

Valentine Team Disbanded.

Valentine, Neb., Sept. 27.—Special to The News: The Valentine baseball team, 1910 champions of northern Nebraska, have just returned home as champions of southern South Dakota. The Valentine team playing in South Dakota took four out of five games from the Burke team, who were champions of South Dakota. This gives Valentine a clean title of the champions, and the team disbanded today with a percentage of 727, having won twenty-four games and lost nine.

The management of the Ainsworth team has sent word to the sporting editor of The News that Ainsworth challenged Valentine for a series of games and Valentine refused. For this reason Ainsworth claims the belt.

Has Clearwater Disbanded?

Neligh, Neb., Sept. 27.—Special to The News: It has been reported in this city for the past several days that Clearwater has disbanded from the Elkhorn Valley league circuit for the season. It is impossible to verify the report on account of the condition of the telephone wires at this time. As only six more games are to be played in the league, it is hoped that the report is without foundation. Weather permitting Tilden will do their best this afternoon to secure another scrap to add to their long string of victories from the home bunch at the Riverside park diamond.

Graver Row is Settled.

Prospects for better gravel for the paving of Norfolk avenue look very bright. According to the officials of the Katz-Craig company the ten acres of gravel purchased by Klug and Heckendorf afford plenty of good gravel, which will probably be purchased. William Wagner, who sold the ten acres, has about ten acres more of the same kind of land.

It is reported that a settlement has been made by the contractors with Robert Klug by which the contractors will purchase the gravel brought here by Mr. Klug. This gravel, which is said to be too fine to be used for the concrete base for the paving, will be used by the contractors for sand. According to one official who is well advised on the gravel proposition, the gravel already on the ground would make a first class concrete base if enough cement were used, but owing to the reading in the paving specifications the gravel cannot be used.

There are now five cars of paving brick here with more coming. The work of stone cutting and the building of concrete frames has been completed and as soon as the city engineer furnishes the contractors with the proper grades the laying of curbing will commence.

Some time during Sunday morning a large number of the paving bricks were mutilated by some persons knocking off the corners. Samuel Kline, foreman of the paving company, declares the brick cost over two cents each and the property should receive some consideration.

New World's Record.

South Omaha Handles More Sheep Than Ever Before Handled in a Day.

Omaha, Sept. 26.—Not only was the record for sheep receipts at the South Omaha market broken today, but General Manager Buckingham of the Union Stock Yards company claims that a new world's record was established, 63,215 head of sheep being received. A notable fact with the enormous inflow of stock was that the market showed no tendency to break, prices being steady throughout.

SHOT BY MEXICAN.

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 26.—A letter received here today from Clarence A. Miller, American consul at Tampico, Mexico, gives details of a murder there on September 10 of Thomas B. Green of Lawton, Okla., a promoter of vaudeville theaters.

According to the consul's letter, Green was shot in the back by a Mexican policeman while in the city jail at Tampico.

Green had been arrested on a minor charge. While being questioned the policeman who arrested him shot him, the letter states.

Crippen is Guilty.

London, Sept. 26.—The coroner's jury today returned a verdict of willful murder against Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, the American dentist, in connection with the finding at the Crippen Hilldrop-Crescent residence last July, of the mutilated body supposed to be that of Crippen's wife, who is known on the stage as Belle Elmore.

Kratke is Bound Over.

Joseph Kratke's insistence on declaring to kill, caused him to be bound over to the district court and in default of the \$200 bond which was required of him he was taken to Madison to await trial.

Kratke was on trial before Judge Elsie Saturday afternoon and while waiting for a witness to appear, he admitted to the judge that in a disturbance which he himself caused at his home north of this city, he would have killed his young son, whom he pursued with a large butcher knife. Not able to catch the boy, Kratke contented himself by cutting the table, breaking dishes and destroying household goods with the knife.

"Why were you doing all this, was it necessary?" asked the judge.

"Well, you see I am troubled often with my stomach and I believe that either my wife or children are putting poison in my food," replied Kratke.

"Well, we will put you in jail for sixty days and then we can find out how your stomach acts. You will get no poison at Madison."

