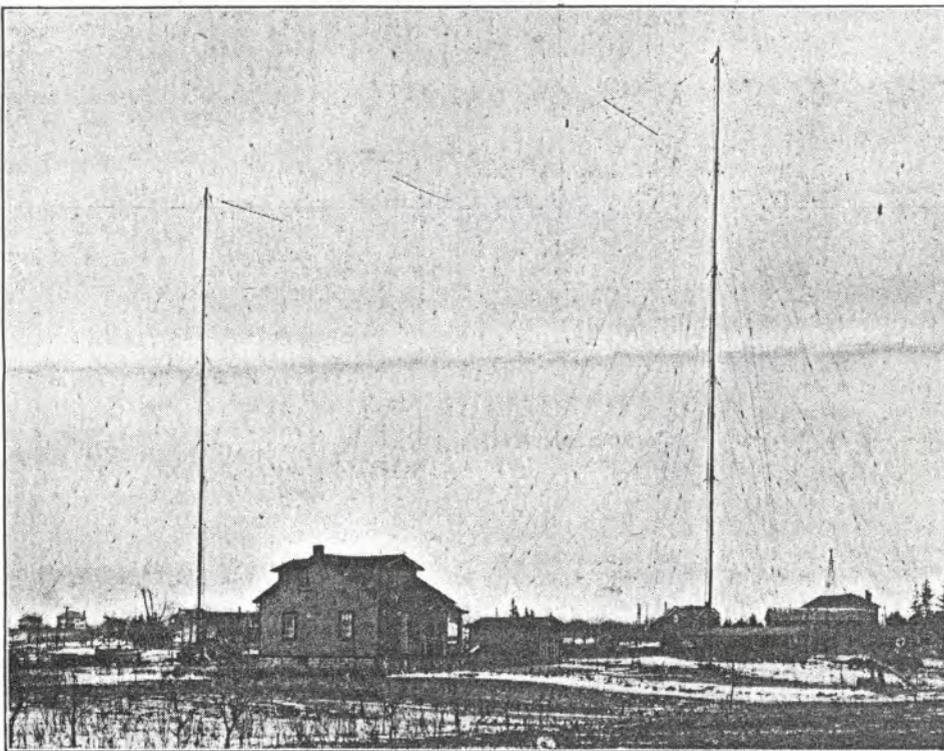
As a result of the meeting, at which 600 were present, thirty-six new colporteurs decided to enter the field, and a motion was unanimously passed to put the suggestion to the convention that five thousand colporteurs enter the field. All the workers present agreed to sell sets.

Radio Heralds Forth the Message of God's Kingdom on Earth

Twenty years ago who would have supposed that a time would ever come when the gospel would be riding through the air on the wings of electricity, traveling in great leaps and bounds from the earth to the heavi-side layer of the atmosphere, and then back to the earth again and again, circling the earth eight times in a second?

Twenty years ago who would have supposed that a man could enter into a little room and talk into a little disc six inches in diameter, and that his voice would issue forth with the power of millions of men, and yet in such a way that none would be disturbed by it, and it would be inaudible except as desired?

Twenty years ago who would have supposed that that voice, freighted with the letter and the spirit of God's Word, would penetrate the walls of prisons, convents, monasteries, rectories, and other places where the light of truth is forbidden, and where truth-starved priests and nuns and rectors and others of Satan's slaves would have the opportunity to listen in, and would and do listen in to what are to them new words, words of life and truth, as different from the things they have always been taught as daylight is different from darkness?



MASTS AND ANTENNA, CKCX, TORONTO

the business district. The town was a town of about 5,000 population. At length he turned into a barber shop. It was early in the day. The barber, a large, fine-looking well-set-up man was caring for the tonsorial needs of a man in the chair. The I.B.S.A. man said, "May I talk to you for a minute or two while you work?" Back came the answer, "Go ahead."

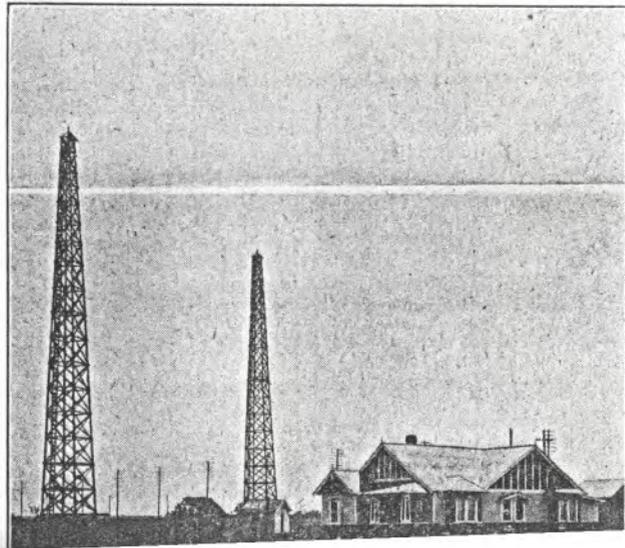
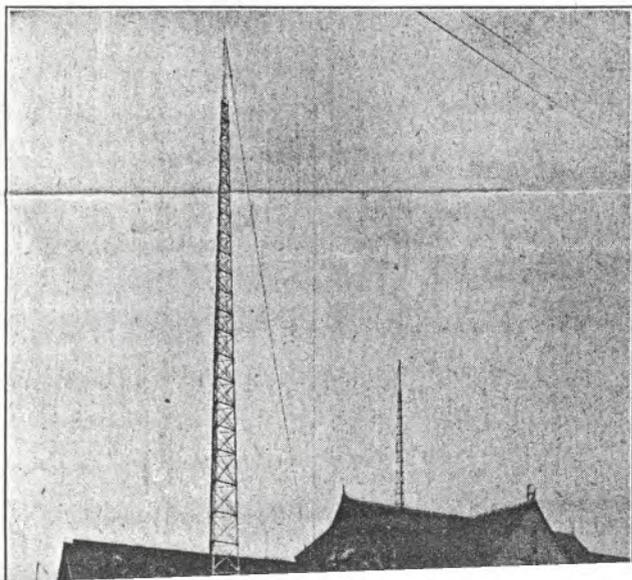
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The I.B.S.A. man was scared, because he did not know what the Chief would say to selling direct; but he went ahead and said it anyway, and when he had finished the chief said, "Surely, I will take the books; I often sit up till twelve or one o'clock listening to that station." The radio is doing a wonderful work.

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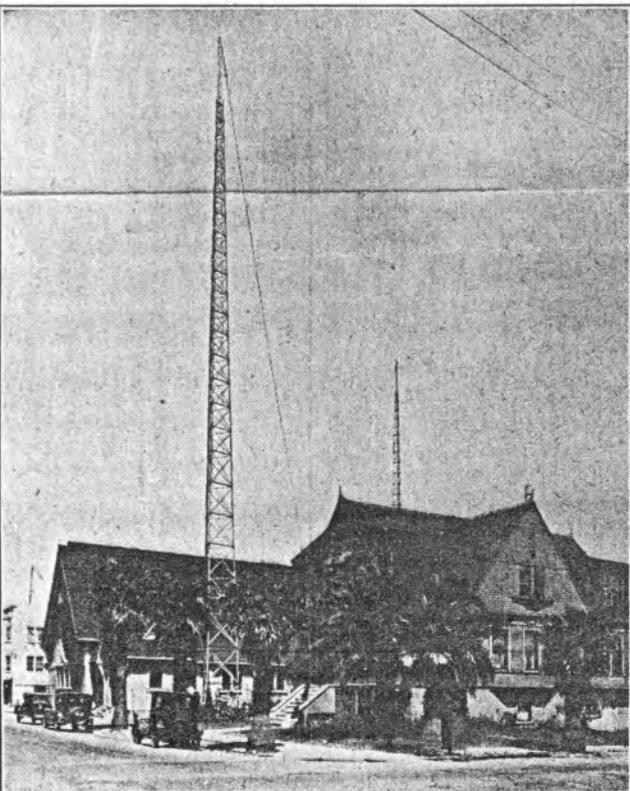
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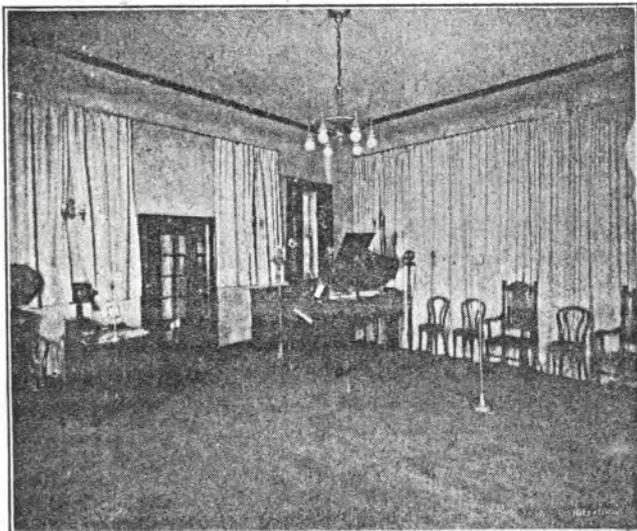
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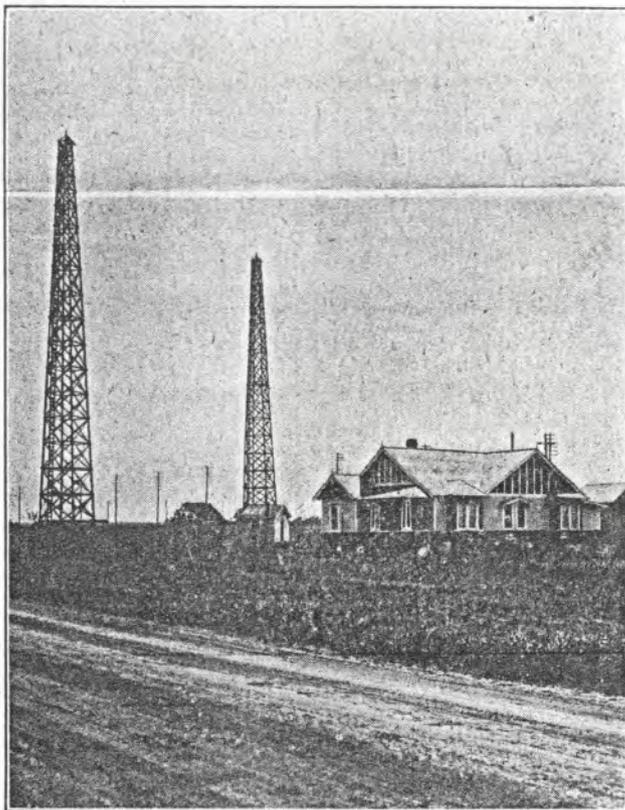
The other day one of the I.B.S.A. workers went up the main street in one of New Jersey's thriving little towns of about 3,000 population. He was calling on the business men only. As he went along he talked to them about WBBR, and the message of the truth that is coming forth from it from Judge Rutherford and his co-workers.

It was wonderful to see the interest they manifested. It took very little persuasion to induce most of them to read the Judge's messages, for they had been listening in. On that main street, on that day, that I.B.S.A. worker left behind him 272 books and booklets, and on the next succeeding day, in that town and four adjoining ones, 238 more, making 510 books in the two days. This could not have been done except that the radio is breaking down the prejudices of the people.

It is showing them what they will willingly admit in private conversation, namely; that when they go to the ordinary church services they get nothing for their starved minds and hearts; but when they listen in on the I.B.S.A. radio discourses they get real food, food which revives their faith in God's Word, revives their love for God, and makes them determine anew to become loyal and obedient subjects of His kingdom.

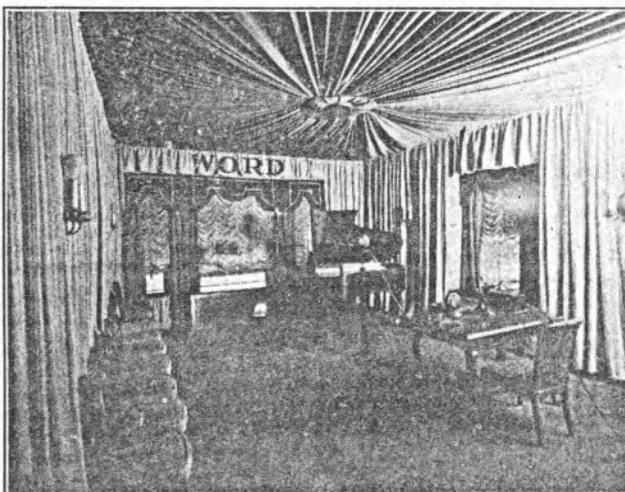
A few weeks later the same worker was in a larger town in New Jersey. Again he was working only

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ABOVE—I.B.S.A. RADIO STATION AT EDMONTON, ALTA.

