THE FALL OF BABYLON

Ancient Babylon a Type—Mystic Babylon the Antitype

WHY CHRISTENDOM MUST NOW SUFFER—THE FINAL OUTCOME

The following article is extracted mainly from Pastor Russell's posthumous volume entitled "THE FINISHED MYSTERY," the 7th in the series of his STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES and published subsequent to his death. Pastor Russell held the distinction of being the most fearless and powerful writer of modern times on ecclesiastical subjects. In this posthumous volume, which is called "his last legacy to the Christians of earth," is found a thorough exposition of every verse in the entire book of Revelation and also an elucidation of the obscure prophecy of Ezekiel. The book contains 508 pages, is handsome bound in embossed cloth, 60c postpaid. Orders may be sent through us, if preferred—Editorial Note.

The various prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and the Apocalypse concerning Babylon are all in the same great city. And since these prophecies had but a very limited fulfillment upon the ancient literal city, and those of the Apocalypse were written centuries after the literal Babylon was laid in ruins, it is clear that the special reference of all the Prophets is to a literary city, which is the same great city, because her name is in her foreheads. It is clear also that in so far as the prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah concerning its downfall were accomplished upon the literal city, it became in its downfall, as well as in its character, an illustration of the great city to which the Revelation points in the symbolic language of the Apocalypse (Chapters 9-8); and likewise there is a nominal Spiritual Zion, and a nominal Bleak Zion. (See Isa. 33:14; Amos 6:1) But let us examine some of the wonderful correspondences of Christendom to Babylon, its type, including the direct testimony of the Word of God on the subject. Then we shall note the present attitude of Christendom, and the present indications of her foreordained doom.

The Revelation intimated that it would not be difficult to discover this great mystical city, because her name is in her forehead; that is, she is prominently marked, so that we cannot fail to see her unless we shut our eyes and refuse to look—And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the earth.” (Rev. 17:5). But be-
The Revealer points in the symbolic language of the Apocalypse (Chapters 17 and 18), to which chiefly the other Prophets refer. What to-day is known as Christendom is the antitype of ancient Babylon; and therefore the prophecies of the Prophets against Babylon--Christendom--are matters of deepest concern to the present generation. Would that men were wise enough to consider them! Though various other symbolic names, such as Edom, Ephraim, Ariel, etc., are in the Scriptures applied to Christendom, Babylon, and then, with its prominent features in mind, look for the antitype.

The name Babylon was applied not only to the capital city of the Babylonian empire, but also to the empire itself. Babylon, the capital, was the most magnificent, and probably the largest, city of the ancient world. It was built in the form of a square on both sides of the Euphrates river; and, for protection against invaders, it was surrounded by a deep ditch filled with water and enclosed within a vast system of double walls, from thirty-two to eighty-five feet thick, and from seventy-five to three hundred feet high. On the summit were low towers, said to have been two

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Through the press and through leaflets the story is being widely carried. The Apostle John in the Book of Revelation uses the term "Antichrist". This is not the view generally held, however. There is no Papacy set forth as a system, not as an individual. Antichrist, which is the real Antichrist is the Papacy. The attempt of the people to believe that the Kaiser is Antichrist is doubtless a deception - a thrust at the throne and unbelief from the real Antichrist - Papacy.

Every one that is an instrument of the Devil. To acclimate the purpose, Satan seeks to lead as an angel of light. (2 Cor. 11:14.) To prevent people from seeing the reality, he directs attention to a lesser instrument of deception. The Apostles propounded that Antichrist would arise in the Church. Afterwards many recognized the Papacy as Antichrist. Below we give the utterances of the seven greatest reformers since Christ's day.

ST. PAUL said: That Day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that Man of Sin [Papacy] be revealed, the son of perdition [destructive].

And that Antichrist [Papacy and Protestantism together shall come.] (1 Thess. 2:2.)

The Papal-Protestant aggregation is in the world. A man child [Papacy] was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. The Roman Catholic church ruling like a wicked government out of the hand of God, having seven heads and ten horns, nations, upon them, having their name written in the book of blasphemy. A woman [Mother of apostate churches] with a scarred daughter, set upon a scarlet colored beast, having a golden cup full of abominations, and filthiness of her [church-state] fornication, and upon her forehead a name of blasphemy. (Rev. 17:5.)