With a loud cry, Kratke jumped from the chair in which he was seated before the judge's bench and exclaimed: "If you put me in jail, I will kill you."

No time was lost waiting for additional witnesses and Kratke was bound over to the district court.

Mrs. Kratke made the original complaint against her husband, in which she charged him with brutality, cruelty and threatening to do great bodily harm.

Constable Flynn took the prisoner to Madison Sunday noon.

Settled for \$8,000.

Case of Hamilton vs. Allen, Reed and Losey, is Wound Up.

After pending for seven years the case of George T. Hamilton and others versus W. V. Allen, Willis E. Reed and George W. Losey, was settled for \$8,000 at Madison last Friday, ending one of the most stubborn and bitterly fought legal battles in the history of the state.

Each side paid its own costs and it is reported that the two remaining defendants—Allen and Reed—paid the settlement money at equal figures. The plaintiffs sued for about \$12,000, including the interest. The district court had released Losey and the supreme court affirmed the release on account of a previous settlement with the estate of John S. Robinson (deceased former congressman of this district). This release of Losey left Allen and Reed on the defending side.

The case came back to the district court on a mandate from the supreme court and while pending was settled at Madison by the payment of \$8,000, each side paying its own costs. County Attorney James Nichols and Attorney Abbott of Grand Island were counsel for the plaintiff. Burt Mapes of Norfolk was counsel for the defense.

Frost is Forecasted.

Frost is forecasted for Monday night in Nebraska and Dakota. Cover up the flower beds.

Corn is practically all out of the way, and it's a great crop, experts say.

Malarial Fever the Cause.

Malarial fever was the cause of the untimely death of Mrs. R. A. Mittelstadt (formerly Miss Metta Koenigstein) at Fort Smith, Ark., last Friday morning. The funeral party, including Dr. Mittelstadt, Mr. and Mrs. John Koenigstein, the parents, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Koenigstein, arrived in Norfolk Sunday noon from Fort Smith. The funeral services were scheduled for 2:30 Monday afternoon from the home of L. C. Mittelstadt.

Metta Margaret Koenigstein was born in Norfolk on August 14, 1880. She attended the public schools here and also attended the Brownell Hall school in Omaha. For a number of years she remained at home with her parents, spending the winters in California and along the western coast with them. On October 17, 1905, she was married to Rudolph A. Mittelstadt. Fourteen months ago Mr. and Mrs. Mittelstadt went to Fort Smith, Ark., where on the morning of September 23, Mrs. Mittelstadt passed away as the result of malaria fever.

Rev. Mr. Colegrove of the Episcopal church had charge of the funeral services, which were held at the residence of L. C. Mittelstadt on Koenigstein avenue and Twelfth street at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. The remains were interred in the family lot in the Prospect Hill cemetery. The pallbearers were: W. H. Blake-man, N. A. Huse, C. P. Parish, Ray Hayes, C. J. Fleming, Fritz Asmus.

New Pastor is Welcomed.

Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick, transferred from Wayne to Norfolk, assumed charge of his new duties as pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church in Norfolk Sunday. There was a large congregation and Mr. Kirkpatrick made a highly favorable impression. His sermon was on "Co-operation," pointing out the need of work together by pastor and people, by pastors among themselves and by the church in carrying out God's plans.

Mr. Kirkpatrick's family will arrive Wednesday. He has three children.

New Ways of Doing the Same Old Work.

Are you using up your strength needlessly and taking more time than necessary for the cleaning, scrubbing, scouring and polishing about the house? There is a new and better way of doing it. Save your time, your strength and do your work in almost half the time. How? Simply use Old Dutch Cleanser, the modern cleanser that makes your work easy instead of a burden. It may be used for some clean-up purpose in every room in the house from kitchen to bathroom; on the floors, woodwork and painted walls; on cutlery, pots, pans and kettles, glassware, enameled ware, metal surfaces, windows, etc., and new uses will suggest themselves every day. Stop the old way and try the new. It's by far the best.

MONDAY MENTIONS.