BELOW—STUDIO OF I.B.S.A. SUPER-POWER STATION AT CHICAGO



THE MESSENGER

(ISSUED ONLY EVERY NOW AND THEN)

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For a week past the newspapers of the world have been groping for news. Their columns have been as barren of food for the mind as if issued by the bushmen of Australia.

Here is news of the first magnitude. This hook-up, from the viewpoint of the Bible, and from the scientific point of view, is the only real news in the world at this time.

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THE FIRST BARRAGE LAID DOWN

Five Hundred Automobiles of Workers Descend Upon
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That was a wonderful cavalcade that started out from Toronto yesterday morning. Imagine it!—a string of automobiles three miles long if running along behind one another as close as it is safe to run, and every one of them loaded down with books and workers eager to get into action. It was the greatest service drive ever made in history.

The work was planned on a colossal scale. With Toronto as a center there was a wonderful witness given over a vast territory, one hundred and fifty miles in diameter. Every town was canvassed and all the farm houses that were accessible. What was missed on Thursday will not be missed tomorrow. It was glorious. It will be more so.



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Mr. Goodman added that he was not criticizing the National Broadcasting Company for the substitution of Judge Rutherford's program for the interdenominational service and the Sunday Forum usually broadcast Sunday afternoon by the federation, and that the broadcasting company had been most generous in allotting time to the federation.

The "attack" by Judge Rutherford, referred to by the federation was at a hearing before the Federal Radio Commission on June 15 and 16, when Judge Rutherford petitioned the commission to reallocate the wave length of WBBR, the station of the International Bible Students' Association at Rossville, S. I., and give it the wave length now used by WJZ.

During the hearing President Meritt H. Aylesworth of the National Broadcasting Company invited Judge Rutherford to speak over the company's network. Judge Rutherford accepted and will speak Sunday from the Coliseum at Toronto, where he is to address the convention of the International Bible Students' Association.

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The roar of laughter at the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition will sound like the waters falling over Niagara. The Bible Students see what has happened.

It was a brilliant idea when the devil adopted the clergy as his children and another brilliant one when he took over the press to boost them and pat them on the back.

It was a brilliant idea when he got the clergy to father and mother his own lie that nobody ever dies and that his kingdom is Christ's kingdom. Brilliant once. Not now.

But when the Lord brought forth the truth about His plan and His kingdom, and when He brought forth His radio to enter within all walls, it was a bad day for all highwaymen.

Babylonians Gnawing Their Tongues

The accompanying Times article tells us sadly that for four years the preachers have been using the National Broadcasting Circuit, and that nobody is interested. Everybody yawns.

The Times goes on to tell us that Judge Rutherford laid the hypocrisy of the preachers wide open at the hearing in Washington and that now, in all sadness, they admit they knew it.

All the reporters in Washington were at that hearing and knew the great facts and laid them before their papers, but Tutankhamen still held the dead hand of Rameses II.

Did the Times render a public service by immediately coming out in the open and letting the people know of that great event in Washington? Not so that you could notice it.

But because they know that Judge Rutherford had given the funeral oration over ecclesiasticism they tried to kid themselves into thinking the corpse was still alive.

In the past the preachers have done all the dirty work for big business and for crooked politicians; but their work is done. The grave-diggers are throwing out the last gravel even now.

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The farmers were glad to see the workers. They did not always have money, but they had fruit and other good things to eat, which they were glad to trade for books.

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The Big Advertisement

And then the Times does a wonderful thing. It did not mean to do it. It could not help it. It gave all its powers to advertising Judge Rutherford.

Previously, when he spoke in New York to a great concourse of people at the New Madison Square Garden, the Times, at the behest of the preachers, gave him not a line of publicity.

Judge Rutherford was willing to pay for advertising, but they would not accept his money, because the preachers did not want the meeting advertised. But it was, anyway.

The Bible Students got on the job and in two days put a million and a quarter dodgers out in New York City telling the people all about it. And the people laughed.

And now the Times comes out and tells us that the preachers are dead, that Judge Rutherford has taken their place, and invites everybody to listen in. And they will.

Let us admit that the newspapers are no longer necessary. Every great newspaper strike has shown that. London showed it. New York showed it. Chicago showed it.

But as a last gasp the squawk from the Times is a good thing. It does tell the day and the hour when the people can hear Judge Rutherford. And all are glad.

All are glad. Yes, all the people. The preachers, the press and the politicians have done their dirty work and are about all done. The Lord is now on the job.

And on Sunday afternoon Judge Rutherford will tell all about it. He will make it all clear why the papers of Toronto have kept still about the only news they had.

FEEDING THE MULTITUDE

The Messenger desires to say that there is a department connected with the convention, which is worthy of notice; at least, it is worthy of notice once a day, and sometimes twice. When we heard of this department we just missed being led into temptation.

We were tempted to launch out into an elaborate description of how one squad of workers was busy out in the streets catching dogs which, at this time of the year, are not supposed to run around loose, and that some of this squad narrowly missed getting into trouble by catching in their nets some of those dumb dogs that the prophet Isaiah has so much to say about.

Then we came pretty near visualizing the culinary department of some of the restaurants in Canton and Hankow and Wanh-sien, which have as their *piece de resistance* some Towser that stayed out too late or got up too early and, as a consequence, was separated from his bark for all time, while most of the rest of him went to tickle the palates of the Chinks who were so fortunate as to be on hand when he left the pot.

Our Lord fed the five thousand men, besides women and children, his first step was to arrange them in companies of fifty and cause them to sit down on the grass. Then the apostles and other assistants were able to handle the throng. There is something of instruction for us in every move that the Lord made while He was on earth.

FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

The time at conventions is too precious to be taken up with the reading of cablegrams and telegrams from the platform, but there is no objection to giving the gist of some of them in *The Messenger*, where they can be read and appreciated to better advantage.

There was one from Capetown, reading, "Kingdom greetings by kingdom voice from South Africa"; one from Helsingfors, Finland, which reads, "Heartiest greetings with wishes for greatest blessings joining." We appreciate this a great deal more than if our Finnish friends had used the word "accompanying" instead of "joining." Somehow it sounds more genuine. We know just what they meant;

The Polish convention at Detroit wires that there are eleven hundred in attendance. They declare that they love us, and they hope that the heavenly Father will bless us and give us more strength to be better representatives of His coming kingdom. Fine! Their good wishes are echoed by the Lithuanian convention in very similar words.

Extra! Extra! Since the foregoing was in type (typewriter type), along comes a cable from Timarunz, New Zealand, which says, "Colossians two five", and if you doubt that that is a model cable under the circumstances, just look the passage up and see for yourself. We did.

The office of the Bible Students at Bergen, Norway, sends a cable hoping that the Lord will bless us abundantly, and the Lord is doing just that. Glad to hear from Bergen.

The next dispatch is from Sault Ste. Marie hoping, "That the convention may be a great witness for Jehovah; sing unto the Lord a new song and His praise in the congregation of saints: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king; praise ye the Lord."

Next is a wire from fifteen Greeks at Manchester, New Hampshire,

HEARD OR SEEN HERE AND THERE

The spirit of provincial intercourse between Quebec and Ontario is manifest at the convention by the attendance of a number of French delegates from Montreal. There will be special sessions held in the French language for the benefit of French Bible Students. Many of these were formerly Roman Catholics; they now rejoice in the privilege of Bible Study and decidedly prefer it to the formulas in vogue in the Roman Catholic Church.

Truly the Lord has established a marvelous mechanism for truth-spreading at the present time. We know how it used to be; many a well-advertised meeting brought out but a handful of people. Pilgrim C. Roberts says he used to travel between ten and fifteen thousand miles a year to talk to audiences totaling a few thousands. Now he stays right at home and talks to millions. Who will question the fact that the Lord is directing His work in the radio field!

A delegate was heard to ask two policemen on duty how they were getting along. They said: "All right." It was a new experience for them to have nothing to do at a convention. They were beginning to feel as though they would take root if they had to stand in one place very much longer. We are glad to see it is an I.B.S.A. convention in Toronto that is providing the Police force with a well-earned rest.

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A Real "Israelite" from the Sunny South

It rejoices my heart to see so many of the Lord's dear ones here. I am a Jewess, from Atlanta, Georgia, and there are very few Israelites in the truth. I want to be faithful to Jehovah and to praise and love him more each day.

A Tonic for All

I got up from a sick bed to come to this convention and I am much better already. Praise the Lord! I am standing shoulder to shoulder with my brethren on the Lord's side. I pray that we may all be faithful. I thank God for the privilege of being here.

—This one from Ashton, Kentucky.

Inspiring "wurrds" from the Highlands of Scotland

I come with a message of love from the "churrrch" in Glasgow. They are looking forward with delight to the prospects of having our dear President with us in September, and are making prodigious efforts to have him "brrudcast". We are expecting to have him "brrudcast" for the first time on the occasion of his coming visit. I am delighted to be here with you all. I came with a heart full of love for the Lord and for you all, and I hope to go back with a greater amount of love for the Lord when I return to Scotland.

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At the same time that we had the above temptation we had another, a much more subtle and ticklish one, and one harder to handle. Now, as you very well know, all the hypocrites in America are on one side of the liquor question, but it is not so here in Canada. Thus, when Ontario decided to return to booze, the Methodist print-shop here in town put in a bid for the printing of the liquor permits, and was awarded the job.

But we wouldn't dare make a joke about wondering if the root beer and pop at the Bible Students' lunch counter were all strictly according to its label, because hypocrites will jump even at a joke if they think there is any chance of their standing up better for Satan's empire and helping him to bring the Lord and the Lord's people into disrepute.

All of these temptations came to us when we first heard of the arrangements for feeding the conventioners at noon, but when we saw the arrangements themselves, then we were glad to pass up all nonsense.

The facts are that the Bible Students have a splendidly equipped and efficiently managed lunch counter and cafeteria arrangement in connection with their convention. The place is so well managed that a vast throng of five thousand people is fed here in an hour and a quarter every noon. The place is also open in the afternoon, after the meetings are over.

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Franske and Sampson, colporteur in Alberta, hope, "May Jezebel receive knockout at Toronto," and we all laugh and say, Amen. Go to it. More strength to your elbow, Judge. When the time comes to give her the knockout punch we will be on hand to pick up the palms of her hands and the soles of her feet and give them decent burial.

The class at Bonetrail, North Dakota, wants us to know that they are here with "The Remnant". Good! We know we are only a remnant, but the crowd here at Toronto looks like a good-sized remnant, and a healthy one. The class at St. Paul wants the Lord to shower His blessings upon us; and we are getting them, so many of them that we can hardly take care of them. Newport News, Virginia, has a similar wish.

The class at Reading, Pennsylvania, could not all come so they hoped this convention might prove to be "the greatest and strongest witness to the world that Jehovah is the only true God". How is that for a wish? Our own Russian convention at Detroit, now in session, echoes almost the same words.

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ANOTHER VIEW OF THE CAFETERIA AND LUNCH ROOM

Cheer up, you faithful Ukrainians! We have the Devil scared and are keeping right on doing what the Lord wants us to do. You do the same, and how happy we will all be while we are doing it, and afterwards.

The Hungarians at Detroit are also in convention at the same time with us here, and they want us to know that they are humbly praying the heavenly Father for our success in glorifying His name here in Toronto.

A cable from Stockholm, Sweden, expresses appreciation, joy and loyalty in three words. That is what we call condensation. Glasgow, Scotland, is confident that the Toronto convention will magnify the name of Jehovah and be a great witness to the presence of earth's new King. Wigan, England, cables, "Joel two twenty-three," and that saves writing it all out.

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attended a convention before. He declares that he will never miss one again.

Ruth Adams, of Wichita Falls, Texas, a little girl twelve years of age, met with a rather painful accident when some timber used in connection with construction work in the Coliseum fell upon her foot. It was necessary to take an X-ray in order to determine whether or not a bone had been fractured. But she is still attending the sessions, being carried to her seat by assistants. She says she must not miss the lectures, anyhow.

Those looking for the nursery or children's playgrounds always seem to ask old maids or bachelors where such can be found. And how should they know? The question arises as to whether there are any old maids in the truth!

are one hundred percent loyal to the Watch Tower and all its publications. The brethren have sent their pledge of love to the friends and to Judge Rutherford, that they are going to remain loyal to the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.—A delegate from Montana.

Class United and Happy

The Shreveport Class sends its greetings and best wishes. Every heart there is with us and praying for us. We are in heart union with the Society and everyone is a book seller. We shall soon have completed arrangements for a weekly broadcast of truth. Then we will have as complete, a chain of stations from Canada to the Gulf, as already we have a completed chain from Atlantic to the Pacific. We hope you can tune in some time on KFCA. —Bryan, Shreveport, La.

