THE RESURRECTION OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

In February of this year, with the Vatican, Mgr. Gaglia, the Bishop of Brescia, publicly read from his cathedral pulpit the Fascist creed and catechism, taught in the balilla, or infant training centers organized throughout Italy by Signor Mussolini. The creed consists of these twelve articles:

1. I believe in Rome Eternal, the mother of my fatherland.
2. And in Italy, her firstborn.
3. Who was born of her virgin womb by the grace of God.
4. Who suffered under the barbarian invader, was crucified, slain and buried.
5. Who descended into the sepulchre, and rose again from the dead in the nineteenth century.
6. Who ascended to Heaven in her glory in 1918 and in 1922 (by the march on Rome).
7. Who is seated at the right hand of Mother Rome.
8. Who will come thence to judge the quick and the dead.
9. I believe in the genius of Mussolini.
10. In our Holy Father Fascism and in the communion of its martyrs.
11. In the conversion of the Italians.
12. In the resurrection of the empire. Amen!

The Resurrection of Rome

Now, this creed, blasphemous in every line, takes on an extraordinary significance from the fact that the resurrection of the Roman Empire is one of the marvels and certainties of prophecy. For the wild beast which comes up out of the abyss is twofold: territorially, it is the Empire of Rome; personally, it is the last Roman emperor, and of both it is stated that they rise from the dead. "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and is about to come up out of the abyss: the seven heads (of the beast) are (territorially regarded) seven mountains; and (personally regarded) they are seven kings." (Rev. 17:8-9. Rome was stabbed to death by the barbarians in the fifth century, and for fourteen hundred years it has been as dead as its emperors; but its spirit has never died. The Papacy replaced the material empire with a spiritual. As the normal rule, nations, like plants, have their leaflage, full fruit, and final decay: the Roman Empire, along among the empires of earth—as the last emperor alone among all earthly monarchs—is to be an awful apparition from among the dead. With what extraordinary significance, therefore, does the Fascist creed, as its sum and substance declare, in its crowning clause, "I believe in the resurrection of the Roman Empire!"

The Reviving Empire

The Great War proved the first great visible act in the drama of the restoration of Rome, and it did so in a manner far beyond all human plot or thought. This desperate struggle between the Roman group of nations—France, Britain, Belgium—and the German tribes began the reintegration of Rome. First, Italy, which began on the side of the Teuton, swung round and joined the Latin; then Russia—the Slav—crumbled up and fell out of the Roman group; then Austria—some States of which belonged to the Roman Empire, and some of which did not—broke up, so as to re-form; then Alsace-Lorraine, which was a part of Rome, was reunited to France; and, finally, Ireland, which never belonged to the Roman Empire, received its old rank as a separate state. Exactly how the quivering limbs of the resurrecting empire are to function again in one body we do not yet see; but already Spain, Italy and Greece are under absolute autocrats; France merely awaits the man; and the general strike has brought Britain at a bound within sight of Roman Fascism and a possible dictatorship. A multitude of powerful factors are compelling the recreation of a universal empire: the rapid disintegration and paralysis of parliaments; the growing precariously of all government apart from a scepter of iron; the violent dynamite of Bolshevism, creating a recoil as violent; the class war, which is rousing the old imperial might by the unrecalled commission by God (Dan. 2:37, 40) of world rule to Rome in our dispensation, which means that Rome has but to stretch out her hand, to obtain universal dominion (Rev. 13:7); ample prophecies of Roman restoration contained in the Scriptures, which must therefore be fulfilled; the dragon's decision to erect to Rome (Rev.