Miss Pearl Carlson was a Sunday visitor at Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen of Madison spent Sunday with relatives here. Walter McFarland spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McFarland, at Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rasuse, his sisters, Mrs. Herman Schmedel and Mrs. Fred Bitner, were in the city visiting with friends. Alfred N. Gerecke is in Norfolk, visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gerecke, for the first time in six years. For eight weeks he has been laid up with a sprained ankle. Mr. Gerecke's home is in Holdrege, Neb. Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: Milton Cox, Fairfax; Henry Cullen, Dallas; Henry Newman, Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCullister, Lynch; W. H. Weber, Wayne; Foster Kilbourn, Neligh; W. Lewis, Meadow Grove; Almon Butka and wife, Fairfax; Charles Davis, Fairfax; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bunkard, Lynch; George W. Hutter, Orchard;

F. H. Pope, Wayne; E. C. Sweet, Madison; Thomas J. Malone, Enola; R. V. Wilson, Butte; D. G. Jasmer, Creighton; James G. Weber, Creighton; Miss M. E. Bluecher, West Point; J. Hayden, Creighton; E. L. Gresham, Niobrara.

The Gregory County News at Dallas has installed a Junior linotype machine. A coal dealer takes exception to the statement that coal bought for an office building at \$5.50 per ton, is selling at \$7.50. "That coal was bought some time ago when prices were 90 cents to \$1 lower than now," says the coal dealer, "and right now this same coal is sold by all dealers in Norfolk at \$6.50 and \$6.75, delivered." Coal prices are said to be going higher.

Miss Emma Heckman is on the sick list.

C. C. Gow went to Wakefield on business.

H. C. McKinsey of Stanton was in the city.

C. P. Christianson returned from Belgrade.

Leonard Gosard was a Sunday visitor at Wayne.

C. W. Landers returned from a short visit at Neligh.

J. F. Pennington of Stanton was a visitor in the city.

Harry Heath of Warnerville was a visitor in the city.

August Wilde of Battle Creek transacted business here.

V. Lewis of Meadow Grove was here transacting business.

William Dixon returned from a business trip at Madison.

H. T. Hutchinson returned from a business trip to Long Pine.

W. T. Fisher of Randolph was in the city transacting business.

Mrs. C. E. Strate of Hoskins was in the city visiting with friends.

Rev. Mr. Brauer of Hadar was in the city visiting with friends.

Mrs. D. T. Owen of Oklaheima City is visiting at the home of C. E. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Paul of Sioux City were in the city visiting with relatives.

Misses Rhea LaFarge, Agnes and Clara Smith spent Sunday with friends at Wakefield.

Miss Myrtle Rawhouser and Miss Lena Munsterman spent Sunday with friends at Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Brunell of Council Bluffs were here visiting with the A. G. Heckman family.

W. F. Hall went to Columbus, where he will join Mrs. Hall, who is at Columbus visiting with relatives.

Miss C. Cody, who has been employed in the Mrs. Toban beauty parlors, has gone to Omaha to accept a position.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Killian and their son Herbert Killian have gone to Cedar Bluffs and Wahoo, where they will spend a few days visiting with relatives.

Misses Metta Tieg, Jennie Schmale-deberg and Lydia Peter have gone to Rock Rapids, Ia., where they will attend the wedding of Miss Metta Prohloff, a sister of Fred Prohloff of this city.

John Lynde has accepted a position with the Norfolk Post Card company.

Owing to the fact that the Stanton county fair was postponed until today and Wednesday, the Norfolk day has been postponed to Wednesday, on which date the Norfolk ball team plays Stanton.

"Churches and Lodges" will be the theme of Evangelist Wright tonight at the Christian church.

Abe Levine went to Omaha in answer to a telegram reporting the serious illness of his sister at the General hospital at Omaha.

W. C. Currier, formerly night clerk at the Oxnard hotel, has gone to Minden, where he has accepted a position as day clerk at the Humphrey hotel.

Claude Ogden, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Ogden of Norfolk, has been made a member of the Apollo club in Chicago, a great musical organization. The concerts of this club every winter are attended by thousands.