THE MESSENGER

(ISSUED ONLY EVERY NOW AND THEN)

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS CONVENTION AT TORONTO, (MONDAY, JULY 25, 1927)

Judge Rutherford Addressing the Whole World

The First Time in History That Any Lecturer Has Ever Talked to All Parts of the Earth

ONE of the greatest events of the age has passed into history. Judge Rutherford's address, at Toronto, marked the end of the old way and the coming in of the new.

Ten years ago the Bible Students anticipated that by the end of 1925 the gospel would be broadcast from some one station to all the rest of the world. They did not miss it by very much.

Ten weeks ago there were no signs that Judge Rutherford would have the whole world listening to him from the Coliseum platform, on July 24th. But events move rapidly now.

Nothing could more plainly demonstrate the hand of God than the wonderful way in which this seemingly impossible thing was brought about. All things are easy for God.

It is less than six weeks ago that Judge Rutherford and his colleagues were at Washington, setting forth to the Radio Commission their just rights to a high wave length.

Reasons were given why WBBR, Judge Rutherford's station on Staten Island, should have part of the time of WJZ. It seemed like a hopeless mission, but God saw otherwise.

WJZ is on the National Broadcasting Company's circuit. Its President was at the hearing. Naturally he wanted to retain all the time, but Judge Rutherford interested him.

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Though here in Canada he broadcast from Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis, Davenport, Batavia, Louisville and many other stations in the Middle Western states.

Without leaving the Coliseum his voice rang out from stations in Charlotte, Memphis, Nashville, Jacksonville, Dallas and from stations in many other cities all over the Southern states.

Though his voice went into but one microphone here yet it entered other microphones with equal power in Des Moines, Omaha, Denver, San Antonio, Oakland and Spokane.

Originally cast from Toronto, Judge Rutherford's voice went on and on until it was amplified millions of times and was re-broadcast from the great studios in England and Australia.

The vast audience at Toronto was as nothing. True, the great Coliseum was filled an hour ahead of time and thousands were turned away, but all could hear, in or out.

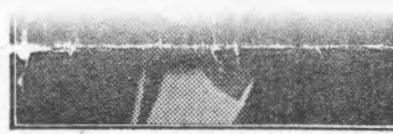
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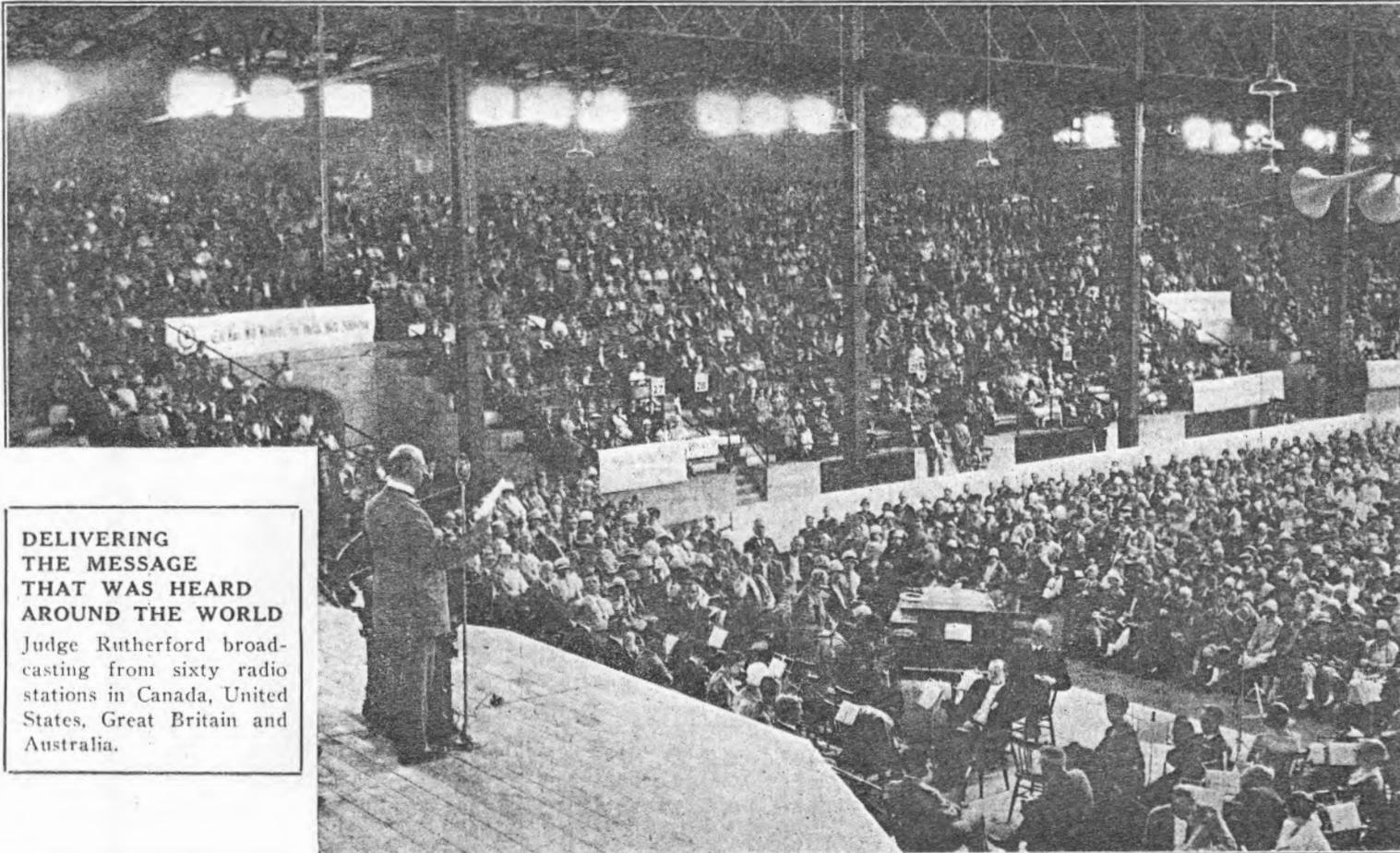
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JUDGE J. F. RUTHERFORD

from courts and then teachers and the public were in halls, auditoriums and private homes catching every word. How many millions heard Judge Rutherford's wonderful discourse Sunday afternoon there will never be any way of finding out, while we are on this side of the veil.

But there will be many more millions that will see it, for though it appears not in *The Messenger* it will surely appear in those auxiliary publications of *The Messenger*: *The Watch Tower* and *The Golden Age*!!



**DELIVERING
THE MESSAGE
THAT WAS HEARD
AROUND THE WORLD**

Judge Rutherford broadcasting from sixty radio stations in Canada, United States, Great Britain and Australia.

These include many of the most important stations in the United States, and with them the Red, Blue and Pacific networks, as they are called, reaching clear across the continent.

But he spoke from more than these, because many other of the most prominent broadcasting studios, including several in Canada, concluded also to send out the lecture.

So it came to pass that Judge Rutherford, standing in Toronto, talked from a line of stations reaching from Toronto, through Saskatoon and Edmonton to Vancouver on the Pacific coast.

As the Toronto meeting broke up, 595 workers, stationed at vantage points within the Coliseum and Transportation Buildings (where loud speakers were installed), offered dollar combinations to the thousands who wished to join the thirty million readers of the Judge's great books.

In our mind's eye we see that scene duplicated a thousandfold. The great work of popularizing the truth has really begun. Can it be that the Millennial Morning is here?

MORE DISCOURSES HEARD AT THE CONVENTION

EARTH'S GREAT DRAMA

By A. H. Macmillan

Certain parts of God's plan have been illustrated by a theatrical performance. In ancient times the theatre was more a place of instruction than amusement. Few people could read or write; reading material was not plentiful. Actors would act out certain principles in life, and the audience could see and hear and thereby learn.

In all fiction and theatrical performances, the authors unwittingly follow the general outline of God's plan. First, we have the principals in the play, who have some special end which they undertake to work out. The villain appears and upsets all their arrangements and, for a time, seems to be master of the whole situation. Later on the hero comes into action and usually has a great struggle with the villain, conquers him, and works out the original design to the satisfaction of all.

In this we see the salient features of God's plan illustrated. The principals of the great drama were Adam and Eve. They were told to be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth with their offspring, and to make earth a beautiful place in which to live. Lucifer appeared on the scene as the villain, apparently overthrew the arrangements or plans of the great Creator, and began to direct things in his own interests. For fully four thousand years he seemed to be master of the situation. Then the great Hero, our Redeemer, appeared and for a time had a dreadful struggle with the villain before He overcame him. Now we are abiding God's time to work out the final consummation, which will be to the joy and blessing of mankind and will reflect glory upon the name of

Jehovah.

Adam and Eve were perfect in mind and body, but lacked experience. Lucifer, one of the beautiful

the Adamic curse and would, therefore, not die. In this also Lucifer was surprised, when he discovered that the offspring of this illicit union did not have the power of procreation, the union of angels and women being an offensive combination to Jehovah. Other angelic beings joined the open rebellion with Satan, hoping that he would succeed and that they would share great honor with him when they should gain the victory over Jehovah.

At the time of the flood the old order was wiped out, the angels that intermarried with the daughters of men were imprisoned, their progeny, the nephilim, destroyed together with all the human race except Noah and his family. These angels who joined in open rebellion against Jehovah were not bound, but have been associated with Satan in carrying on his nefarious work. For the 4,000 years since the flood these angels associated with Satan have been his active supporters. Those in prison have not given the human family nor the church any trouble, for they are well secured and their

and must have been happy and joyful in their original beauty and perfection. Lucifer has now drifted so far away from right and righteousness that he is willing to destroy his former Companion in order to work out his own wicked purposes.

Satan dogged the pathway of our Lord from the time of His birth until His crucifixion upon Calvary. Little did he know that the crucifixion of our Lord sounded the death-knell of Satan and his empire. When our Master was raised from the grave and exalted to the divine nature and the angels of heaven were commanded to worship him, Satan was not even then discouraged. He had no hope of further injuring our Lord, so it is written that he determined to devote his attention to the followers of the Lord Jesus, to make war with the "remnant of the seed".

The Scriptures point out that 1914 was the end of the Gentile Times. Then our Lord Jesus, the One whose right it is to reign, was to take control of earth's affairs preparatory to the establishment of His kingdom. Satan's lease had expired; but not being willing to surrender, a war in heaven was precipitated. The beast and his angels endeavored to hold their own against the Lamb and His associates. The conclusion of the

to maintained. Men fix themselves up and go in another direction to do likewise.

Thus the foundations of the old order of things are being shaken, and will be swept away. Satan does not know that when Christ's kingdom is established homes will be somewhat different from what they are now. Each one will have an unselfish interest in all, not only in his own family and home, but all will cooperate for the general good. Thus in time there will truly be the brotherhood of man in one vast happy family on earth, recognizing the Fatherhood of God. Meantime, Satan is endeavoring to make life so interesting under the present arrangements that people will not desire the restraints and disciplines of the Lord's kingdom. He is leading the human family into all manner of excesses, particularly in matters of sex.

The result of this will be that the tender emotions of love and romance will no longer influence the minds of the young, and the sweet and sacred things of life will become ordinary and prosaic. We see evidence of this now in that so many of our young people commit suicide; there is nothing more to live for; they have investigated all the secrets and mysteries of life and feel that nothing is satisfying; and they terminate their

thoroughly shocked at the terrible excesses. Yet we were able to look on with some peace of mind, knowing that it would eventually work out for the good of all who suffered so much.

And so with the present situation. We do not look on in perplexity or in a hopeless manner, but realize that the purpose of God is being worked out in this matter, and that the death of the old arrangement will bring more or less pain to all who have been identified with it. On the other hand the nations of earth under the influence of Satan are feverishly preparing for greater power in order to control the nations and kingdoms and to the end that they may increase their wealth, and unitedly set themselves against the Lord and His Christ.

The consummation will be the great battle of Armageddon, which will mean the complete destruction of Satan's organization and the liberation of those oppressed thereby. Satan will then be bound and cast into the bottomless pit; the Lord's kingdom will be established and His great and wonderful purpose as originally designed will be worked out in the blessing of all the families of the earth. At the end of the thousand-year reign we read that the whole earth will be as beautiful as Eden; the willing and obedient of the race as perfect as was Adam before he sinned; all things made new. Then the kingdom will be turned over to the great Jehovah who will finally test and prove all by releasing Satan for a short time from his prison. The final consummation will be the great war mentioned in Revelation the 20th chapter, when Satan and those under his evil influence will seek to take charge of earth's affairs, taking the authority away from those appointed by Jehovah and again trying to establish himself as overlord. The final result will be that Satan and those with him will be destroyed in the second death.