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ALL THE TURMOIL OF THE WORLD, WITH THE TOUCH OF GOD IN YOUR SOUL YOU FEEL MOST LIKE YOU ARE LIVING IN THE LAND OF BEULAH. THE FOLLOWING VERSES OF THE POET IS SUCH A LIVING REALITY I PASS IT ON TO YOU: "I AM DWELLING ON THE MOUNTAIN. WHERE THE GOLDEN SUNLIGHT GLEAMS O'ER A LAND WHOSE WONDROUS BEAUTY FAR EXCEEDS MY FONDEST DREAMS; WHERE THE AIR IS PURE, ETHERAL; LADEN WITH THE BREATHE OF FLOWERS. THEY ARE BLOOMING BY THE FOUNTAIN. NEATH THE AMARANTHINE BOWERS.

IS NOT THIS THE LAND OF BEULAH? BLESSED, BLESSED LAND OF LIGHT, WHERE THE FLOWERS BLOOM FOREVER. AN DTHE SUN IS ALWAYS BRIGHT.

I CAN SEE FAR DOWN THE MOUNTAIN WHERE I WANDERED WEARY YEARS, OFTEN HINDERED IN MY JOURNEY BY THE GHOSTS OF DOUBTS AND FEARS. BROKEN VOWS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS. THICKLY SPRINKLED ALL THE WAY. BUT THE SPIRIT LED. UERRING TO THE LAND I HOLD TODAY.

I AM DRINKING AT THE FOUNTAIN WHERE I EVER WOULD ABIDE. FOR I'VE TASTED LIFE'S PURE RIVER AND MY SOUL IS SATISFIED; THERE IS NO THIRSTING FOR LIFE'S PLEASURES. NOT ADORNING RICH AND GAY. FOR I'VE FOUND A RICHER TREASURE. OFTEN THIS HANDLET NOT AWAY."

ANOTHER REASON FOR OUR SUPPORT OF KING'S COLLEGE DEVELOPED A FEW DAYS BACK WHEN OUR TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL WAS GIVEN THE LOW GRADE OF "F" BECAUSE SHE DID NOT ATTEND THE FAIR OR A SHOW. THE MODERN SCHOOLS ARE RAPIDLY BECOMING ANTAGONISTIC TO THE TRUTH, AND ARE, IN THE HIGHER GRADES, SKEPTIC HATCHERIES. THE UNIVERSITIES ARE EVEN WORSE. AS A WHOLE, THE AVERAGE UNIVERSITY IS A CURSE. IF OUR HOLINESS FOLKS REALIZED THE GRIP SATAN HAS ON THE SCHOOLS OF THE DAY, I AM SURE THEY WOULD RALLY TO THE SUPPORT OF KING'S COLLEGE AND OTHER PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS SCHOOLS. IN KING'S COLLEGE THE BIBLE IS TAUGHT. IT MAKES CHRISTIANS INSTEAD OF SKEPTICS. I TRUST THAT FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN THAT THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH WILL BE ENABLED TO BUILD A LARGE SCHOOL, BUILDINGS AND ALL, THAT WILL BE A LIGHTHOUSE OF GOD'S TRUTH UNTIL JESUS COMES.

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**Reports From the Field**

![Image of Oklahoma City First Church](image)

The above is a picture of the Oklahoma City First Church. Note the electric sign "Jesus saves" that at night heralds the good news to the passersby. This church is located at 423 West California. In the edge of the business district and across the street from the Central Fire Station. Here many souls have wept their way through to God and shouted the victory. Brother Thomas L. Aaron is pastor at this church.

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**REVIVAL AT OKLAHOMA CITY FIRST CHURCH**

We are glad to report victory in this revival. God has been in every service in a real way. Brother Sawgalsky is holding the revival for us and God is blessing his messages to the good of all who attend. The meeting has been going on a little over one week and some fifteen or eighteen have prayed through to definite experiences with God.

Brother Sawgalsky is a man of God. The writer has known him for years and has always found him to be upright in his life. He has this testimony in his home town. It is a great pleasure to recommend a man like Brother Sawgalsky. He is a friend to the church and pastor and labors to build up the work wherever he goes.