Norton Howe, S. A. Martin and Sherman Poland returned from Enola, where they spent a few days hunting. Mr. Martin was the only lucky hunter of the party. He succeeded in bringing down three ducks.

Manager Clarence Rasley of the Norfolk baseball team, in company with three of his players, Glissman, Clark and Moldenhauer, witnessed the Wisner-Tilden game at Wisner Sunday, in which Wisner was the victor, in a 11 to 6 game.

S. H. Grant, who has been attending the reunion of the G. A. R. at Atlantic City, N. J., writes from Washington that he will visit New York City, Philadelphia and other large western cities before returning home.

Mrs. H. E. Dickinson of White Cloud, Kan., a cousin of P. A. and L. M. Beeler of this city, is starting on a trip around the world. While in China she will visit with her brother, A. Pulet, who has charge of the Standard Oil company's interests in that country.

W. T. Hayes, formerly a non-commissioned officer of the United States signal corps stationed in Manila and other cities in the Philippine Islands, has accepted a position as operator with the Northwestern Railroad company here. Mr. Hayes is a first class telegrapher with much experience.

Arthur W. Aaron, son of Rev. John Aaron of Hoskins, leaves Tuesday morning for Hoboken, N. J., where he will board a steamer bound for Germany, where he will enter the Lelpsig university. Mr. Aaron, who has been teaching in the Madison, Wis., university, won the New York university scholarship.

Stanley Ammidown will soon be released from the county jail. A bond has been furnished for the young man and on completion of all the arrangements he will be paroled for seven years, during which he must report to the judge at each term of the district court and in the meantime be in good

behavior. There are two sureties to the bond, J. J. Clements of this city being one of them. Ammidown must obtain eight persons who are to stand responsible to the two sureties.

Sparks from a passing engine started a blaze in the roof of the Northwestern depot at the Junction Sunday noon. Quick action on the part of the Junction firemen saved the building. The fire was out before the hose wagon from the fire station reached the Junction. An effort on the part of the hook and ladder company to obtain a team of horses for their wagon was unsuccessful, one liveryman refusing to allow a team out.

STORM AT KANSAS CITY.

For Eight Hours There is Rain and Severe Lightning.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 26.—An electrical storm of unusual severity, during which 2.6 inches of rain fell, did much damage here last night and early today.

The storm raged incessantly for nearly eight hours and for a time the street cars, telephone and electric light service of the city was badly crippled.

The storm was general over Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas and southern Nebraska, but its greatest force was felt here.

A Fireman is Killed.

Hastings, Neb., Sept. 26.—Fire last evening of unknown origin totally destroyed the First Presbyterian church and its furnishings with a loss of \$50,000, insured for about half. F. W. Ramey, a fireman, was caught by a falling wall and killed. Ramey's son, who saw his father killed, recently won a scholarship at Oxford and was to have left today for England.

West Point Business Change.

West Point, Neb., Sept. 26.—Special to The News: The firm of Woodward & Son of West Point have sold out their extensive feed and butter and egg business to George Cathro, late of Ovid, Colo., who has taken possession. The elder Woodward is afflicted with a serious attack of necrosis of the bone of the leg and will enter a hospital for treatment.

Fine New Church at Winner.

Winner, S. D., Sept. 26.—Special to The News: The new big Catholic church is about completed and services will be held regularly in it beginning the first Sunday in October. This is one of the best churches in South Dakota west of the Missouri and south of the White river.

WATERWORKS FOR CARTER.

Bond Issue of \$8,000 is Being Voted by Its Citizens. Carter, S. D., Sept. 26.—Special to The News: Carter is voting upon a waterworks bond issue of \$8,000, with which issue it will erect a 60,000-gallon water tank upon a 75-foot tower and also lay about 1,500 feet of water mains. The development of Carter is very rapid and the key city to the whole of the northwest is assuming surprising proportions.

NEAR-MUTINY AT WEST POINT.

