

It is about the only place that many young people hear anything of God. The scholars depend in many cases on the teacher to do the studying, this tends to lack of interest. The teacher should make a special effort to keep up interest. Many other good things were said which started quite an interesting discussion, entered into by Rev. L. T. Sabine who spoke of the teacher needing to feel the responsibility thus making them more in earnest in teaching the truths of the lessons. The Throne of Grace is the proper place to get inspiration and help for teaching.

Sister Horncastle asked, suppose we have the lesson just burning on our hearts, some of the scholars showing inattention, should the teacher get discouraged and resign?

Brother F. T. Wright brought out, we have to plow sometimes rough, sometimes smooth ground, but sow the seed the best you can and leave the results with God and in many cases, in later years, some of these scholars' minds will turn back to things the teacher told them.

Brother E. W. Lester said it was harder to preach in this indifferent and frivolous age, yet there are a few who receive the truth, not all are frivolous. Many times children who attend school whose parents do not, are a help to the parents by carrying the truth home to them and in some cases are saved thereby.

Mrs. Chester Cochrane (nee Christian Hudson) and Gertrude Cochrane sang a duet, which was much appreciated by all and thoroughly enjoyed.

B. M. Colpitts read and commented on "Feeling we have a Mission or Call." The greatest way to feel and realize this is to keep our experience up to the standard by prayer and a close walk with God and the Holy Spirit will see there is something for us to do. We often lose the vision and inspiration by holding God too far off.

This Convention was helpful and an inspiration. God's presence was as real and present just as much as any of the Q. M. services. The singing was never more melodious and inspiring than we had realized in any services. The songs went like a revival service. Thus closed one of our best Conventions.

B. M. COLPITTS.

DONATIONS

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 5th, a large number of the church members and friends gathered at the parsonage at Havelock, bringing with them all kinds of good things, butter, eggs, fowls, groceries and cash, amounting altogether to about \$27.00. Refreshments were served and enjoyed. The evening was pleasantly spent, closing with Bible reading and prayer. We feel so thankful for all these kindnesses from the people. With a big woodpile, a cellar full of apples and vegetables, and good health to enjoy them all, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God. We pray that as pastor and people we may abound, as well, in all spiritual things.

REV. AND MRS. H. C. MULLEN

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Dear Brother Trafton:

Enclosed find my renewal for the Highway. I would not want it to stop coming for I read it from beginning to end, and wish there was more of it. I am glad to say that I still have a deep settled peace in my soul that calls for that kind of reading.

Your sister in Christ,

MRS. MANNING MULLEN

THE MIRACLE STONE

"And the stone . . . filled the whole earth." Daniel 2:35.

Have you been inclined to despair of the ultimate triumph of righteousness in this world, in the face of the tremendous forces at work that are against God, or, at the most, indifferent and unbelieving?

The chapter presents the familiar story of Daniel reciting to the king his forgotten dream and declaring its meaning. It records in beautiful and picturesque language the story of the rise and fall of various world-kings from then until now, and on into the future until that great hour when the return of Christ in power as the smiting stone of judgment will reduce human governments to subjection to Himself, and His name, and power, and the glory of His administration of world affairs will fill the earth.

Two schools of belief view the final triumph of Christ in the earth with the joy and confidence of anticipation, but with varying vision as to what will bring it about. The Pre-millennialist sees it come through the Lord's return in power; the Post-millennialist believes the Church and the gospel agencies now available will finally triumph to this degree.

Following the lead of the vision and the prophet's interpretation, we are impressed with the pride of man in human achievement and prowess. Each of the succeeding world powers here mentioned has left some deposit of its character in the world. Just as plants grow out of a soil enriched by the falling stalks of previous growth, so, from kingdom to kingdom, and from age to age, man's power in the earth and his pride in his conquests repeat again and again the spirit of Nebuchadnezzar when he said: "Is not this great Babylon that I have built for the house of the kingdom (the capital city) by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?" (Dan. 4:30).

The language of this ancient king would fit a multitude of the centres of power today. The owners of national and international banks might speak thus as well as the managers of great commercial concerns and tycoons of the great public utilities, and autocratic rulers of nations, and masters of great manufacturing industries.

In the strange attempts to build world powers out of the iron of autocracy and the clay of democracy we have the feet of the image standing in the world here and now before our eyes. Every day the news agencies of the world bring to us some facts of history of new experiments in government, swinging from the exertme of the iron hand of a dictator, such as Mussolini, prime minister of Italy, to the Russian Soviet, which claims such great things for the submerged millions of their troubled country. In the days of the appearance of the smiting stone, the world powers are to be busy in efforts to get iron and clay properly mixed and fixed into government policies.

A few years ago the great World War was fought, lasting a little more than four years. What was it all about, and why did it come? We venture an answer to this difficult question in the following brief statement. The iron of German autocracy proposed to rise to the status of a world empire on the territory of other countries. Governments resisted and rushed into the conflict, some of them believing, as was then popularly said, that they

were fighting to "Make the world safe for Democracy."

Looking into the New Testament for further light on the affairs of governments in relation to the coming again of Christ, we find two illuminating word-pictures—plans for peace, and a recurrence of the war spirit, which will not down until the Prince of Peace rules the world.

This is being written on the evening of Armistice Day, November 11, twelve years after the close of the World War. Nations that suffered greatly in that terrible scourge are trying to say: "Never again," and efforts to bring about limitation and reduction of armaments, and treaties of arbitration, and international courts for peaceable settlements of disputes, are as we believe, commendable and worthy of support. But "When they shall say 'Peace and safety' (are now secured, or about to be realized), then, sudden destruction cometh upon them." (I. Thess. 5:3). Nations cannot bribe the heavens against the Lord's return, nor insure themselves against the down-rushing of His majestic armies of judgment.

But along with plans for peace, wars are still with us and other probable conflicts seem to be back in the shadows of the future. Without particular search we observe the following news item in a daily paper of this city and of the date mentioned above: "The people of Europe are talking war. In London, Paris, Berlin, Budapest, Rome, Madrid and elsewhere one hears arguments respecting who will start the next conflict, what nations are likely to participate, who will win, how many will be killed, what national boundaries will be affected."

Now note the Word of God on national and world affairs of this character: "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places: all these are the beginning of sorrows." (Matt. 24:7-8). Let us remember that the ten year period of 1914-1924 witnessed the greatest war, the greatest famine, the greatest plague and the greatest earthquake of human history. Does this mean that the world has already seen its worst days previous to the Lord's return? No one can say as to that, but now, as ever in the past in times of spiritual distress it will pay to walk very carefully before God.

And what of the smiting stone? The supernatural birth of the Lord Jesus, and other facts of His divinity appear to be forecast in the words: "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands which smote the image upon his feet." (Dan. 2:34). After the smiting suggesting the strokes of judgment in the earth in the great tribulations to come, this same Stone was seen to become a great mountain and fill the whole earth.

This vision brings to view powers that are entirely adequate to cope with the towering human form of earthly governments and organizations. The Gentile age is man's day, and it is well typified in the vision by the human form in colossal proportions. But the Day of the Lord will dawn in due time, then the world will know Christ as a smiting rock. He was called the Rock of ancient Israel, and the chief corner stone, and the rock foundation of the church. After the smiting comes the spread of His beneficent power in world-wide proportions, for the stone that smote the image becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth.—The Wesleyan Methodist.