The saints here have labored faithfully in this revival. Several of the preachers and workers who have appointments out of the city are helping in the meeting. May God bless them, one and all.

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We feel like *saying with the Sweet Singer of Israel*: the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. To Him be all the glory for all the good that has been accomplished.

Brother, let us be true through a few more battles; let us fight sin and the devil a few more days and then God will receive us to Himself. Glory to His name. Everything is in our favor if we live for God. We are always on the winning side when we live for Jesus. We can not lose our reward if we live true to Him until our work is over.

Yours in the Master’s service,

THOMAS L. AARON,
Pastor.

Hinton, Okla.—We are moving on here and God is blessing.

LONNIE SMITH.

The Taylor evangelistic party is at present engaged in a revival meeting at San Antonio, Texas. They just recently closed a successful five weeks’ meeting at Lubbock, Texas.
THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS FAITH

THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN

By Henry R. Samples, Evangelist

"But EXHORT one another DAILY, while it is called TO­DAY; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of SIN." Hebrews 3:13.

Dear beloved, in this day and time Satan is doing his best to deceive the very elect if he can do so, and he knows very well that he cannot get one of us to go out and commit some big sin, but nevertheless a sin is a sin and it is the little foxes that destroy the grapes, and also it is the little sins, or we might say mistakes, that grow and becomes sins sooner later unless we pray through and return to the old landmarks and live what we profess; that is Holiness, and let's live up to what our Church Discipline stands for.

We might divide the text into three parts, namely, the nature of sin, the deceitfulness of sin and our duty. First we will take the nature of sin, I mean as I have stated before the smaller sins. You begin to abandon your faith, you might say you do not; but, brother, sister, if you are not living up to your discipline and your church's belief are you quite sure that you are not abandoning your faith? I am not meaning this for one or ones, but we have to forsake the world and all things that pertain to the world that will destroy our Spirituality (Section 5, pages 24 and 25 of our Discipline) and I am sure that every member of this church has read this discipline, if not, they should do so as soon as possible. You might say there is no harm in going to the fair, but our discipline and church do not stand for such as this.

Then next we might take as another nature of sin, transgression, which means to overpass a rule, etc., and I am sure if we will read on page 27, Sections 11 and 12, we might find some of the transgressions that have been told me, and that have hurt some of our pure gold. You might say well why did you listen to this talk? I did so for one reason only, there were no names mentioned, but there is one thing that I believe we should do and that is live up to what we profess or quit professing, one of the two, and there is also Section 8, on page 26. God help us not to speak evil of others, nor to talk of our absent brothers and sisters, but to do as our covenant tells us to do (pages 14-17), and I am sure that our church will grow both in numbers and in Spirituality. Owing to shortness of space, we will pass on to the next part of this text, the deceitfulness of sin. We all now that sin is deceitful from beginning till now and always will be as long as there is sin in the world. We might just mention just two of the most popular names or I will say false names of sin, pleasure and happiness. God help us to really know what pleasure and happiness are; I am sure that you will never find it in the things of this sin-cursed world, but the true pleasure comes in serving God and your church and the true happiness comes from you so doing. Then false excuses are another deceitfulness of sin, and also false resolutions. You might say, well, I have never made any false excuses or resolutions, but have you ever promised God that you would do anything and really resolve to do it, but you would put it off for a day or two, or a week or so; tomorrow is Satan's today, and he cares not how many good resolutions you make as long as you fix them for tomorrow. Let us do all we can for our Master and Saviour while it is TODAY, as in the text, "while it is called today." Oh, I truly believe that this, the day of GRACE, is about over; this is our TODAY and tomorrow is just ahead. Then, as in the text, "lest any of you be hardened," you might say I am not hardened, but that is another deceitfulness of sin; it is accumulative; it gains force as it goes along and the little things that we do begin to grow into big things, and then our mistakes are sins. God help us to know the DECEITFULNESS OF SIN and to abstain from the very appearance of evil. The third and last part of the text, our duty, "to exhort one another daily," you might say, does this mean to keep telling them their faults and how they should live? No, There are different ways that we can exhort our brother and sister and we will give three ways that are good: First, by our doctrine, let's know what our church stands for and live it every day. "TODAY" prayerfully we love our church and believe in its doctrine; let's prove it. The second, by our life; let's be an example to others and then I am sure that we will live it. Our life is the greatest testimony that we can give; it is not what we testify to, but is what we really live that counts and, third, let's invite others to come this way; this way of Holiness. Thank God, we find in the 17th verse of 22nd Chapter of Revelations these words: "And the Spirit and the bride say come. And LET HIM THAT HbüSPHIT SAY COME. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." And let him that heareth say come, so if we have heard and have taken of this water of life we should invite others to come. Today is the day; tomorrow may never come. Please read the Fourth Chapter of Hebrews and see that it is obtained by faith. Watch and pray.