Cadets Administer the "Silence" to Instructor They Dislike. West Point, N. Y., Sept. 26.—Near-mutiny is rampant among the corps of cadets at the United States military academy. Twice administering the "silence" to Captain Edwin Landon, an instructor, caused the trouble and throughout the day the cadets have been under severe measures of discipline.

It appears that Captain Landon, stationed here since September 11 as a practical officer, incurred the displeasure of the cadets in some manner and when he entered the mess hall Saturday night he was greeted with the indignity of the "silence." Immediately the offending cadets were ordered to their rooms supperless but despite their hunger the "silence" was repeated Sunday morning at breakfast and once more the offenders were locked in their rooms after having been forced to march with arms five times around the barracks.

Because of the performance of Saturday night, a hop which had been arranged was cancelled, to embarrassment of the number of young women who had come to the academy from New York, Albany and elsewhere.

Another Tropical Storm.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Another West Indian hurricane is sweeping toward the north Atlantic from the tropics, headed for the lanes of travel of the European steamship service and the wireless telegraph has been used to warn sea captains. Some indications of another disturbance were shown by reports to the weather bureau from the West Indies. It was centered apparently east of the Windward Islands but its proportions could not be ascertained.

Wisner 12, Tilden 4.

Wisner, Neb., Sept. 25.—Special to The News: Wisner and Tilden played an interesting game of ball here yesterday, Wisner winning, 12 to 4. There were a good many errors, but the game was a good one for all that. The feature of the game was Paul's home run. There was a good crowd at the game. Score: Wisner 12, Tilden 4. —12 Tilden 1, 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 4 Batteries: Wisner, Paul and Zaack; Tilden, Kingdon and Stewart. Umpire, Teke.

Miss Donovan's Voice Lost.

Miss Lydia Donovan, daughter of J. B. Donovan and a member of the Star-Mail staff of Madison, has lost her voice. It will be necessary for her father to take her to Chicago, where a throat specialist will be consulted. Miss Donovan is well known in Madison and Norfolk.

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

The Lord's House In the Top of the Mountains.

"It shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it." (Isaiah ii, 2).

Detroit, Mich., September 18.—Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle preached twice here today to the local branch of the International Bible Students Association. He had an excellent hearing and large and intelligent audiences. One address was entitled "The Great Hereafter." The other was now report. The speaker said:—

Our text has not yet been fulfilled, but we believe the beginning of its fulfillment to be near. It pictures Messiah's Kingdom, for which Christian people have long been waiting and praying. "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as in heaven"—the same Kingdom for which the Jews so long waited and are still waiting. Our text relates, not to the spiritual part of the Kingdom, which the Gospel Church is called to share, but to the earthly part of the Kingdom, which belongs to the natural seed of Abraham. A great mistake has been made by many of us in the past, in that we have not discerned and acknowledged the two Israel, spiritual and natural, and the separate rewards and blessings apportioned to these by the Divine promises of the Scriptures. Both are to be used of God in fulfilling the promise made to Abraham—in blessing all the families of the earth.

After the completion of Messiah, Head and Members, on the plane of glory, the New Covenant will be inaugurated with Israel, as the Scriptures distinctly teach (Jeremiah xxxi, 31-34). Our text, therefore, waits for its accomplishment until the last member of the elect Church of Christ shall have passed beyond the veil.

Israel the Earthly Representative.

In the symbolic language of the Scriptures a mountain is always symbolic of a Kingdom. Hence the mountain of the Lord's house means the Kingdom of God and that royal house or family recognized by him. For instance, we read that David sat upon the throne of the Kingdom of the Lord and that God made a Covenant with him, "even the sure mercies of David"—viz., that none but his seed, his posterity, would ever be recognized as the Divinely appointed representatives of God in kingly authority and power. In other words, Messiah was to be the offspring of David, the great antitypical David (Beloved), who must "reign from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth."