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It has been very generally and very properly claimed by Protestants that the name Babylon is the prophet's name. The Babylonian name is applied to the Papacy, in which its wickedness as the city of God is symbolically represented under the name Babylon. And it is in the great city, where the throne and kingdom of the Beast are established and where the power of the Beast is centralized in the hands of the Papacy. (Rev. 17:1-5.)

And since the kingdoms of the world have been greatly dominated by the influence of the Papacy, any attempt to glorify in them their "glory in their shame" against the ungodly of the world. (Rev. 18:1-2.)

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But if it not pass unobserved that both Romanists and Protestants now freely recognize the relationship of mother and daughter. Their relationship resembles that of the Holy Mother Church and the latter, with pleasing compliance, endorsing the idea, as shown by the fact that the false Prophet, false Christ, false Messiah, and false God, is adored by the Papacy. (Rev. 17:5.)

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the world, the true Church, which is composed only of fully consecrated and justified members who have been made perfect in the merit of the one great Sacrifice of sins. These are to be found scattered here and there within and outside of these human systems, yet always separated from the world and its influences. They are the “wheat” class of our Lord’s parable, clearly distinguished by Him from the “tare”. Nor have they ever been a part of a commonwealth, though often painfully observed that the spirit of the world, operating through the unrecognized “tare” element, endangers the spiritual prosperity of the mixed congregations in Zion, to whom God hath appointed “beauty for ashes and the oil of joy for mourning” (Matt. 6:4; Is. 61:3). It is only in this day, however, that the profession of this class from the “tare” element is due; for it was the Lord’s purpose to “let both grow together until the harvest” (Matt. 13:30). Hence it is that this class is now awakened to a realization of the real character of these condemned systems, because of the “tare” element, the separating time, has come.

REVELATOR’S VISION OF OUR TIMES

Let us now note some of the Revelator’s allusions to Babylon,
1:1,2. He saw the seven angels, which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. This vision is still coming true, “The last plagues upon Babylon (Christendom) at the present time. The “great whore” refers to the “Mother of harlots” (Rev. 14:8), which is the recognized parent of all the Protestant sects which have affiliated with earthy governments instead of keeping their religious freedom. The Bridegroom, should come to receive His Bride unto Himself and to establish His long-promised Kingdom.

15:15 explains that “the waters wherein the whore sitteth are peoples and nations” on which she is, of course, dependent. The kingdoms of Europe today claim to be Christian and say they are following the foreign realms of the ancient realms of God, i.e., through appointment of Popes or Councils of the Protestant type, which are made for the world’s ends. The modern conscience of the world has been made drunk with the wine of her fornication; the nations have drunk her sweet wines, therefore the nations have drinking and then upon her forehead was written, “Wine, wine, drunk with her and me.”

Mystery——We have already called attention to the fact that the Church and also to the words of the Prophecy and comments therefrom taken from the Jn. 14:17, Jn. 16:13, and the Letter to the Church and to the world. We strongly urge that every Christian person ever opened a book have been strengthened with the pure Word of...
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writer of Sunday School lessons, in commenting on the lesson for September 21, scathing rebukes the clergy system.

Purtier the Prophet Ezekiel says: 33:6. But if the watchman see the sword come and take any person from among them, he is taken away and if he warn, and the people be not warned, if the sword come and take any person from among them, he is taken away; he that warned will save his life, but he will deserve no mercy.

-The clergy are the watchmen. They thus designate themselves. The clergy have been subjected to no responsibility. Faithful watching on their part, with their great influence among the people, would have saved tens of millions of physical death and a host of others, who would have suffered so many. The outraged people will turn upon the clergy, as during the French Revolution, and in a frightful carnival of execrable assassins, lives lost in war. Responsibility for the Time of Trouble lies squarely at the door of the clergy, for had the heralded Word of God against industrial, social, political, moral and religious wars, they could have reformed humanity and made peace. Clergy-made war and the ensuing revolution and anarchy. Our Lord said prophetically, "Upon this generation shall come all the woes of men who have committed the false doctrine of the Divine right of kings and the Divine right of the clergy, the latter have become more reprehensible and responsible for the war and the destruction of Christendom. The comment upon Ezekiel 33:11,19 reads, "God has no pleasure in the destruction of Christendom. If it had been possible, I would have saved it from its impending doom. Its destruction is traceable directly to a moral and spiritual laxity and ignorance of the masses, namely, the pope, the cardinals, the bishops, priests, ministers, revivalists and other religious leaders who have misdirected the people, and thus it is their combination of worldly and religious teachings they have brought the world into a condition where the social elements are working their mutual destruction. God pity the clergy for what is coming upon them; their doctrine will be true and they will warn, and the people be not warned; the sword will come and take any person from among them, he is taken away; he that warned will save his life, but he will deserve no mercy."