Quarterly Conference Report of the Kansas Conference

Conference met with the Coffeyville church, Oct. 1-3, with Superintendent B. R. Dean in the chair. The District Secretary not being present, the superintendent appointed J. H. Hibbert as secretary pro tem. Brother Dave Troutman of the East Oklahoma Conference was present and granted a seat in the Conference.

church in the Kansas Conference do our best for the school. Sister Zink of Coffeyville was granted Mission Workers' license at this Conference. Some of our preachers are not doing their best. Let's all do our best for the Lord and Conference. We have a big field to work in. Some of the ministers have not sent their tithes in. You can't tell your people to pay tithes unless you are paying them yourself; and they belong in the Conference Treasury. Let every church try to send $5.00 with their next report to the Quarterly Conference for our Conference Superintendent. If you will give, God will bless you for it.

The Conference was a success in every way. The weather was bad and some could not get there. Brother H. S. Triplett of Nowata, preached Friday night, and the writer preached Saturday morning, and Sister Hoel preached Saturday night and Brother Hoel preached Sunday morning, and Sister Trader preached Sunday night. God's approval was on every service. The saints danced, shouted and talked in tongues and had a good time with the Lord. Let every preacher and delegate try to be at the next Quarterly Conference. Jesus is coming soon. Will He find us all doing our best for Him? Let's all get on the front line. May God bless you all, is my prayer. Your brother in Christ.

J. H. Hibbert, Secretary Pro Tem.

10,006 Hawthorne Blvd., Inglewood, Calif.—To the Faith paper. Enclose check that I may continue to get the little paper. It is small, but sweet, and we enjoy it very much, and we enjoy the testimonies very much. We find it not so easy to shout the victory when you are entirely away from your own church and brothers and sisters. We have all kinds of holiness people in California, but they are not our kind. We would be glad to hear from any one that cares to write us and especially a dear sister at Gainesville, Tex. We lost her address. We saw her at the Camp Meeting there in 1925. We are holding on and living close to our Lord. Pray for us. Membership at Gotebo, Oklahoma.

MR. & MRS. C. H. PUCKETT.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Townley, Ala.—Dear Brother Muse and Christian friends. I want to send in a few words about my baby that was sick with bowel trouble that I requested prayer for. When I wrote you she was passing blood, and after asking prayer for her she quit passing blood in answer to prayer. In three or four days she was sound and well, for which I give God the glory, praise His name forever. Also the brother that I asked prayer for is greatly improved. The swelling in his leg has gone down considerably. Brother Rominer believes the Lord will heal him. Brother Muse, please pray for me as I have a very sore mouth and something wrong with my neck. Pray for me and pray that the Lord will keep my baby healed.

J. A. Bozeman.

Carpenter, Okla.—Dear Brother Muse family, I am writing you for prayer for my daughter. She has bad nervous spells. Pray that the Lord will heal her. We both have received the Baptism and it is a wonderful blessing. God's blessings upon you and all saints.

Mrs. E. A. Clark.