Thus we see that Satan was defeated in the war in heaven, which ended the test of the loyalty of all the heavenly hosts. Satan will be defeated and destroyed in the final war upon earth which will test the absolute loyalty of the restored race; and thus the great drama of the ages will have come to a glori-



Adam and Eve were created in mind and body, but lacked experience. Lucifer, one of the beautiful sons of the morning, was appointed as their guardian angel or "covering cherub", and was anointed of God to carry out this commission. If Lucifer had appreciated the honor conferred upon him and had really endeavored to assist mankind, his services would have been appreciated by the human family and God would have greatly rewarded him for his faithfulness. Lucifer, however, had great ambitions and an exalted opinion of his own ability; so he determined to exalt himself in his own time and way. His purpose has been to misrepresent and slander the great Jehovah and, if possible, belittle Him before His creatures. Lucifer knew of the restrictions God had placed upon the human pair in Eden, and thought to get them away from God and under his own influence, and to make Jehovah appear ridiculous. His thought was to lead our first parents to the tree of knowledge of good and evil, have them partake of its fruit and thus bring upon themselves the sentence of death. There was no poison in the fruit of this tree that would have caused death, but the decree of God had gone forth that if they touched it He would take their lives away from them. Lucifer also planned to bring them later to the tree of life, have them partake of that and thus they would be entitled to live; not that this tree contained any life-giving energy that would give them immortality, but it was God's method of declaring to them that they would be worthy of everlasting life. If Satan had succeeded, then God would have been confronted with a dilemma: Because of their disobedience in eating the forbidden fruit He must put them to death; because they succeeded in getting to the tree of life and eating the fruit thereof, He must keep them alive. Both He could not do. Lucifer, however, was not as clever as he thought he was, for Jehovah denied Adam and Eve the right to get to the tree of life, and they were expelled from Eden.

Satan was not discouraged in this, however, and determined to outwit Jehovah by producing a race that would not be under the death sentence. He induced certain angels to intermarry with the daughters of men, thinking that their offspring would not be under

liberty denied them. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12) This passage does not refer to the angels in prison, but to those in high places with Lucifer as members of his cabinet. For these there is no hope and no trial provided, for they are incorrigible. All who openly join in rebellion against God will be destroyed. Those other angels, imprisoned until the judgment of the great day will have an opportunity to return to God's favor if they manifest repentance and faithfulness.

Down throughout the Patriarchal and Jewish Ages Satan continued his efforts to misrepresent and slander Jehovah's name and to persecute and, if possible, destroy any who gave Jehovah reverence. During this time God was testing the loyalty of certain individuals, and Satan's opposition helped to manifest their loyalty. When the nation of Israel was organized Satan became fearful that others might break away from his influence and that he would lose his kingdom. In a short time he brought them into idolatry and wickedness; and God cast them off as a nation six hundred years before Christ. From that time until the end of the Gentile Times Satan was the god of this present evil world. When our Lord Jesus appeared on the scene Satan demonstrated his total depravity by seeking to destroy, if possible, the very One who had given him his own life. These two sons of the morning, the Logos and Lucifer, lived and worked together

strife was that Satan and his associates were literally hurled from heaven; and thus terminated his associations with the heavenly creatures. Since that time his activities have been confined exclusively to the earth and every thinking reading person can see the results in the great changes going on in the world today. Satan has met his first real reverse in his struggle with the Lamb, and now realizes that if he is to hold his control over mankind, the time is short in which to marshal his forces. Satan is now doing all in his power to misrepresent the Lord and His children. He is seeking to get the human family more fully under his control. The one lever Satan has used amongst men for the past 6,000 years is the one that he is using now to an extent that he never did before. He is endeavoring to make conditions on earth so attractive for the fallen race that they will not desire the kingdom, but will resist it when an effort is made to establish it. The lever he is using is that of sex. He is seeking to break up homes and establish general looseness that will be attractive to the depraved tastes of the fallen race. In times past home and family relationships were sacred. If people were unhappily married they submitted to those unfortunate circumstances for the sake of their homes and families. Today things are quite different. Home is now a sort of parking place or service station from which to get supplies and go on. When evening comes the modern wives retire to their boudoirs, put on their evening complexions and scanty attire and sail out to break every convention that modesty has hither-

existence. Our sociologists, observing the general trend of events, are becoming quite concerned. Recently a convention of sexologists was held in Germany, where some of the foremost students of this subject had gathered. Professor Hugo Selheim of the Halle University made a speech that seemed to surprise all in attendance. He said that the present habits and customs of women in bobbing their hair, in mannish dress and general participation in athletic pursuits were calculated to destroy their femininity and that cases were observed where women at the age of forty had metamorphosed into creatures with all the characteristics of men. His theory is that the modern activities of women in participating with men in the more active affairs of life is just sufficient to stimulate the glands that determine the male traits as against the female. This is causing considerable concern on the part of prominent sexologists. They fear for the continuance of the race. If these gentlemen only knew that there is a sufficient number of millions of the dead to be brought back to this earth, and that propagation would soon cease, it would terminate their worry. Bible Students, as well as others, deplore the general looseness of the young people and the desire for liberty even to the extent of license in matters of sex. Yet we should not be surprised; for we have learned from the Lord's plan that during the Millennial Age sex distinctions will cease, as the propagation of the race will have been completed. From our study of chronology we expected the World War in 1914, yet when it came we were

wa upon earth which will see the absolute loyalty of the restored race; and thus the great drama of the ages will have come to a glorious end. Lucifer and all those influenced and led away by him will have lost all that they planned to obtain—honor amongst their fellow creatures, the dominion, the power to rule, and life itself—all will be gone. Christ Jesus, the great hero of the drama, and those who were influenced by His spirit and who followed the course He mapped out will receive all that could be desired. Christ and His bride will possess the divine nature, majesty and honor and dominion before God, the appreciation and adoration of the whole human family, and in the ages to come the manifold wisdom of God will continue to manifest itself in His kindness to Christ and His church.

This great drama will be of value to other creatures yet to be brought into existence. No doubt the myriads of planets in the universe all at some time be inhabited by intelligent creatures. Instead of each one passing through a terrible reign of suffering and death, as the human family has, they can learn of the exceeding sinfulness of sin and the terrible results coming to those who do wrong, by reviewing the drama of the ages enacted upon earth. Some might wonder how this could be done; but that should not trouble our minds now. Fallen human creatures can photograph the movements of men and animals and machines and reproduce them almost perfectly. We can do the same with the human voice. Recently a scientist stated that every sound made by the human voice is still floating in the ether and shortly men will be able to tune in and reproduce these sounds. He stated that the American people would yet listen to the original speeches of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington and other great men. This has wonderful possibilities in it. It may mean that every word we all have uttered during our lives will be reproduced. I am sure many of us hope that if they tune in on some of the things we have said in our past lives, there will be lots of static in the air so that they cannot get anything very clearly. However, perhaps the Lord means that He will blot out the uncomplimentary and unfavorable things we have said and only permit the good things to be reproduced.



THE JUDGE LISTENING TO A GOOD ONE BY CHAIRMAN SALTER

Maybe it was the "dog biscuit" story which appeared in Friday's Issue of THE MESSENGER, page 5. Take a look at Bohnet fathering some little boy.

PARABLE OF TALENTS

By T. J. Sullivan

The Parable of the Talents, recorded in Matthew 25:14-30, is evidently intended to depict the responsibilities of a Christian. The Lord does not force these talents upon any one; but all who come to Him in consecration are saying in substance: Lord, let me trade with your goods. These recognize the fallacy of trying to get any real joy, happiness or life through trading with their own goods.

The goods or talents in this parable represent kingdom interests. Kingdom interests, however, is a pretty generic term, and might include almost anything. A closer definition will help us to apply this parable. What the Lord actually gives the true Christian, after acceptance into the body of Christ, is an understanding of the divine purposes and his responsibility therein, enabling him to see that Jehovah is reconciling the world unto Himself through Christ; the church first, then the world in general. Even now He hath committed unto us the ministry of reconciliation. The Christian receives this knowledge with increasing brilliancy as he faithfully walks in the light, and this knowledge therefore constitutes his kingdom interests.

Trading Essential

These kingdom interests must be traded with in order to have the Lord's approval. The word "trade" literally means to work with. The only tool that the Lord provides His people with for this kingdom work, is the knowledge of His purposes.

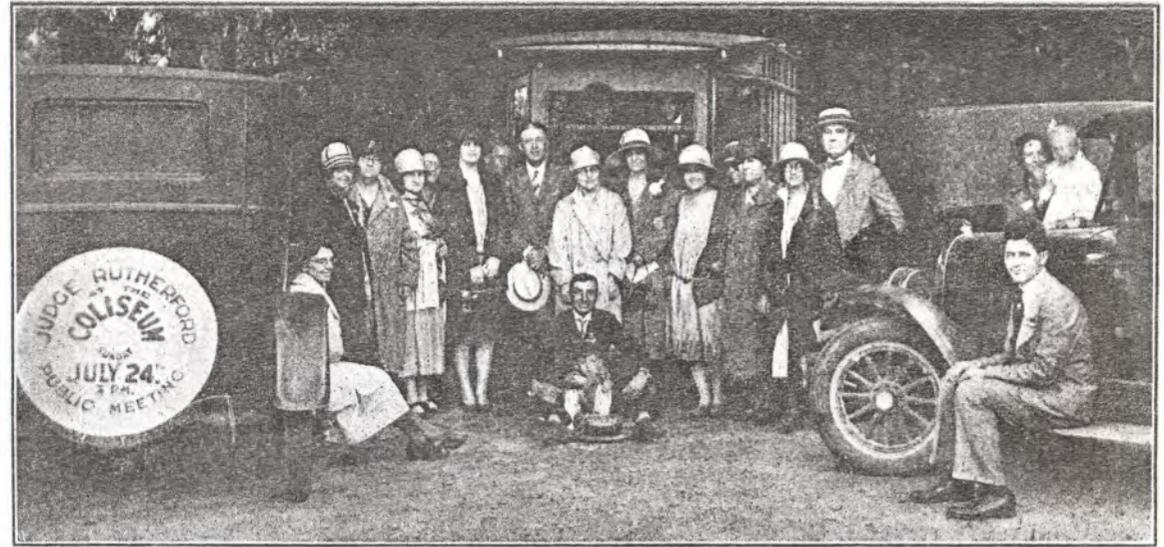
To trade with the talents, therefore, would mean to proclaim this knowledge received from the Lord to the peoples of the earth, that the name of Jehovah might be glorified, and the knowledge of His kingdom made known throughout the earth. Every one who is truly consecrated to the Lord rejoices in this privilege; and the facts have demonstrated that to the extent one trades

come to the knowledge of the truth. The first one, representing the five-talented class, would, when he recognized the need, forsake all his pleasant surroundings and comfortable position for the privilege of spending all his time in the service of the Lord, enduring the discomfort of the colporteur service joyfully, that he might serve the Lord and his cause more effectively. The two-talented one would be more inclined to retain his position and pleasant surroundings and serve faithfully there as opportunity afforded. Both classes come under the general approval of the Lord in this parable. Other scriptures show that the reward of the five-talented one will be the greater when the kingdom is completely established.

The one-talented servant represents a class who receive talents from the Lord, but who have no ability. They lack that unselfish devotion to the Lord and His cause which should induce them to trade with their talents, consequently their appreciation, understanding and faith in the purposes of the Lord never increase.

The Examination

When the Lord comes to judge these servants, the first two manifest their joy in the Lord, and in His service by their expression, Lord, thy talents have gained five, and two, more. Joy, expectancy and happiness permeate their whole expression. But in the case of the one-talented servant, there is neither joy nor expectancy in his expression, "Lord, I knew that thou wert a hard master," never dreaming for a moment that he himself was guilty, but blaming the Lord for his sorry condition. At the first advent some walked with Jesus for a time. Then He revealed what was required of them, and they said, "This is a hard saying." (Thou art a hard taskmaster.) In 1878, 1914 and 1918, the Lord revealed the progress of His plan, and the requirements for His people. Some have answered, I can't come out of Babylon, I can't stand in opposition to the powers that be as your witness before all nations. Or, they said, We cannot take the menial position of going from house to house as mere book agents. What are these saying? These requirements are not man-made. It is the Lord God who call them out of



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the terms of the Law, having served his master six years became free. Thereupon Jesus made His choice and, figuratively, had his ear pierced as the bond-servant of Jehovah, even as a servant after his period of servitude had ended was free to make a choice of being free or of becoming the bond-servant of his master and serving forever.—Deut. 15:16, 17.