The Messiah-King on the spirit plane, the Son of God and like God invisible to men, as are also the angels, is the antitypical David and the antitypical Solomon, the wise, the great, the rich. In the days of his flesh our Lord was the Son of David according to the flesh, though begotten of a divine life not tainted by any human imperfection. He was, therefore, holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners. His faithfulness to the will of the Father made him subject to all of the experiences of suffering and death, as expressed in his own words. The cup which my Father hath poured for me, shall I refuse to drink? His obedience unto death, even the death of the cross, demonstrated his loyalty to the last degree and he received the high reward appropriated. "Him hath God also highly exalted and given a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, both of things in heaven and things in earth."

Exalted to the right hand of Divine favor he waits only for the Father's time to take to himself his great power and reign (Revelation xi, 17). Meantime, in harmony with the Divine will, purposed before the foundation of the world, he acts as advocate for such as have the hearing ear and the obedient heart and will now respond to the special invitation of the Gospel Age. That call is to leave the world, its sins, its pleasures and its hopes, and to walk by faith in the exceeding great and precious promises of God—the things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man. These are the best of things promised them as the Bride and joint-heir with their Redeemer in his glorious Kingdom to come and its blessed work of uplifting Israel and the world.

In the Top of the Mountains.

We have before our minds the antitypical house of David, Messiah's kingly household, the royal priesthood Divinely prepared. As a Kingdom it will be at the top, above all the kingdoms of earth. Not only will this be true of the spiritual Kingdom (invisible to men as the angels are invisible), but it will include also an earthly Kingdom composed of "Israelites indeed." At their head as princes in all the earth will stand the resurrected Ancient Worthies, perfected as men and sons of what all mankind, by obedience to the laws of the Kingdom, may attain to, with eternal life. These Ancient Worthies are enumerated in the Scriptures—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets, etc., and described by St. Paul in Hebrews xi, 38-40. To these belong the earthly promises of the Old Testament. They never heard of the heavenly or spiritual promises. Their loyalty will find its reward in the fact that they will come forth from the tomb no longer blemished and imperfect, but fully, completely restored to the perfection originally enjoyed by father Adam. Additionally these will have the special guidance and in-

struction of Messiah (Head and members in all the affairs of mankind). Thus as the Master said, speaking of that time, "Ye shall see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the prophets in the Kingdom" (Luke xiii, 28).

God's Kingdom will be represented in the earth by Israel—especially by these saintly men of Israel, respected and perfect, who will be the special appointees and representatives of the glorified Messiah's rule. As it is written, instead of thy fathers (the ancient saintly ones were styled "the fathers," as Jesus was styled the Son of Abraham and David) shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth (Psalm xlv, 16). These princes, acting under and continually in contact with the spiritual Kingdom and rulers styled in the Scriptures "the royal priesthood," will, of course, be so superior in their wisdom and power as to command the obedience of the whole earth. The nation of Israel, with whom they are related, would naturally respond more quickly than others to the New order of things, which will be just that for which they have been waiting and praying for more than thirty centuries.

All Nations Flow Unto It.

In these words the Lord through the prophet assures us of the wonderful success which will attend the establishment of the New Empire of earth, the dominion of the Prince of light, which will supersede the dominion of the Prince of darkness, when Satan shall be bound for a thousand years, that he may deceive the peoples no more. Messiah's Kingdom will be high above all other Kingdoms, not only in its grandeur, majesty and authority, but also in the lofty principles which it will represent. Thus it is written, "He shall lay righteousness to the line and justice to the plummet and the hill of righteousness shall sweep away the refuge of lies" (Isaiah xxviii, 17). Nevertheless, as the world shall come to appreciate the new order of things all nations shall flow unto it. For up to this—contrary to the downwardness of fallen human nature—it will make manifest such wonderful rewards for righteousness and obedience to God and it will so make manifest the stripes that must attend all willful disobedience to the Divine arrangement that the Scripture will be fulfilled which declares that when the judgments of the Lord are abroad in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness (Isaiah xxvi, 9).