Cloud Chief, Okla.—Dear Brother Muse. I want all that read this to pray for the healing of my body. I have been sick nearly three weeks. Something the matter with my lungs. I am still saved, sanctified and the Comforter abides just now, praise His holy name. Your sister under the Blood, looking for the soon coming of Jesus.

Ruth Yarborough.

Compton, Ark.—Brothers and sisters in the service of the Lord; I want to give my love and best regards to the Faith paper. I thank God for the paper that I just read and I sure love it. It is food to my soul. Pray for me that I may receive the witness of the Holy Spirit in my soul, and that this body may be presented to Him holy and a fit temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Sarah Farmel.

Checotah, Okla.—Dear Brother Muse and Faith family. I pray God tonight for salvation for everyone. Jesus is real to me, I praise God for this school (King's College) and because I am in it. Sometimes God wonderfully blesses even in critical periods that we shout the praises of God. Glory to God. Have the joy in my soul. Pray for me. Pray God to have His way in the school and provide every need, which He has done heretofore.

Annie Harrelson.

King's College.

A poem by a student at King's College, Annie Harrelson:

I've given up all
To Jesus, our King,
We hear folks shout
And in meetings they sing.

But here comes the test,
The Lord said He would send
He calls some loved one
To earth's farthest end.

Or something as hard
As the Lord wills we'll have
Then we'll howl "it's a sore"
I must have this salve.

Oh, can't you remember
That Jesus gave all
To redeem you from sin,
Death, shame and the fall?

Step out on His promise
Do just as He bids;
And you will on Manna
From Heaven be fed.

Seminole, Okla.—Dear Faith family. This another Sabbath day I am still praising God for salvation. I feel the Holy Ghost bubbling up in my soul just now. Thank God. I didn't get to go to the past Camp Meeting, but there is going to be one I am not going to miss. Pray for me. Your sister in Christ.

Mrs. B. A. Rich.
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WILL SHORT.

We have just returned from a two-months' preaching trip, preaching nearly every night. Many heard the word and praised the Lord; some accepted it and were saved. I have 'never' been blessed in preaching more than I was in Dallas. Very large crowds attended; some from other cities and towns. Thousands heard the Word. We trust many more were blessed than we have any record of.

We had no meetings on Monday nights. On one Monday night a gentleman called and wanted to see the pastor and I at seven. We were surprised to see an attorney who had come to the meeting a few times and said he was a Christian, was a church member. He talked almost like an insane man and was afraid he had trifled with God too long; had made so many vows and broke them; not a promise we could quote seemed to help; then we prayed, O that old time burden for lost souls that preaching. Two months' preaching trip, were saved. I have never seen a miracle, but the humming of the motor reminded us that we would soon be home, sweet home; and in the good old home church and hear Brother Sawgalsky preach; see the faces of those we love so much, and our good pastor welcomed us. My, we drove and talked of the goodness of God and thought of the words of Isa 35:10: "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; and obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

Yours in Him,

MARIETTA TRADER.

WILL SHORT.

EVANGELIST BURTON A. HALL

Healdton, Okla., Oct. 5.—Dear Brother Muse. It is once more that I write to the Pentecostal Holiness Faith. I am still saved and determined to make Heaven my home. Just closed a two weeks' meeting north and west of Ringling, Okla., with wife and Sister Ella Griffin to help do the preaching. Good attendance and lots of conviction. Closed on account of bad weather. Am not feeling good in body. Want all the saints to pray for my hearing as it is very bad at present. Will send in 50 cents for the renewal of my paper as the time is out and I don't want to miss a number. Was in a fine service Saturday night. The fire fell and the saints shouted and had a good time at Dillard, Okla. Pray for us that we will obey the Lord. Your brother in Jesus.