Jesus could have chosen to live on earth and exercise His earthly privileges. He was the Son of the Man, and inherited all of man's original inheritance and privileges; but Jesus chose unselfishly. (Psalm 10:8) Jehovah was well pleased with the devotion of His beloved Son and so expressed Himself. (Matthew 3:17) Jehovah was pleased because it was love for His Father that prompted Jesus to take the course He did. Notwithstanding His faithful course as the Logos, the honored instrument in the creation of all that was created, Jesus was submitted to severe and searching tests of His loyalty and love. (Phillipians 2:7-10) He did not seek self-exaltation, but humbled Himself under the mighty hand of Jehovah. To be humbled means to be wholly and completely submissive to the will of a master.

Immediately after Jordan and His forty days of preparation in the

to share in the great work performed by Jesus as a witness for Jehovah. Love for Jehovah must be the prompting motive. (John 14:23, 24) This high honor is not given to every one, but only to the Servant, the chosen of God. (Isaiah 43:10-12) No one is compelled to engage in this great campaign of witnessing for Jehovah; but, as Jesus said, those who love Him will keep His commandments. It is commanded that the witness be given at this time (Matthew 24:14), and if we love the Lord we will obey His command and give the witness. If we do not love the Lord, we will not obey Him, and someone else will give the witness. As Jesus confidently and with courage went about His work of witnessing for Jehovah, learning obedience through the things which He suffered, so now in the day of judgment His feet members have an opportunity of perfecting their love; for as the Lord Jesus was on earth a witness, so now are they in the world as witnesses. (1 John 4:17) Now it is their happy privilege to cast up the highway and lift up the standard of Jehovah, that the people may know that Jehovah is God!—Isaiah 62:10.

Nor does it refer to the fact that God intends to have a family of sons, who may be sad to bear the family name of God. Jesus is the first-born of many brethren (Romans 8:28, 29) and these may be said to be the family of God, being sons begotten by Him.

The passing of the years since the truth of the Bible first became clear has brought much light upon many things, until then but dimly discerned, and this passage gives its own measure of instruction for the Lord's faithful servants at this time.

We now know that before the end of this age has fully come, God intends to vindicate His name before all men. What do we mean by this? It can best be explained by the Scriptures themselves.

We have learned how the times of Moses and the imperious Pharaoh, and the conditions of God's people Israel, are typical of our own times. Also we have learned that God went down to Egypt to get Himself a name before men and angels by delivering His people out of the cruel hand of Pharaoh.—See 2 Samuel 7:23 and Exodus 9:16.

This statement shows that men were forgetting God, and were in danger of getting so far out of hand that He might need to rebuke them, as at the flood. God knew

PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME





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with these talents, his knowledge appreciation and faith in the purposes of the Lord increase, while on the other hand, to the extent this neglected, understanding, appreciation and faith in the Lord and His arrangement proportionately diminish.

Increase According to Ability

These talents are given to each one "according to their several ability." Some receive five, some two, and others one. Ability means loyal devotion to the Lord, or willingness to serve. Jesus possessed the greatest ability of any creature who ever lived. This ability was composed of His absolute devotion to the Lord, because of which Jehovah could use Him completely and wholly. If He had lacked devotion or loyalty to the Father, to that extent His ability to serve would have been limited; for self-interest would have replaced self-sacrifice. Jesus had no self-interest apart from His Father. He was used wholly by the Father. The same is true of the followers of Jesus. Their willingness to serve and their devotion to the Lord's cause constitute their ability in God's sight.

Opportunities According to Willingness

The fact that some received five talents, some two and others one, shows the degree that we are willing to serve the Lord and His cause, whether above and beyond any other consideration. The five-talented class is well illustrated in the Apostle Paul who said, after recounting all the advantages that were his as a Pharisee: "All these things I count as loss and dross for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

The two-talented servant represents a class who love the Lord and His service, but who do not go to the same extremes of devotion that the five-talented ones do. The distinction between these two classes might be illustrated by two young men, in pleasant surroundings, who

Lord God who calls them out of Babylon. It is the Lord who said that they should be His witnesses before all nations. It is Jehovah who said: "Ye are my witnesses, that I am God." They are saying to the Lord: Lord, you are a hard taskmaster, we will hide our talent (knowledge of the kingdom of God) in the earth, which is the visible part of the Devil's organization. There is much food for thought in this parable.

SON AND SERVANT

By Donald Haslett

"But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself, shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."—Matthew 23:11, 12.

The words of this text are important to the anointed of the Lord because they are the words spoken by the Son of God, who is also the Servant of God. Jehovah God arranged that a record be made of the words, the life and the death of His beloved Son, in order that those who would become members of the kingdom might know what is required of them.—1 Peter 2:21.

A servant is one who works for or serves another, either by compulsion or voluntarily. A bond servant is one having no freedom of action but held by force or coercion under control of another, and compelled to render service to the will of another.

When Jesus came to the earth it was voluntarily in the service of Jehovah. As the Logos, the creation of Jehovah on the spirit plane, He had the right to exist; and it was not taken from Him. Jesus, born as a babe on the human plane, had the right to exist. It was not necessary for Him to serve under the Law given the Jews in order to gain life, for He already had the right to existence, which is life. As a Jew born under the Law He was honor-bound to observe it. This He did, demonstrating that a perfect man could keep the Law. At thirty years of age He became a man, and having kept the Law, became free from it, even as the servant under

His forty days of preparation in the wilderness Jesus began His work as a witness for Jehovah. He understood and said that the good works of healing that He performed were but incidental, and that His purpose was to do the will of Jehovah and to finish His work. (John 6:38; 4:34) In response to Pilate's questions Jesus expressed the will of Jehovah God concerning Him: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

Jesus knew He was a witness for Jehovah and permitted nothing, not even death, to interfere or stop Him. By His words, His life and His death He gave a witness that Jehovah was God and testified to the glory of Jehovah. This course of loyalty and faithfulness won the approval of Jehovah, and Jehovah God rewarded Him. The reward given Jesus was not for His selfish enjoyment, but rather it was such that it gave Him added and greater opportunities of glorifying His Father by becoming the author of salvation to all that believed. (Hebrews 5:5-9) Jesus did not ask for a reward for His services, but by His prayer in Gethsemane showed His unselfishness, being willing to return to heaven as the Logos.

As a member of the body of Christ, the Christian is privileged

FOOD FOR HIS NAME

By J. Hemery

Text, Acts 15:14-17

These words spoken by James when stating the findings of the council held in Jerusalem, when the church was divided and in danger of being split on the question of circumcision, have been interpreted by Bible Students as if they were synonymous with the whole church referred to by Jesus as the little flock.—Luke 12:32.

It was easy to fall into that interpretation, for it was on that occasion that the purpose of God was first clearly seen by His church. The church for the first time saw that God had set His hand to do a certain work in gathering a people, and that then he would return His favor to His ancient people Israel, after which He would bless the world of mankind.

But a closer examination shows that the passage does not specially refer to the little flock, as such. It does not refer to a people to carry the name of Christ, either as His joint-heirs in the kingdom, or as His bride.

them, as at the flood. God knew those conditions would be repeated at the end of the Gentile Times; a Moses (class) would be required for that time.

It was for this purpose that God began His work among the Gentiles, that at the end of the age He might have a people who would stand for His name as Moses stood for it before Pharaoh. Thus the people for the name of Jehovah are those to whom are given the privilege and responsibility of doing the work which corresponds to that which Moses did.

The world is forgetting its Creator. His name must be magnified. Jesus was set to tell the name and glory of God, and He did His work. At the second advent the faithful servants of God are as clearly and definitely set to do a work for Jehovah as He was then.

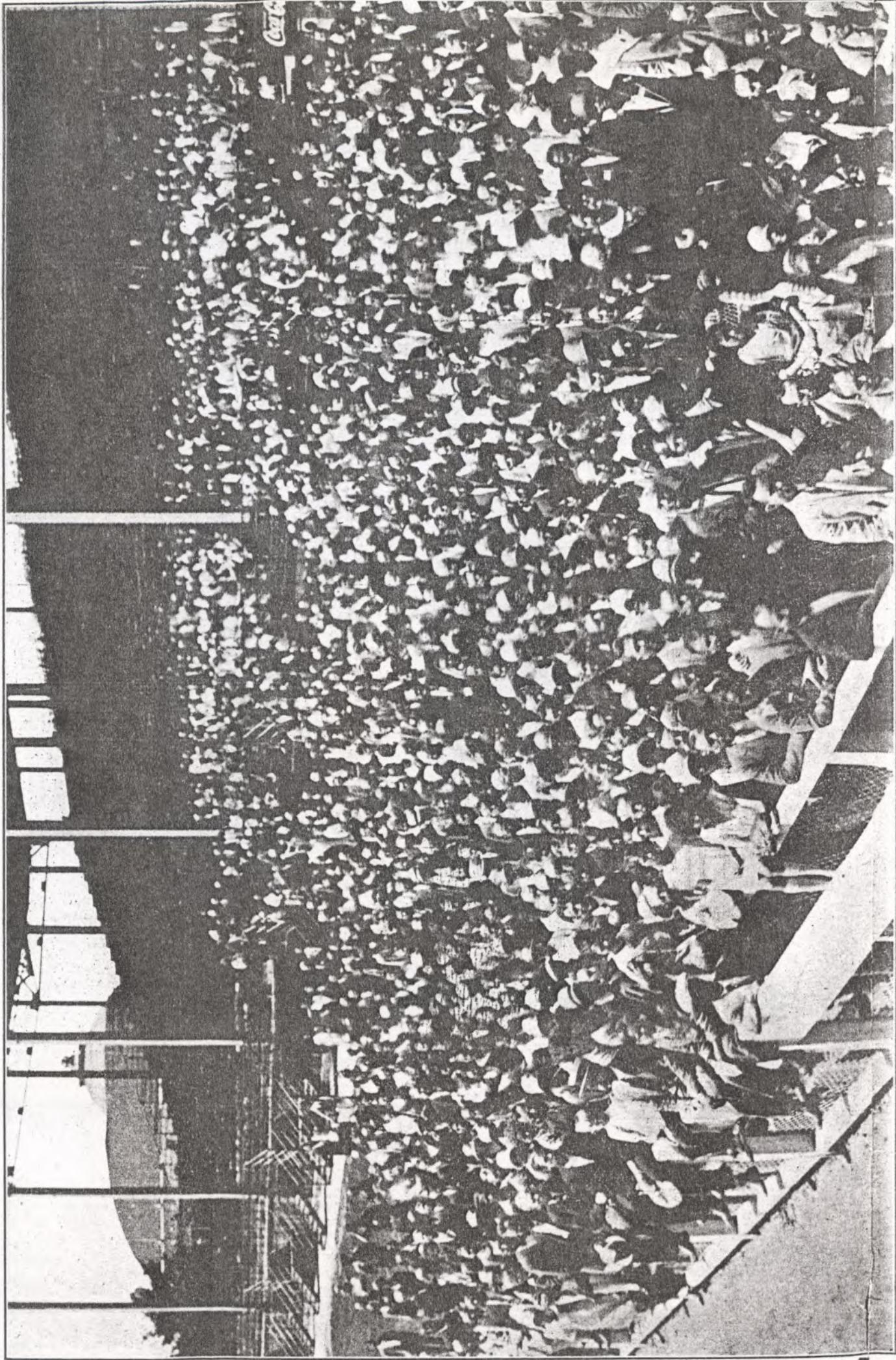
These people for the name of God are the thirty, sixty, one hundred-fold ears of corn of the parable; they are the fruit of the true vine; that which God wanted for His work at the end of the age. These people will both be exhibited by God as proving that there is a reward for faith, and they will also consistently and persistently declare all the honor and glory of the name of Jehovah against all the opposition of the leaders of this world, whether this opposition be from ecclesiastics, politicians or the money rulers of the world.