HOW BABYLON WILL FALL

The Revelation points out how Babylon (Ecclesiasticism) has become corrupt, and how it will fall. Revelation 18:1, 2. And after these things I saw an angel coming down from Heaven having great power, and the truth was lighted with His glory, and He cried with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen is Babylon the Great." The expression, "Babylon is fallen," indicates that at some time a great national or religious rejection is to come upon Babylon when all favor will cease and when Judgment will follow. Babylon will become the habitation of devils. The New York World publishes an interview with Bishop Pells, who says, "In recent years great strides have been made in the study of the Bible, and in the years to come the science of communication with the dead will be a part of the curriculum for the clergyman."

And the hill of every foul spirit—Rev. William Sunday has had something to say about hellfire. He speaks of a kind of hellfire that is being thrown down and shall be found no more at all. For a time ecclesiasticism has been lifted for a while, and in the years to come the science of communication with the dead will be a part of the curriculum for the clergyman."

Theological seminars are turning out infidels," and refers to the large amount of saloon property that he has sold to the people. He would have us believe that the moral standard of thousands high in the churches is so low as to almost stagger our reason. If what, Mr. Sunday says, are not fit places for good respectable members of the people, cannot be tolerated. Any church member, who will execute upon Babylon the Great, shall be cast like a great martello into the sea, never to rise again. The sea represents the masses of the people and especially the intelligent class. And thus shall great Babylon perish from the earth and her name shall be forgotten forever!

UNIVERSAL PEACE WITH REJOINING

What joy will pervade the earth when Babylon is completely annihilated; followed by the glorious Kingdom of Christ. And I have honest, loving, Christian people praying for the day of the Kingdom. It will be the day of all days for all peoples. War will prevail and the people will learn no more forever. (Micah 4:1-4; Isaiah 2:24). No more will the earth be troubled; nations shall not be brought into war any more. Widows' tears will be dried and the cry of the orphan will cease. They will have restored to them their loved ones who were taken away cruel war-gods, pestilence, and death. In beautiful, poetic language the Revealer describes that time of the days of the Kingdom. When I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem (Messiah's Kingdom) coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And a great voice was saying out of the throne, Behold the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell among them, and is the temple. And He said, "The Lord God shall reign in the midst of them."

What a glorious burst of blessing is in these words! What a grand fulfillment there is to be of the Apostle's promise, "When He shall have put all His enemies under His feet, shall take of the fruits of the earth, and shall be glorified in His church, which He has redeemed with His own blood."

The destruction of all things which God has spoken by the mouth of all the holy Prophets, since the world began, is for the perfecting of the Church of God. For the non-believer will fall in the elimination of every wicked thing from the earth, and the full restoration of all obedient beings. The non-believer will be throned in judgment over every man will love his neighbor as himself. Mankind will then enjoy a perfect government, which will be free from pain, suffering, and want. Stability and blessed influence will be assured by the perfection of every citizen. Let every honest heart rejoice that the old order is passing away and the new is coming in!"
clergy are not what they have claimed and think themselves to be. *The Bible Students Monthly* which contains the article on "The Fall of Babylon" is likewise a pointed message directed against the same class. In the picture, the angel that smote the first-born of Egypt passed through the land about midnight; and, as heretofore suggested in The Watch Tower magazine, the time was about January 1, 1918. On December 30 and 31, 1917, and January 1, 1918, approximately 10,000,000 copies of the above mentioned issue of *The Bible Students Monthly*—the message against Babylon, and particularly the clergy of Babylon—were distributed in the United States and Canada. This was like a great hailstorm, and brought to the attention of the people the fact that Babylon is not what she claims to be. Nothing has so angered Babylon as this. Twenty-seven years before that "hailstorm," the Laodi- 
cenean Church was warned. "After the truth, which Babylon now begins to regard as her enemy, and as calculated to accomplish her destruction, shall have become more generally known and widely circulated; after the 'hail' has to a considerable extent swept away the refuge of lies; and after the now smoldering and menacing blasts of hatred of the truth are thereb to an opposition so violent and so general as to effectively stop the further progress of the great work in which the saints are engaged," will be "the approximate time of the deliverance or 'change' of the last members of the body of Christ."—C 231, 232.