Humankind for six thousand years has been learning "the exceeding sinfulness of sin," its downward tendency in every sense of the word. Every form of government has been tried in an endeavor to secure the greatest amount of blessing. But the uniform results have been that those exalted to places and influence and power have proved themselves unequal to the opportunities and temptations of the positions and have abused them selfishly. Whoever is acquainted with history realizes the truthfulness of all this. If some of us have hoped that the general education of the masses and the general enlightenment of the race would abolish sin and selfishness and demonstrate the truthfulness of the Proverb, "Honesty is the best policy," we are willing to confess that this has been a mistake. We perceive that the greater wisdom and intelligence granted to a selfish mind and heart the greater will be its opportunities for evil and incitement thereto.

Every Man Against His Neighbor.

As a consequence the world is losing confidence in itself. All, whether politicians or judges or governors, great or small, of one party or another, of one nationality or another—all are accused of being tarred with the same stick of selfishness. The Bible clearly indicates that this distrust is not without reason and that the great time of trouble soon to come upon every nation (Daniel xii, 1) will be the direct result of this loss of confidence. The Bible's description of the matter briefly summed up is, Every man's hand shall be against his neighbor (Zephaniah iii, 10; xiv, 13). It will be after that great time of trouble shall have thoroughly sickened humanity as respects itself and any hopes it might have had of bringing about a Millennium by its own efforts—that God will manifest his Kingdom in the top of the mountains—higher than all other kingdoms every way, and all people shall flow toward it. As it is written, "The desire of all peoples shall come" (Haggai ii, 7).

This is described in the verses following our text which reads, "Come ye, ye sons go up to the mountain (Kingdom) of the Lord, and he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths, for out of Zion (the spiritual) messianic Kingdom of Messiah shall go forth the Law and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem (the seat of earth's empire to be). And he shall judge among the nations (rewarding and punishing justly), and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." All Christians agree that these words apply to the Messiah's Kingdom. They tell us clearly and distinctly of how the judgments of the Lord will be abroad in the earth, causing wars to cease and the knowledge of the Lord

to fill the whole earth as the waters cover the great deep (Isaiah xl, 5).

O, House of Jacob, Come!

We have already noted that this prophecy belongs to natural Israel and not to spiritual Israel. As the first verse declares, it concerns Judah and Jerusalem. By the time this prophecy will have begun to be fulfilled, spiritual Israel will be beyond the vale. It is in full harmony with this that we read in the fifth verse, "O house of Jacob, Come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord." This is particularly the time when this message to natural Israel should go forth. We understand the Scriptures to teach that during the next few years the Lord will have special dealings with Israel in connection with this call. He will point out to them the way of righteousness and the great privileges that are theirs as a people, because of Divine promises to their fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, etc. But only those who respond by turning to the light of God's Word to walk in it will be in the proper condition of heart and obedience to promptly get the blessing at the beginning of Messiah's reign. Those most prompt to respond will get the greater blessing.

Verses 6-10 portray some of the reasons why God's favor has been withdrawn for a time from natural Israel—aside from the fact that his special favor was for the time to be given to Spiritual Israel. Then follows a description of the time of trouble, in which present institutions will succumb, to be followed by Messiah's empire. Let us read some of these verses and note their applicability to our day and the correspondence between these statements and very similar pronouncements in the Book of Revelation, applicable also to the time in which we are living. We will quote and paraphrase from verse 11 to the end of the chapter.

What the Trouble Will Accomplish.

The lofty looks of man shall be humbled and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. One of the greatest obstacles in the pathway of humanity, hindering approach to truth and righteousness, is pride. The Almighty God is not sufficiently revered. The very learned men of all our Colleges seem more and more to doubt that there is a God and that the affairs of earth are subject to any other regulations than those of chance, except as the learned can regulate them. The time of trouble when the various theories of man will be tried and found wanting will demonstrate most thoroughly that the wisdom from above is neglected in favor of earthly wisdom. The Lord says in another place, The wisdom of their wise men shall perish and the understanding of their prudent men shall disappear.

For the day of the Lord of Hosts shall be heavy upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up, and he shall be brought low, and upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up [the ecclesiastically great] and upon all the oaks of Bashan [the politically strong]; upon all the high mountains [the kingdoms of the world] and upon all the hills that are lifted up [the smaller principalities]; and upon every high tower and upon every fenced wall [representing human organizations for strength and