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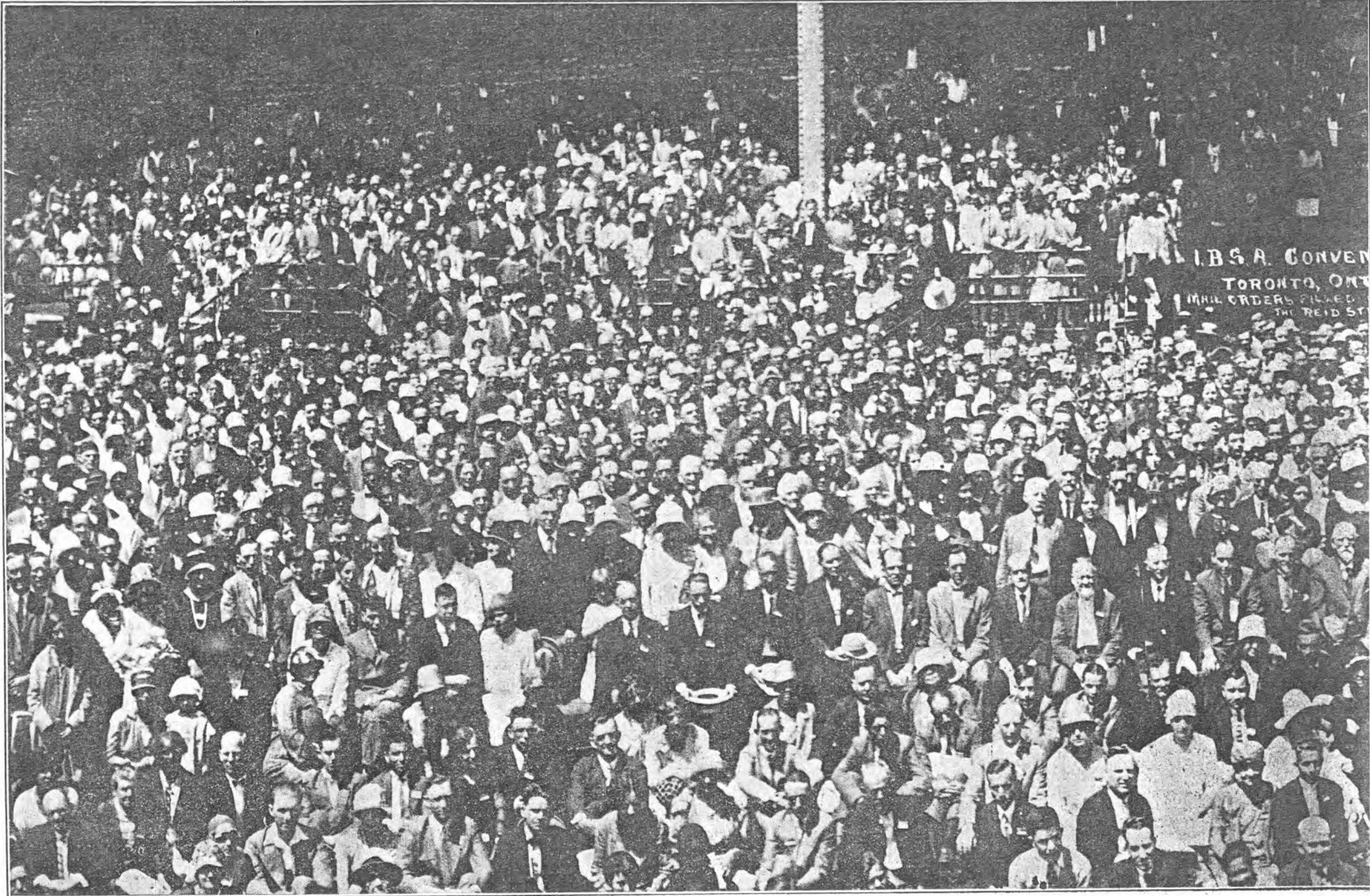
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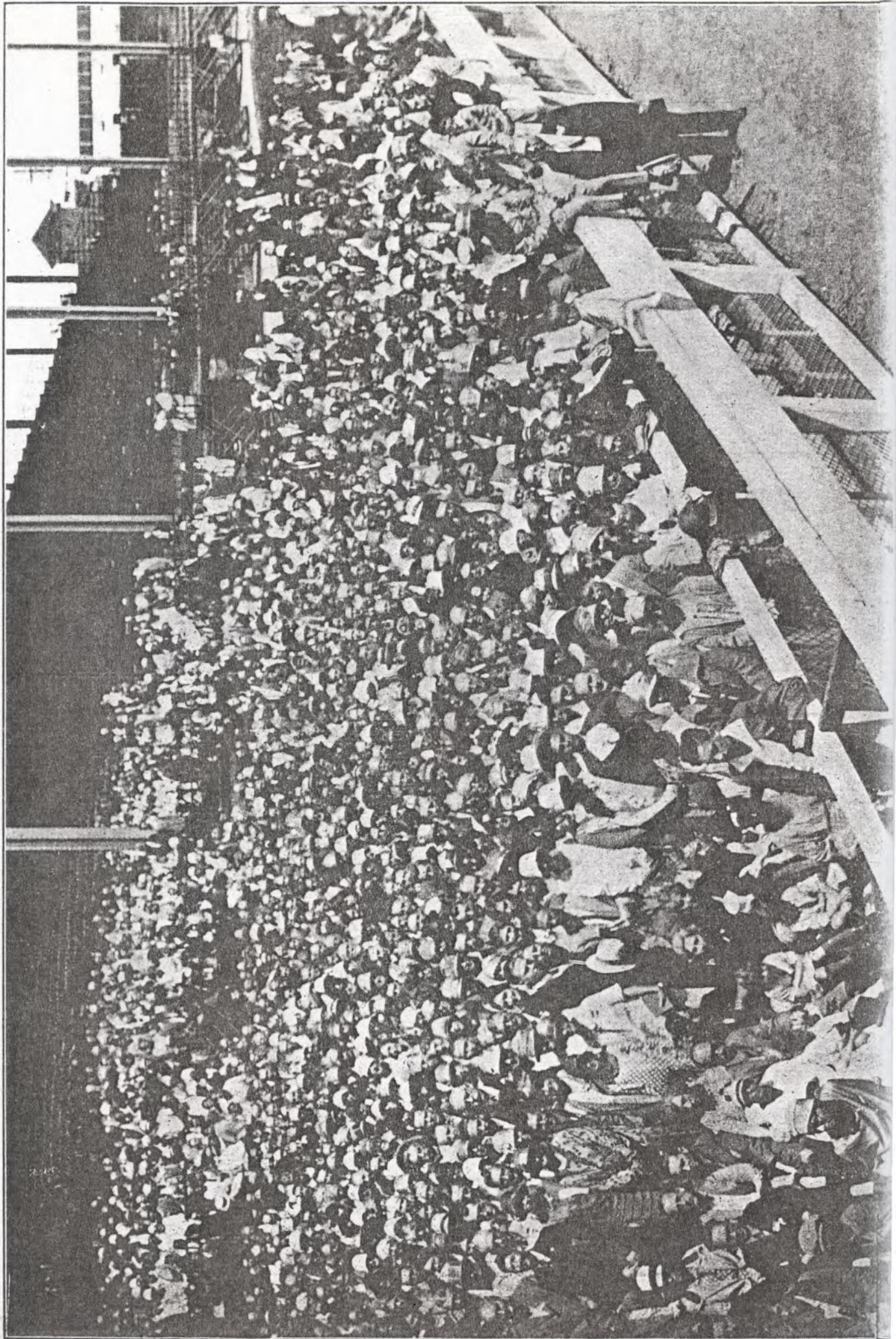
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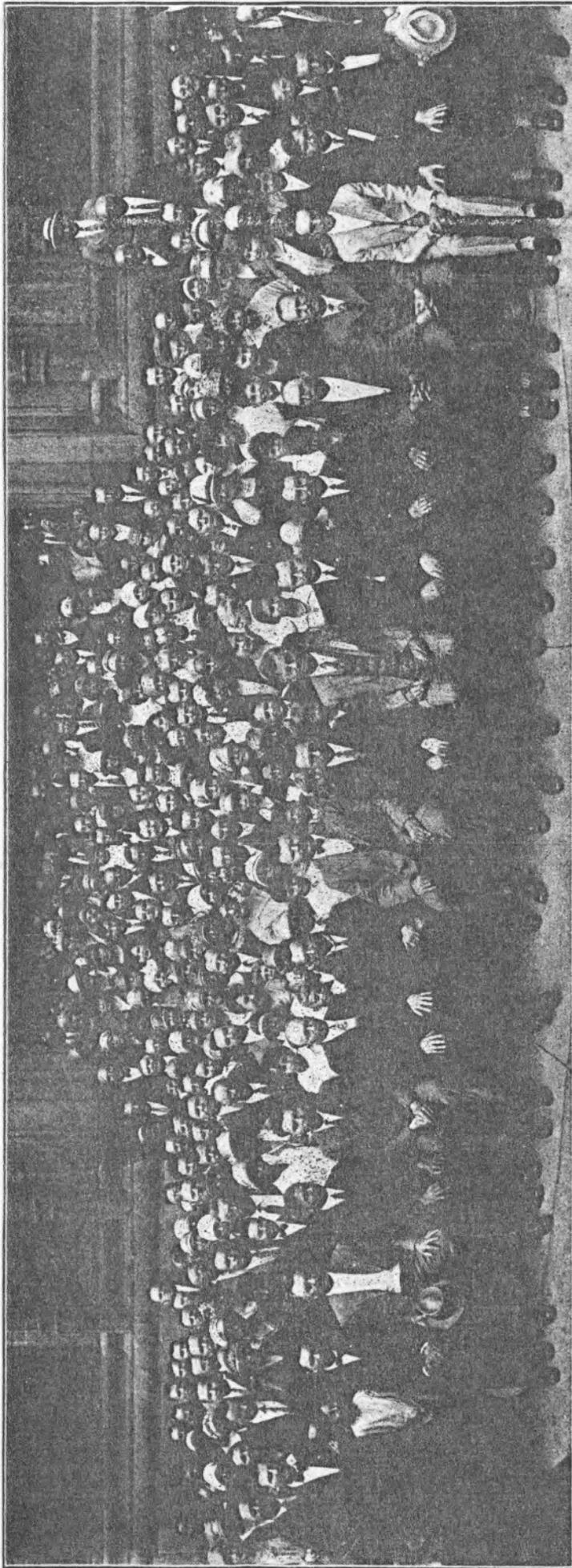
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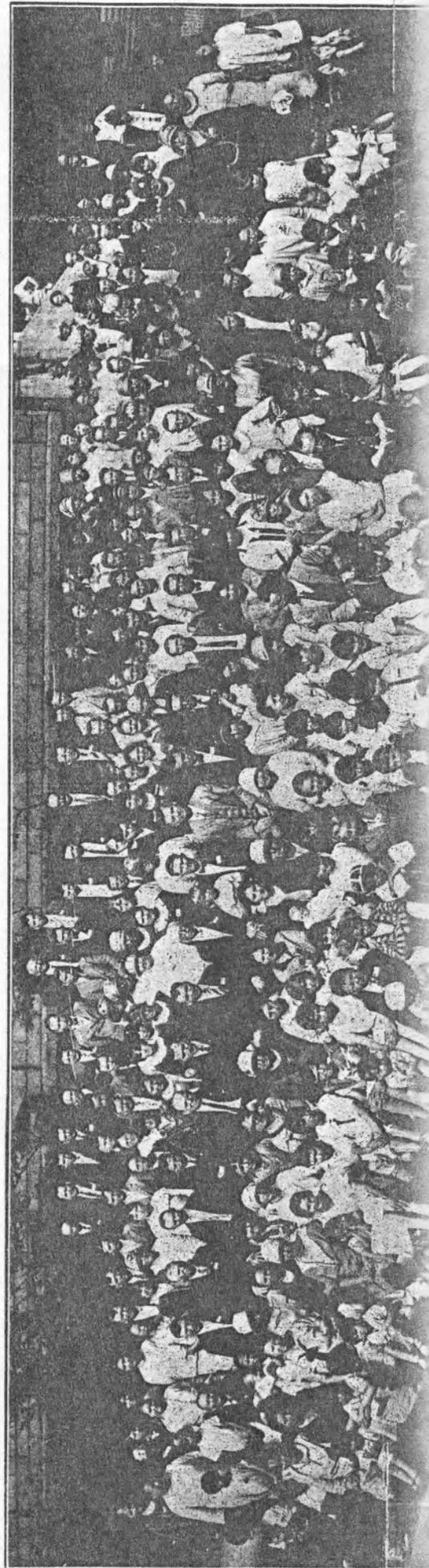