**MANTLE OF ELEI~**

After Elijah smote the Jordan with his mantle, he crossed over with Elisha; and while the two walked together on the other side, Elijah was taken up by a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha then took up the mantle of Elijah, that had fallen from his hands. It is reasonable to suppose that the mantle represented the message of truth which the Elijah class has possessed throughout its journey during the harvest period. (Psalm 91:4) Elijah had this mantle with him all the way from Gilgal to the Jordan. Elijah and his message were the Old Testament Elijah. Elisha took up his mantle and smote the waters. This seems to explain the waiting period from 1914 to 1917, when the smiting of the antitypical Jordan began by the message "wrapped up for the slacker." (Ezekiel 21:15) "The Finished Mystery" cometh; Paul and John, and to the antitypical Elijah's message, specially directed against Babylon. It was used particularly from the latter part of 1917 to the spring of 1918.

About the middle of March, 1918, the distribution of "The Finished Mystery" was suddenly stopped. The suggestion does not seem unreasonable that, "The Finished Mystery" being the mantle, the quantity of this printed and not distributed will be used by the Elisha class for a second smiting of the waters (people).

**HAS THE HARVEST ENDED?**

The saints need not be disturbed by the suppression of the message against Babylon. This is not man's work, but the Lord's work. God has permitted it to be interrupted for some good purpose and will overrule it to his own glory. "The Finished Mystery" has been suppressed on the theory that it interferes with the prosecution of the war. (Jeremiah 38:4) Doubtless the clergy have represented to official circles interfering with the war. We cannot agree that the circulation of this book in any manner interferes with the war's prosecution. Those having to do with its distribution have had no intention whatsoever to interfere with the prosecution of the war. Sometimes low circles have attempted to interfere with the harvest work. Excessive use of authority may be expected in this time of stress. In many places, petty officials of the law have arrested, without warrant, some of the faithful Col- porteur brethren; have thrown them into jail and refused to give them due process of law. But, in turn, these same people have turned them loose with the warning that they should not sell any of the Studies in the Scriptures or any publications of the Society. Undoubtedly officials have thought it absolutely necessary to suppress this message. The Scriptu- res indicate that such a course would be taken. In 1851, the faithful messenger of Laoedge, discussing this point said: "When repressive, restrictive and coercive measures are thought to be necessary, such measures will probably include not only labor organizations and the publications which ad- vocate those rights and wrongs, but also such as would stop the plan of God, and the real cause and only remedy for the great distress of the nations. Yes, the time is probably not many years distant, when repressive measures may be brought to bear against every effort of the saints to spread the good news of the coming kingdom, all on the plea that the general interest and the public welfare demand such a course. "Thus would be fulfilled the predictions of the Second Psalm, and probably in the end with more bitterness than can now well be imagined, though it has been partially fulfilled upon the Head of the body.—Acts 4:23-29.

The restricting liberty on political and social questions will probably be supposed to apply equally to freedom of expression on religious questions which really lies at the foundation of all liberty. It would not be surprising if a 'strong government' would some day replace this present great republic; and it is entirely probable that one common method of carrying out such an idea will be to suppress, to be promulgated, to teach outside of which will be treated and punished as a political offense. Such a persecution would not only furnish, in the end or harvest of this age, another parallel to the harvest of the Jewish age, but would also give some idea of what we have to look forward to if the stability of Paul and John, and to the typical illustrations of the close of the earthly career of the true church, as represented in Elijah's whirlwind departure and John the Baptist's imprisonment and beheading."—B 263, 284.

**THE DOOR CLOSING**

The door which by the way, our Lord calls a gate—represents the way of entrance into a certain condition or privilege. (Luke 13:24, 25) The door was suddenly stopped. The entrance into the race for the prize of the heavenly calling to joint-heirs with Christ Jesus in his kingdom. That door opened at Pentecost. It must be closed some time. It must remain open until all the "wise virgins" have been sealed in their books. The wise virgins would have the blessed privilege of sacrificing and suffering with Christ Jesus, which suffering is not ordinary suffering, but such suffering as results from faithfully walking in the footsteps of the Master in loving devotion to the cause of right- 