C. E. KENNEDY.

Henryetta, Okla., Oct. 5.—Dear Faith family. I feel it my duty this morning to let you folks know how bad we need some help here. There are several Pentecostal Church members here, but they all have their membership other places. They own a good lot and plenty of seats to seat a building, and have no building. The most of them are discouraged and have quit trying to get a building on the lot as most of them are like most of Holiness folks, they are poor. But I have not seen a better opportunity anywhere for a church than here. And I am sure if we could get enough money to make a payment on a building we could soon pay it out and have another lively church added to the Conference. And if you that are really interested in genuine Pentecostal doctrine being taught and could see and know the corrupt things that are going under the name of Pentecost here, surely you would say: "Let's put up the real Pentecostal standard for Jesus' sake." Now, dear ones, pastors, laymembers, missionary workers, one and all, won't you get an offering at once and help us put this place over the top for Jesus? We can do it with a little faith and a little work. All that can and will send offerings can send them to me and I will keep the names that send and if anything should happen that we cannot get the building I will surely return all to senders. Please talk to the Lord about it and act as He lays it on your heart. Your sister in Jesus, saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides just now.

MRS. RAY MOSS.

General Delivery, Henryetta, Oklahoma.

You are invited to send in your requests for prayer. Make them short and to the point.
THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS FAITH

GRASSHOPPER CHRISTIANS

The pastor was preaching on that passage of Scripture which tells of the sending of spies into the land of Canaan and of their report when they came back. He spoke of that part of their report which dealt with the size of the men seen by the spies in Canaan. According to the report of some of the people of Canaan were so large that they, the spies, were as grasshoppers in their sight, and the spies said, “We felt about the size of grasshoppers.” Meditating on this shameful admission is what brought to mind the above title.

Grasshopper Christians are those who are always fearful, those who view opposing forces as tremendous difficulties, who greatly magnify their obstacles and look upon their hard places as tremendous trials. They make a great deal of talk about these things, and we know that talking about things that oppose us usually causes them to appear larger than ever.

Caleb and Joshua are just the opposite kind. They see giants, walled cities, fortresses, and armies; but they see them through the glass of faith, and they do not look so large.

Which kind are we? —Exchange.

Hear the truth: The early church prayed in the upper room, but the twentieth century church cooks in the supper room.

Today the supper room has taken the place of the upper room. Play has taken the place of prayer and feasting the place of fasting.

There are more full stomachs in the church than there are bended knees and broken hearts.

There is more fire in the kitchen range than there is in the church pulpit. When you build a fire in the church kitchen, it often, if not altogether, puts out the fire in the pulpit. And ice cream chills the fever of the spiritual life.

The early Christians were not cooking in the supper room the day the Holy Ghost came, but they were praying in the upper room.

They were not waiting on tables, but they were waiting on God.

They were not waiting for the fire from the stove, but for the fire from above.

They were detained by the command of God, and not entertained by the cunning of men.

They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and not stuffed with stew or roast.

Oh, we would like to see the cooking squad put out, and the praying band put in.

Less ham and sham and more heaven.

Less pies and more piety.

Less use for the cook and more use for the old book.

Let us put out the fire in the church stove and build it in the church altar.

More love and more life.

Fewer dinners, and get after sinners.

Let us have a church of servers, serving God and waiting for His dear Son from heaven.—Selected.

John McGlue was born Feb. 22, 1901. Was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and lived a good life. He leaves a father and mother and two brothers and four sisters and a host of friends to mourn his death. He died Sept. 20, 1926, at his home west of Seminole. His stay on earth was 24 years and six months and 20 days. May the grace of God be with the bereaved ones. The funeral was preached by the writer. He was laid away to await the resurrection in the Seminole cemetery.

C. E. NEUKIRCHNER.

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13:2) what Christ refused at his hands—all prophecy is but a supernatural foreseeing and foretelling of a terminus to which current politics are bound, automatically to arrive.