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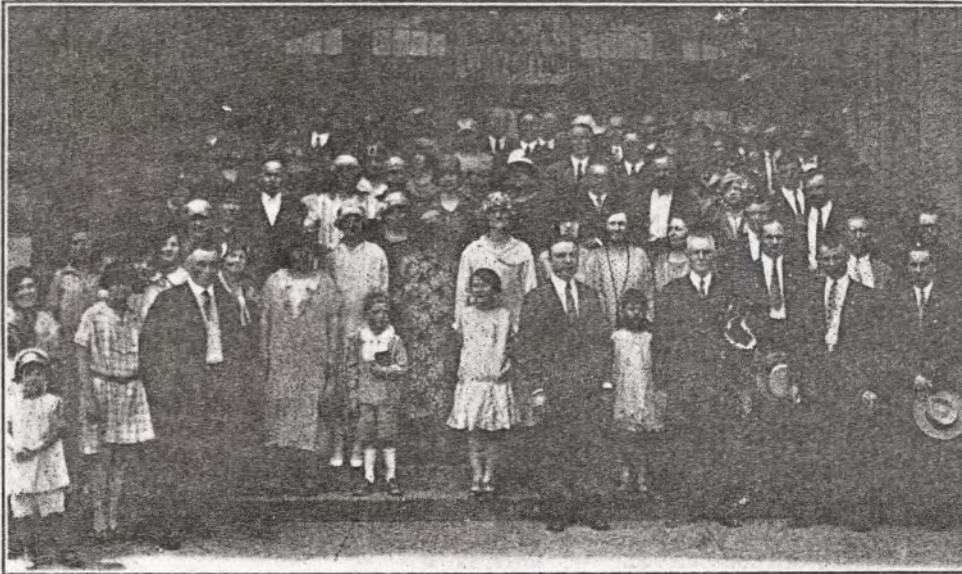
Foreign Speaking Delegates at the Auxiliary I.B.S.A. Convention at Detroit



POLISH DELEGATES AT THE CONVENTION AT DETROIT, JULY 18-26, 1927



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LITHUANIAN DELEGATES AT DETROIT CONVENTION



A GROUP OF COLORED DELEGATES AT TORONTO



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THE CONVENTION AT DETROIT

Messages from Detroit, some of which have been published in the columns of *The Messenger*, tell us that the Poles, Lithuanians, Slovaks and Hungarians who were assembled in convention there at the same time that the great general convention of English-speaking Bible Students was held in Toronto, have been having a splendid time. This is clearly revealed in the beaming countenances reflected from this page. The very truths that were

so inspiring when presented at Toronto in English were just as inspiring when presented in Detroit in Polish, Lithuanian, Slovakian and Hungarian, and it is not too much to say and to admit that they were presented just as clearly, just as forcefully, just as convincingly; for there are many men of great natural ability among these foreign-speaking Bible Students. Many of these foreigners are well-to-do business men.

HEARD OVER CKCX THURSDAY NIGHT

Announcer's Introduction:

Lieutenant Houston, a veteran of the World War, has just come home after an absence of several years. He is renewing acquaintances and visiting old friends. Among them is Attorney Trout, prominent in law circles, and a politician of distinction. The attorney also takes an active part in church work, being Superintendent of the Sunday school.

While waiting for Attorney Trout, the Lieutenant is talking with his former truck driver, a jolly old Negro.

Houston: Yes, Nathaniel, I got back safe and sound, and am glad to see old Nathaniel still carrying on.

Nathaniel: Boss, I sho nevah tho't I'd see you agin. Tho't sho one of dem bullets would drap ya right in yo tracks. When I see'd you lef de house dat day, I jes close me eyes and sed to de boys, I guess dats de las time what we see de boss. But heah ya is, lookin jes like yo'sef. I know de missus is sho glad today.

H: Well it *was* hard to leave the folks, Nathaniel; and yet I was anxious for the experience. You know I had been trained for that purpose and wanted to put my training into execution—just wanted to see the troops I had been training with in action; to see the reality.

N: Boss, I wants to know sumpin 'bout de war—'bout dem big bum's what drap right outen de sky. I hearn tell 'bout dem by de preacher. He sed we better all git religion, cause dey mought be anothah war some day. But he hopes dis is de las one. But dat is jes what he sed 'bout dis one. He said 'twant go be no mo wars, for de kingdom of hebben was almost heah, and dat de people was almost converted—jes a few mo years and den de people would all be on de Lawd's side. But lo, der comes de war, and jes like one of dem big bum's what drap from de ski and blowed up all de plans of de preachers. We looked for de poirly gates of hebben, and

of ministering to the boys, to recon-dition them spiritually; but this was in fact nothing more than to help build up their morale, as we used to say, that the boys might again take their places on the fighting line; or, in other words, that they might again become mentally fit to kill their fellow men.

T: B-u-t, Mr. Houston, as citizens of their country, were not these chaplains performing their sacred duty?

H (snappily): That's just it, the position of the clergymen was inconsistent. They maintained that they themselves as Christians could not kill, and for this reason did not take up arms; while at the same time they never tired of admonishing the boys to be manly, to be good Christians, to face the enemy unflinchingly and, if necessary, to die like good soldiers. But for *them* to kill, that was beneath their dignity. For this reason these chaplains remained with rear echelon; I mean they, almost without exception, stayed with those troops known as the noncombatants who were left behind the lines.

T: What is inconsistent about that?

H: *The fact* that they themselves would not kill; and that at the same time they permitted themselves to be used as recruiting agents and auxiliary line officers to send fellow Christians to the front to do what they themselves considered beneath them. This is what we boys saw, and this is the reason that I lost respect for Christianity as taught and practised by the clergy. A double standard, if you please; and what honest man doesn't detest that? If it were wrong for the clergy to kill, it was just as wrong for them to urge and coerce others to kill.

T (heatedly): Then, what should the clergymen have done, according to your opinion? Should they have sat silently with folded hands and watched the enemy overrun the country?

H: Mr. Trout, my opinion means nothing; but it stands to reason that the Bible outlines a definite course of action for the Christian to take under such trying circumstances; particularly in view of the fact that Jesus plainly stated that a time

T: Oh, somebody's led you off the track there. Don't you know that the kingdom of God was established when Jesus came to earth and that the present civilization is the outgrowth of His teachings?

H: The Bible does not teach that. Jesus plainly said just before His crucifixion, "My kingdom is not of this world"; and again, "My kingdom is not from hence." In fact, he stated that "the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me". The whole truth is, Mr. Trout, the Bible points out that the god of this world is the great deceiver, Satan, the father of lies; and that he is the invisible controller of the various governments of earth.

T (warmly): You mean to tell me that the kingdoms and governments of earth today are controlled by Satan, and that Almighty God has had nothing to do with them?

H: Exactly! The Bible shows that the facts, which we can all see, prove that it is Satan's spirit of selfish ambition and thirst for dominion that has inspired and actuated the men who have been the leaders in all the nations of earth. On the pages of history is the plain record of the rise and fall of kingdom after kingdom, first this form of government, and then that—each one flourishing for a time and then crumbling and fading away, after demonstrating its inability to bring any lasting good to the people.

T: What you say astounds me. In fact, if I didn't know you as I do, I'd be tempted to accuse you of being a traitor.

H (Pause): Mr. Trout, you as a lawyer well know the meaning of the word traitor. A traitor is a turncoat, one who deliberately betrays the interests of another that were intrusted to him in confidence. *I deny your veiled accusation;* and if you will bear with me, I'll point out to you who are the traitors.

T: Oh, I didn't mean to be personal, Houston. But now that we are into this, I'd like to hear your full argument; for you've made some pretty bold statements.

H: Well, then, you remember when Jesus was on earth Satan sought diligently to destroy Him. He boldly presented to Jesus all the kingdoms of the world on condition that He worship him, Satan. Jesus

due time to relieve and bless all mankind. Now notice this comparison, Mr. Trout: In the fourth century Satan boldly presented to the clergy the same offer that had been spurned by Jesus. Of all the kingdoms offered to Jesus pagan Rome was the chief. Three centuries later Rome was still the leading government of this world. The kingdoms of the world were offered to the clergy by Satan through his visible representative, the Emperor Constantine, upon the condition that the clergy become subject to him. Notwithstanding the fact that Jesus had repeatedly warned his followers that such a temptation would be presented to them by Satan, the leaders of the church in the fourth century gullibly yielded to the temptation of the great deceiver and openly embraced the offer of Satan. They joined with the politicians to exercise a controlling power over the people; and thus, by becoming friends of the kingdoms of this world they became enemies of God, and abandoned the interests of God's kingdom intrusted to them.

T (disgustedly): Oh, but that all happened centuries ago and applies only to the Catholic system! Protestants have advanced and outgrown all that!

H: Yes, I'll admit that a protest was made in the name of the Lord centuries ago when those professed Christian leaders yielded themselves in joining hands with the ruling powers to dominate and control the people. The result was the various Protestant systems. (Pause) But where is the protest now? The fact is, the *leaders* of each of the so-called Protestant denominations have been likewise tempted; and it cannot be denied that these leaders also are now and have been for some time working with politicians and big business men to dominate and control the people. But God's time has come for the people to see the true situation; and their eyes are opening. They are beginning to see and appreciate that the clergy have been unfaithful stewards, seeking their own glory and feeding themselves at the expense of their flocks.

T (heatedly): No matter what you say, young man, I refuse to admit that Satan is the god of the

earth; for the Scriptures state that the kingdom will be established "within you". This has been going on since the days of Jesus. Then and there the kingdom was established in the hearts of His apostles, and it has since been established within the hearts of all Christian people. No, sir; you can by no means make me believe that there will be an actual kingdom set up upon earth, and that it will always exist. I know from personal experience that for the past twenty years there has been that something within me that never existed there before, something that has constantly sought to give expression to itself; a force, a spiritual force has always impelled me and urged me to help my fellow men. That spiritual force is to me the kingdom of God working within.

H: Well, I wonder if it was that same spiritual force which impelled the leaders of the Christian churches to hate and destroy one another? (Pause) As you know, the clergy of the Central European powers taught their people that those kingdoms were a part of the kingdom of God and that it was their duty to fight for them. Those preachers and priests of Germany and her allies went to the front with the soldiers and prayed for the success of their armies. In the same way the clergy of the allied nations taught that their governments held sway by divine right and are a part of the kingdom of God upon earth, and that it was their duty to stimulate the boys to fight for the preservation of democracy. American, British, French, and every one of the allied countries had their clergy at the front, who prayed for allied success on the battlefield. The clergy of all the warring nations claimed to be the representatives of God. While embracing the same creeds, they were divided, and fought each other. They claimed to be brethren, yet they fought one another—Catholic against Catholic, Lutheran against Lutheran, and all the others. If the kingdom of God was in their hearts, Mr. Trout, then why did they hate one another? Doesn't the Bible say: "The kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace, and joy"? Jesus said: "By this shall all men know that we are my di-

for de poirly gates of hebbin, and since den we aint found nuthin but de fire and brimstone. It oos to be dat nobody but de cullud folks oos to fight and kill one anothah on Sattaday nights. But nowdays de white folks deys worse dan de cullud folks evvah been. Dey don't wait till Sattaday night; dey fights all de time. Oh, oh, heah come Marse Trout—

Trout (quickly): Well, of all things! Mr. Houston!

Houston: I'm delighted to see you again, Mr. Trout.

T: Where on earth have you been?

H: Since leaving the Army some months ago, I have been located in New York City.

T: And how long will you be with us?

H: Oh, just down for a few days to see the folks and attend to some business.

T: You must have some interesting experiences to relate. What are you doing now, Houston?

H: I'm associated with some friends in the city in a line which I like better than anything I've done before. And how is the law business with you?

T: Still plugging along, as usual. But you know we're facing a condition at present which I have not known in all my thirty years of contact with the business world.

H: And you're still with the Sunday school work, Mr. Trout?

T: Yes, you've guessed right; this is the lesson book that I have been going over today. The fact is, I have been Superintendent of our Sunday school now for more than twenty years.

H (meekly): Did it ever occur to you, Mr. Trout, as you studied the Bible, that the stress of our day and the threatening conditions which you remarked upon a moment ago, are significant? (Pause) You know when I went off to France with the boys in 1917 I was not a Christian in the least, even though I did attend the Presbyterian church. Shortly after arriving at the front, however, I lost all respect for Christianity.

T (quickly): What do you mean—you lost all respect?

H: Well, it was like this: Behind or attached to each battalion was a minister or priest who was assigned and maintained at the government's expense, to help encourage the boys when they became weary and sick of the slaughter. These clergymen, of course, were charged with the duty

Jesus plainly stated that a time would come when His followers would have to face just such conditions.

T: I suppose you mean that all the clergymen should have hoodwinked the people into being pacifists.

H: Oh, no! not at all. But the Bible is clear in defining what should be the Christian minister's attitude toward the governments of earth.

T: I think our ministers are quite qualified to decide what their attitude toward the governments should be.

H: Now you approach the point. To which of earth's governments should the Christian swear allegiance? You know there are dozens of nations, and each one has its own policy to carry out. Men of the world, who make politics their business and who have little or no regard for the Bible, are the ones who get together to outline and guide the policy of the various governments. Now if we agree that the Bible contains definite instructions for the Christian, then why did the clergymen of the various nations of Christendom yield themselves during the World War in obedience to the governments, whose conflicting policies caused the wholesale slaughter of millions? (Pause)

T: Houston, you place yourself in a pretty delicate position when you talk that way. Surely the governments of earth constitute Christ's kingdom!