The second part of this article will deal in detail with the final harvest, the harvest of the 144,000. We will leave the door to this article open, and if you will keep in your heart that the "night cometh when no man can work." (John 9:4) That time will mark the closing of the door. Discussing this point, the last messenger to the church said: "When the door of the church is closed, the closing of this door might be indicated: first, by a definite Bible statement of the exact date; second, by such a reversal of public sentiment with reference to the truth that fidelit and zeal in its service would no longer meet with opposition, and when suffering with Christ for the truth's sake, indicate no further necessity for the exercise by such a condition of affairs obtaining in the world that all opportunity for such service would be effectually obstructed, thus leaving no opportunities for candidates to enter into the work and to develop and prove their love and faithful- 

The closing of the 'door,' in the parable of Matthew 25, marks the full end of all opportunity for anyone of the 'called' ones, thereafter to attain the prize of the high calling. It marks the end of all opportunity to prove worthy of the prize by faithfulness in the service: all opportunity for service will then terminate in the 'night' wherein no man can work."—C 213, 219.

**WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?**

"The morning cometh, and also the night. The night cometh when no man can work." When that is true, you may know that 'the door is shut,' that all the wise virgins have entered in, that all have been proved, and that all vacancies have been acceptably filled."—C 226.

"The long our work will be cut short—gradually at first, and more and more rapidly the 'night cometh, when no man can work.' And the gloom of that 'night' will be dispelled only by the Millennial sunrise. When our work is done, and that night closes in around us, we may expect not only to see the storm-clouds grew much darker, but also to see the tears of the sky of the rising winds' which are called the wild hurricanes of human passion—a whirlwind of trouble. Then, having finished our appointed work, it will be our part to 'stand, patiently, until our change comes.'"—C 230.

We record here some of the trying experiences through
which our brethren are caused to pass because of their faithfulness to the Lord. About the 14th day of March, the Attorney General instructed the District Attorneys throughout the country to prevent the further sale and distribution of "The Finished Mystery," but to arrest no one who had sold or distributed the book prior to that date. On this subject, God's "approved elders" in different places have exceeded their authority. Some of the dear friends have been arrested and thrown into jail for distributing The Bible Students Monthly, others because they were selling the first six volumes of Scrutiny in the Scrupulous—mostly because they held the Photo-Drama of Creation. Two were arrested and brought into court because they had distributed the Kingdom News. After their incarceration, some one induced a woman to make a false affidavit against one of them. When the case was heard, the affidavit was proven to be false and both brethren were released.

REPORTS FROM THE FRIENDS

Following are a few extracts from letters such as have been received here every day during the past few weeks:

"The Four: In harmony with the Lord's will, I am having a quiet season of study and fellowship with him here."—Conn.

"Jail. We shall be taken from here by an officer to the District Attorney's office for distributing Kingdom News."—N. Y.

"Your telegram received yesterday in the Jail. They turned us loose yesterday, after keeping us four days and five nights, making us promise to quit selling any of the Scrutiny in County—before they would release us. As the people are so stirred up there, we thought best to take up the work in the state of Illinois."—Ind.

"We are experiencing considerable opposition. Thursday four sisters went to a neighboring town and distributed The Bible Students Monthly—Clergy Ordination Proved Fraudulent! Just as they got through with the distribution, the city was notified of her arrest, and they had the books seized up, and then they had a public burning."—Ill.

"Sheriff's Office. Last night I was placed in jail here for selling 'The Finished Mystery.'"—N. Dak.

"Last Saturday I went out to the following trial of two Colporteurs, and, as they were looking for them, was arrested. They could not prove that I had circulated any of the books since the ruling was made."—Okla.

"While busily engaged in cutting out the pages objected to [in 'The Finished Mystery'], an officer of the federal government arrested us. Many brethren were told me the book was completely ignored. We were conveyed to the police station and no one was allowed to communicate with us. From the press account, next morning, I learned that two of my friends came to bail me out, but were not allowed to see us at all. After a short interview, we were told not to say anything, and no explanation whatsoever. Two people told me that the officer gave them several books, with instructions to burn them when they had finished reading them."—Ia.

"We are undergoing great persecution while trying to do colportage. The officials are gathering up the Seventh and the Question booklets; also The Bible Students Monthly, 'The Fall of Babylon.' We have been working some with the other volumes and the Scenario and booklets; but hear threats of arrest every day."—Tex.

"I have two and three brothers and myself in jail here for selling 'The Finished Mystery.' We are rejoicing that we have a share in drinking the Lord's cup."—Calif.

