

GOD'S WORD ALWAYS UP-TO-DATE

The Bible is always the outstanding book of the times, whether the times may be periods of peace and prosperity or of war and national distress. Books written on practical scientific subjects soon get out of date, because of the rapid progress made in all phases of industrial developments. New editions of histories must appear often, that the world of today may be properly described and evaluated, but God's Word stands now as it did in the ages when it first appeared as the book of all times and for all times, as is suggested in the quotations that follow from the writings of notable men:

"A Bible and a newspaper in every house" was the motto of Benjamin Franklin, noted statesman and publisher of early American history.

John Milton: "There are no songs comparable to the songs of Zion; no orations equal to those of the prophets; no politics like those the Scriptures teach."

William E. Gladstone, British statesman: "It is supremacy, not precedence, that we ask for the Bible."

Edward Everett: "All the distinctive features and superiorities of our republican institutions are from the Bible."

John Wyckliffe: "The sacred Scriptures are the property of the people, and one which no one should be allowed to wrest from them."

John Quincy Adams: "So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they may prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society."

John Jay, when asked if he has any farewell address to leave to his children replied, "They have the Bible."

JEWS GOING HOME

In spite of the war, during its first year 24,000 Jewish refugees entered Palestine. British restrictions have failed. The terror from which Jews have to flee in Europe makes the idea of a concentration camp in Palestine seem like a picnic. They sail old boats across the Aegean and Black Seas at the risk of their lives. Several hundred Jews were drowned recently in the Sea of Marmora as their overloaded craft went down. The exiles drive their small boats on to the Palestinian shore and leave them there, wrecked. They filter through border fences, risking death from the bullets of the sentries. They arrive in almost every conceivable means of disguise. In the last eight years, 280,000 Jewish refugees have reached Palestine from Europe. The one hope in the bosoms of millions of Jews in Europe today is that they may reach the land of their fathers. As we see it, this is all a preparation for the fulfillment of the promise: "Thus saith the Lord God; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob. And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God" (Ezek. 28:25, 26).—The Watchman-Examiner.

The new codification of Alabama laws recently adopted by the state legislature left all the "new laws" intact. The only one repealed prohibited the playing of dominoes on the Sabbath day. The one prohibiting Sunday baseball, moving pictures and golf were left intact.—United Presbyterian.

ONE STEP AT A TIME

In accomplishing your day's work, you have simply to take one step at a time. To take that step wisely is all that you need to think about. If I am climbing a mountain, to look down may make me dizzy; to look too far up may make me tired and discouraged. Take no anxious thought for the morrow. Sufficient for the day—yes, and for each hour in the day—is the toil or the trial thereof. There is not a child of God in this world who is strong enough to stand the strain of today's duties and all the load of tomorrow's anxieties piled upon the top of them. Paul himself would have broken down if he had attempted the experiment. We have a perfect right to ask our Heavenly Father for strength equal to the day; but we have no right to ask Him for one extra ounce of strength for anything beyond it. When the morrow comes, grace will come with it sufficient for its tasks or for its troubles.—Theodore L. Cuyler.

SENATOR R. R. REYNOLDS SUPPORTS SHEPPARD

Washington, D. C.—"Liquor is God's worst enemy. Liquor is the devil's best friend. No member of this great deliberative body of American representatives will dare to take the floor and deny the statement I have just made, because every man and every woman, and particularly every father and every mother, agrees with the senator from Texas and me, that liquor is the devil's best friend; liquor is the devil's constant companion, and liquor is God's worst enemy," declared Senator R. R. Reynolds, of North Carolina, arch-foe of prohibition, in an address recently on the floor of the Senate immediately following Senator Sheppard's annual address in commemoration of the Eighteenth Amendment.

To the surprise of the members and spectators in the gallery, Senator Reynolds continued, "I shall be perfectly frank and most honest with the senator from Texas, the champion of temperance and prohibition, in saying to him that I am giving to his proposed legislation a great deal of thought, for I have been keeping my ears to the ground, and I have been keeping my eyes open, with a view to ascertaining whether or not we have more temperance now than we had prior to repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment."—National Voice.

IN LOS ANGELES

Startling revelations came to light in Los Angeles, California, when County Supervisor John Anson Ford met a committee to work out the problem of Municipal Court probation cases. County Probation Officer K. J. Scudder, addressing the committee, said that one-third of the total police expenditure for the year was caused by drunkenness. "Half of these drunks are supported by charity when sober and housed and fed by the taxpayer when drunk. Jails are fifty per cent overcrowded. Capacity of the city jail is 900, but it has an average daily population of 1,450, with a weekend population of 2,000." The loss on drunken cases as over against the liquor taxes received is \$7,712,344. Such a story might be told also of many of our other large cities in America. The picture is dark, and the political attitude makes the future look still darker.—Herald of Holiness.

"ACCORDING TO HIS FOLLY"

H. G. Wells recently stated that he thought too much importance had been given to Palestine. He said, "Nothing began there, nothing was worked out there. All the historical part of the Bible abounds in wild exaggeration of the importance of this little strip of land."

Dr. Alfred Noyes replied to this challenge in a letter to the London Times. He stated, "The human head, out of which many interesting thoughts have evolved, is smaller than most pumpkins."

Something very wonderful began in that land. The world's Redeemer was born there. Something wonderful was worked out there—the world's redemption. And it will be to this land this Redeemer will return. "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth" (Zech. 14:9.. "And of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:33)—Pentecostal Evangel.

MORMONS IN ENGLAND

Mormons are carrying out a well-planned missionary program in England. Authorities in Norwich, England, have asked sixteen athletic young men from Salt Lake City, Utah, who recently won the championship of the British Baseball League, to coach the Norwich Youth Movement, and to help form teams in the district. By day they coach these youths, and by night they travel around the district, holding meetings, preaching and organizing community hymn-singing. Besides these, there are Mormon missionaries all over England. All England is divided into fourteen districts, and each district is subdivided into branches. Each of the seventy-two branches is plentifully supplied with missionaries. During the last fifty years some 85,000 English Mormons have emigrated to Salt Lake City.—Current History.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

More than 1,000 communities in the United States have made arrangements with local school boards to provide religious instruction for public school children, it was revealed at a meeting held under the auspices of the National Committee on Week-day and Vacation Church Schools of the International Council of Religious Education. In each case, the school children receive religious instruction on released time from their schools and at the request of their parents.—Religious Digest.

AUTOMOBILE-MINDED AMERICA

Lieut. Fisher reports that there are now twenty-eight million cars and forty million drivers in the United States. Lew Fleming, vice-president of the Associate Investment Company, of South Bend, pointed out that thirty-four per cent of families that earn \$20.00 a week or less; fifty-five per cent of families earning \$30.00 a week or less, and eighty-nine per cent of families earning \$65.00 or less own cars.

If America would become as missionary-minded as car-minded, "the Great Commission" could be obeyed in one generation.—The Missionary Worker.

No man's religion ever survives his morals.—South.