H: I know that the clergymen of every denomination have loudly proclaimed that these nations constitute God's kingdom upon earth. But how inconsistent are the clergy again! Is it reasonable to believe that Christ's kingdom is composed of a number of nations whose policies are so conflicting that they are continually in fear of one another? The kingdom of God surely is not divided. It cannot war against itself. To believe that these nations are God's kingdom is both unreasonable and unscriptural. After centuries of effort to convert the world to Christianity, what do we see as the fruit of all that labor? The greatest war of history, begun and carried on with the enthusiastic support of clergymen, is enough to make not only soldiers, but every thinking person wonder what is the truth.

kingdoms of the world on condition that He worship him, Satan. Jesus emphatically spurned the offer. Had Jesus accepted the Devil's proposition, would He not have been a traitor?

T: Yes, He would have become a traitor, because He would have been unfaithful to God.

H: Exactly so, Mr. Trout. Jesus had been intrusted with the interests of the kingdom of God. He was God's Servant. To turn from the service of God and yield to the temptation to become subject to Satan would have constituted Jesus a traitor.

T: Well, I don't see what that has to do with the responsibility of clergymen during the war.

H: It has a direct relation; for the Bible shows that the followers of Jesus—and I claim to be one of them—would be tempted in all points even as He was. Since Satan, the god of this world, is the invisible ruler of the various institutions and governments which compose the present order of civilization, then, as the Bible plainly states, any Christian who is a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Jesus had a responsibility; and so every Christian has a responsibility as a servant of God. The Christian is an ambassador for Christ, says the Bible. An ambassador represents his own government in a foreign land. So the Christian represents the interests of God in this world, which is an enemy of God and unfriendly to the sincere follower of Christ. Would an ambassador subject himself to the policy of the government to which he was sent when that policy is contrary to the policy of the government he represents? Certainly not. If he did, he would be a traitor and would betray the interests that his government had intrusted to him.

T: You seem to imply that clergymen have betrayed their trust. Just what do you mean?

H: I mean that very thing. Of course, there are still a few among the clergy who are honestly trying to represent the Master.

T: Huh—a few?

H: Yes, and no observing person will deny that the vast majority of clergymen today are more interested in bolstering up and controlling the governments of this world than they are in pointing the people to the kingdom which God promised He would establish upon earth in His

you say, young man, I refuse to admit that Satan is the god of the Christian nations, and that the leaders of the church have betrayed their trust.

H: Now, Mr. Trout, don't be unreasonable. If your religious training has caused you to become settled and fixed in your opinions so that you are unwilling to face the facts of today and to consider the direct statements of the Bible, then further discussion of this subject would avail nothing.

T: I don't want to appear to be dogmatic, but your ideas are not sound—not basic. The idea of the devil being the ruler of the various governments of earth! Huh, why that would mean that all our ministers, regardless of creed, are nothing more than dupes of the devil. It is a preposterous stand for any one to take. It is repulsive to me.

H: The reason why I have spoken to you so frankly, Mr. Trout, is because you are a teacher, and manifestly a teacher is responsible for giving instruction that is reliable. But let's get back to your question: Does not the Bible say again and again that when Jesus comes the second time to establish God's kingdom upon earth the nations of earth will not continue, but will be broken in pieces as the vessels of a potter? (Pause) And just now I recall the prophecy of Daniel: "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." This scripture tells us that the kingdom of God, when set up, will never be destroyed. The clergy tell us that the earth and everything upon it will be destroyed. Yet they claim that these are the kingdoms of God. They teach the people that the rulers of the nations are ordained of God. Now the people are beginning to see the inconsistency of such a claim. God will not destroy His own kingdom; for He states that when established upon earth it will stand for ever. Mr. Trout, did it ever occur to you that if these kingdoms constitute God's kingdom, then Jehovah God is responsible for the great World War and all the distress and sorrow that has followed in its wake?

T: Oh, well; I don't believe that there will ever be a kingdom, that is, a material kingdom upon the

joy? Jesus said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (Appealingly) Now, frankly, Mr. Trout, was there any manifestation of love in the conduct of the clergymen of the opposing nations? How could it be expected, then, that the people whom they taught would show love for one another? Manifestly, both the clergy and their followers were confused. Why is this? It was because the clergy loved the countries to which they had sworn allegiance, and closed their eyes to the plain instructions of God's Word. The whole truth is, they yielded to the temptation of the father of lies and became subjects of the various factions of his empire, the kingdoms of this world. (Calmly) You accused me, Mr. Trout, of being a traitor. In the light of these facts, who are the traitors?

Nathaniel (laughing): Well, sah, boss, if dat ain't de fust time I evvah see'd Marse Trout git whipped. Huh, he jes hang his head and walk away and say nothin. Well, sah, if dat don't beat me. Befo' de jedge in de co'troom Marse Trout is some fighter; but he ain't so many on de Bible. He jes' walk away and hang his head. Ev'body said Marse Trout know de Bible; but boss, he jes think de sun rise and set on de preachah. If de preachah say de worl' gonna burn up, de worl' gonna burn up. And if he say all de sinnahs goin-ta burn, das what Marse Trout say, too. (Pause) Boss, yo sure hit de nail squarr on de head when yo say de preachahs is libbin offen de fat of de lamb. All de cullud preachahs dey ride round in big fine lemmy-zeens, while we poor cullud folks has to jes keep on walkin. Dey sho is libbin offen de fat of us lambs. But, boss, yo didn't know nuthin 'bout de Good Book when you lef. I wants to know mo 'bout what you been tellin Marse Trout. Tell me where you git dis good news 'bout de kingdom.

Houston: Nathaniel, I haven't time now to tell you about it, but I'll send you a book that will give you the whole story.

N: I sho is gonna look fo dat book and, boss, don't forgit next time I sees you, I wants you to tell me 'bout dem big bum's what drap right outa de sky.

H: Well, be good, Nathaniel.

N: Good-bye, Boss.



Parting Message to Conventioners

Judge Rutherford appeared before the convention Sunday night and spoke a few words of parting and good cheer to those in attendance. He said:

"The closing hours of the convention approach. In times past conventions of this kind have been more largely attended, but never in the history of the church has there been one of greater importance. The importance of this convention is not due to anything that human beings have accomplished but is due to what God is now doing.

"The outworking of His plan moves majestically forward. In due time and exactly on time He causes to come to pass that which He wills. It is His time to have the witness given to the world, as it never before was given, that His kingdom is at hand. To those who have been faithful up to this time He has granted the privilege of having a part in giving this witness.

"That for which true Christians have long prayed and hoped is at hand. God has set His King upon His throne and commands His people to tell the world this glad news. Every true Christian is happy and delighted to have a part in telling the kingdom message. God has brought into action His unseen forces in connection with giving the witness, and prison walls and iron gates can in no wise hinder His message from reaching the ears of those who desire to hear. It must be that the earthly pilgrimage of the church is near an end and, therefore, the faithful ones can confidently look forward to the great blessing of soon seeing the Lord face to face. Before that unspeakable joy is

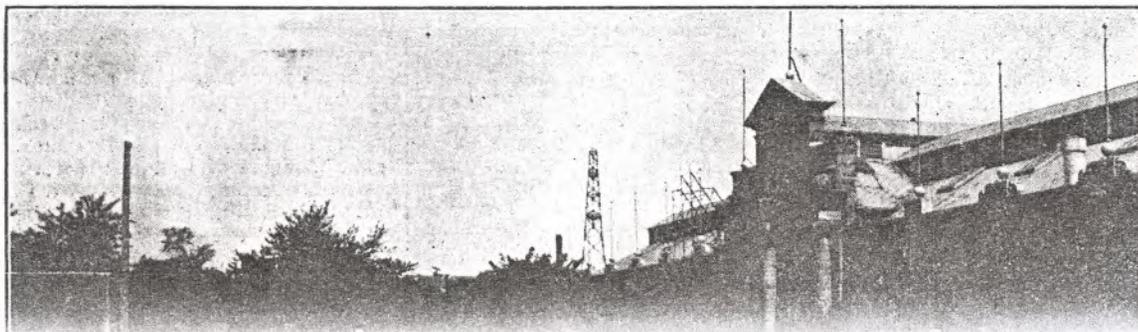
realized, however, there must be something more done. Faithfulness to the end is required.

"It is written in His Word: 'God, who has called you, is faithful.' That means that He is wholly faithful to His promises and every one who fulfills his part of the covenant with the Lord may be certain as to what will be the result. God has called His people to partnership with Himself and His beloved Son. It was Jesus who said: 'As my Father hath covenanted with me for a kingdom so I covenant with you for a kingdom.' Then to those who joyfully respond to the call of Jehovah, Jesus further said: 'Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life.' Faithfulness to the end is required.

"To be loyal to the Lord means to conform our course of action to His expressed will. Faithfulness means even more than that. It means that we must do what God has commanded us to do and do it joyfully and because we are unselfishly devoted to our God and to our Lord.

"As we part from this place of public meeting and return to our respective parts of the field let us keep in mind the words of our King: 'Be thou faithful unto death.' Do not permit any one to turn you aside. Throughout the history of the church Satan has succeeded in planting ambition in the minds of some and through these has drawn others away from the path of righteousness. Now we have come to the time when God is shaking out every one that can be shaken. Satan is warring against the anointed ones, seeking to destroy them. If you are faithful you cannot be

shaken, nor can Satan destroy you. Know this for a certainty, that the Lord is at the helm directing His work. Nothing can hinder the forward movement thereof. If the Lord is directing His work through His organization then what we must do is to keep in step with His organization and therefore with Him. Do not follow men nor be drawn away from God's organization by the influence of men. If you have pinned your faith to men you are going to fall. If you rely wholly upon the Lord you will stand. The voice of the opposition is the voice of noise, confusion and disaster. The voice from the temple of God is harmonious, beautiful and joyful. All those who hear and obey that voice will walk together unitedly, and harmoniously continue to witness to the name of God and to His King and kingdom until He says: 'It is done.' Everyone at his or her post of duty, every one acting in complete harmony and in obedience to the Lord's commands, every one thus being faithful unto the end, the Lord has promised He will present faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. God bless you and be with you until we meet again."



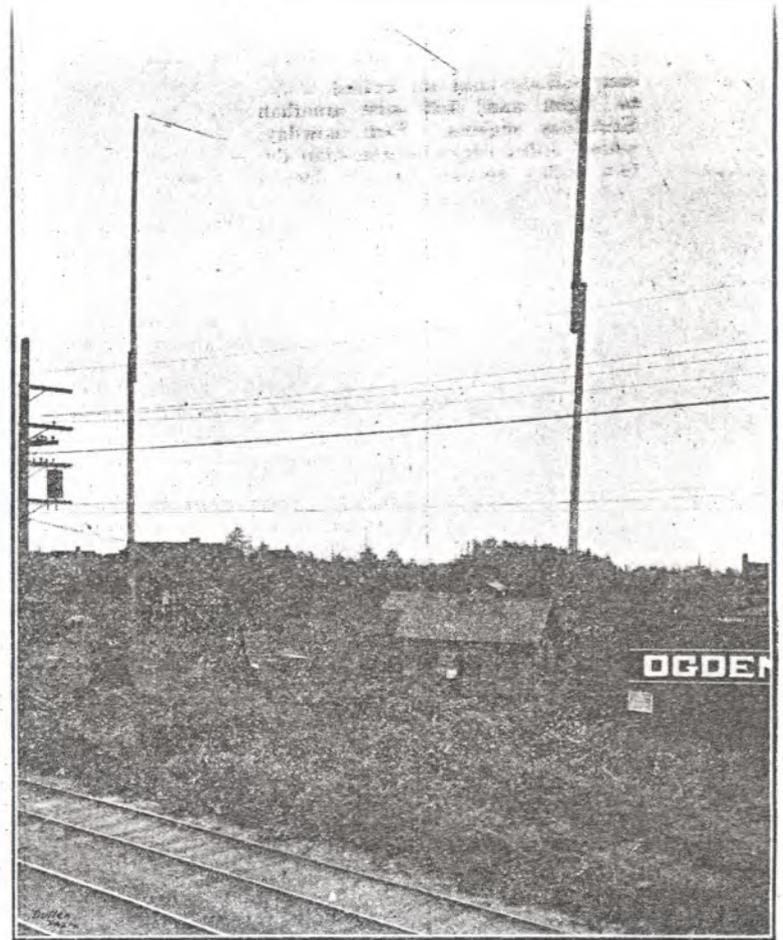


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Canada is illegal. The convention closes today and this is our fifth and last number. Good-bye!

But before closing the forms of this final number we wish to make very special mention of the able and efficient work of Mrs. "Nanette" Rowland, who worked early and late, sacrificing all other part in the

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