"At—my brother and I were stopped from selling the six volumes of Scrutiny in this Scrupulous by a secret service man. He told me that I sold Colportage books; we would be arrested. We were not selling any Seventh Volumes."—Wash.

In Texas two of the pilgrims have been arrested for preaching the Gospel, one of them being held in $19,600 bond for apparent escape. The Grand Jury, another of our traveling ministers was waited upon by the mayor and chief of police in a western town and warned not to preach. When he attempted to do so, a mob chased him out of town, but captured his companion and tarred him. The governor co-operated to protect this mob. This mob violence indicates that the demons are loose and inhabiting the minds of men, inciting them to lawless deeds.

DEMONS LOOSE

St. John the Revelator wrote: "And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angells to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Furi not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." (Revelation 7:2, 3) The conclusion to be drawn from this is that the demons will be loosed when the saints are sealed and the door is closed. The Scriptures clearly show that the demons will work in Babylon. (Revelation 18:2)

We conclude that Fretting is to be allowed for a little time might be occupied by the demons in influencing the minds of the willing ones in Babylon and in the formulation of plans for operation against the last members of the body of Christ, and that during that time the saints would be conducted to the throne of God by the grace of Babylon by taking control of the body and mind, as in the days of Noah. They will probably first vent their spleen or vengeance upon the members of the kingdom class.

Conditions which have recently developed in Russia strongly indicate that the time is at hand. It is well known that the czar of Russia consulted the demons through mediums. The violent disposition recently manifested by the clergy toward some of our brethren indicates that the demons are occupying their minds. We may expect this violence to increase in the near future. Let us not be surprised if in a short time every avenue for the promulgation of the truth is closed.

A BRIEF REPORT

We need not be at all disturbed because the opportunity to distribute "The Finished Mystery" has been taken from us. The work is the Lord's. Our business, as His ambassadors, is to deliver the message. In the days to come the clergy will not be heard to say that they did not have opportunity to know of this message. This message must be delivered to the people. If we and any more of our friends have had any opportunity to do so, rejoice and give thanks to the Lord. The fiery chariot that took away Elijah represented the fiery experiences that would come to the faithful ones who persist in making proclamations of the message of the kingdom in word and in deed. The fiery chariot will be taken in the Lord's own due time.

Some, when seeing these fiery experiences—the fiery chariot—appearing, have sought a place of safety by ceasing their labors in the harvest field and by refusing to speak anything concerning Babylon, declining ever to engage in any study, though they suffer lack of faith in the Lord. Let us have in mind the Apostle's words: "Now the just shall have the robe of Christ's righteousness shall live by his faith; but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." (Hebrews 10:38) This is the time above all times to stand firm and defeat infidelity. Even though we see the persecution becoming more violent day by day, because of our faithfulness, let us keep in mind that he who is on our part is greater than all that can be against us. Let us not waver. Let us proceed in the declaration of the message of the Lord's stewardship. Let us not be afraid of the demons in their formulation of plans for operation against the last members of the body of Christ. Let us not have any opportunities. "And probably at this juncture the Elijah class, persisting in declaring the truth to the last, will suffer violence, pass into glory and escape from the severest features of the great time of trouble." (Zech. 14:5)

Since the "living Will" has been printed, it has been possible to remain to this time in order to leave records concerning his kingdom that will be valuable to the undeveloped great company class and to the world in general. It therefore becomes the privilege of all the consecrated, as opportunity offers, to make public acknowledgment of the privilege of being one of a foregone kingdom. Let every one be active. Let every one who is able to give a public address, and who can find an opportunity, do so, using the subject, "The World Has Ended—Millions Now Living Will Never Die." It is a great privilege to announce this message of the kingdom to the poor world in this hour of definite fulfillment. If only one or two, or ten, or twenty, or a hundred of them on the earth to do this, each will be a great honor. To be among those who remain is no dishonor; and to be the very last one of those to be 'changed' will be no discredit. Several Scriptures show that there is a special work for the last members of the body, which is not the work for those who are called to be in the "serving class". It is an important and as essentially a part of kingdom work as that of the glorified members on the other side."—C 233.

SPECIAL WORK

Seeing, then, that some avenues of service are closing, let us look quickly for some other avenue remaining open. Soon all will close. Gradually the work will close down, and then suddenly and completely. But let us remember that the feet members—the last members—have some work to do even yet.

"The mission of the feet, which is no insignificant part of the kingdom work, will be accomplished. Though their message is popularly hated and discredited and they are despised,