Roman Church and State

So, immediately after the imperial resurrection, the Holy Spirit unveils exactly what we should expect—the Roman state and the Roman church is close but embarrassed alliance: the tenant after the death of the owner suddenly confronted by the owner of the house come back: the “Holy Roman Empire,” summed up in the church, awkwardly housed under the same roof with the pagan empire returned from the grave. The woman (the church) is seen, not guiding and ruling, but supported and directed by the wild beast: “I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet colored beast” (Rev. 17:3). On Oct. 25, 1922, Mussolini said to the Fascist legions on the eve of their march on Rome: “In Rome took place the greatest miracle known to history—the transformation of an oriental religion, which we did not understand, into a universal religion, which under another form has taken over the empire carried by the consular legions of Rome unto the ends of the world.”

Thus the Fascist outlook is the old Roman attitude—a pagan use of what it regards as an oriental superstition. And the seven-hilled woman is as effectively a reflection as the seven-hilled beast. Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, said in 1924: “There are 300,000,000 Roman Catholics in the world. The great war obliterated, without the lifting of a finger by the Pope, the three principal enemies of the Roman faith—the Kaiser, the Czar, and the Sultan. Today, ten years after the commencement of the war, there are more than twice as many foreign states which maintain formal diplomatic relations with the Holy See as there were before the war. In 1914, only eleven states had envoys at the Vatican. Today twenty-four are thus represented. There will shortly be three more.”

Little Fred Bramelette was born Aug. 11, 1918. He was killed by a truck Oct. 8, 1926, at Seminole, Okla. It was a sad hour for the child’s parents and friends, but we can have hope to see little Fred again. He leaves to mourn his death a father and mother and two brothers and a sister. His stay on earth was 8 years, one month and 27 days. His remains were laid away to rest in the Seminole cemetery Oct. 9, 1926. The funeral was preached by the writer.

C. E. NEUKIRCHNER.
The Vatican secretly dreads the Fascist; but the Society of Jesus supports Mussolini: it is the Jesuit who holds the stirrup for the woman to vault into the saddle; but she is uneasily conscious that she is vaulting to her doom. "He who rides a tiger," says a Chinese proverb, "must never dismount."

**Rome-Worship**

But a further extraordinary feature is revealed. The seven heads are designated by names of blasphemy, and they come up thus crowned (Rev. 17:1): that is, not only are the seven emperors worshiped, but also the seven hills: "and I saw a wild beast coming up, having seven heads (seven hills) and upon his heads names of blasphemy" (Rev. 13:1). Rome herself was worshiped as a goddess in conjunction with the emperor. "Among the cities of this sort," says Montfaucn, "there were none more celebrated than the goddess Rome, and that not only in the city of Rome, but in other cities also of the Roman Empire, as Nice and Ephesus, where both temples and altars were erected to her; nor was any deity more worshiped at Rome than the goddess Rome herself."

Could anything be more astounding than the fact that in the twentieth century a government of one of the great civilized powers should issue officially a document for the worship of Rome? Here are three of the ten commandments in the Fascist catechism, also read out by the bishop of Brescia:

1. "Am Italy, thy mother, thy sovereign, thy goddess.
2. Thou shalt have no other mother, sovereign or goddess above me.
3. Thou shalt honour her god and keep her festivals.

The seven hills, crowned with blasphemy, are re-emerging from their oblivion of a millennium and a half.

**Emperor-Worship**

Finally, resurrected Rome will be embodied, as of old, in a deified emperor: both restorations, of empire and emperor, occur simultaneously, or nearly so; as also the deification of both. When Alexander the Great planned a colossal world-state, he deliberately planned, as a state policy carefully developed for years, that he would put his autocracy beyond challenge by creating himself a god. He expected to have Mount Athos carved into a gigantic statue of himself, with a town of ten thousand people in his right hand. Julius Caesar (Mussolini's model) first gathered—exactly as Mussolini is doing—all the vital state offices into his own grasp, next planned the grandiose rebuilding of Rome, and then assumed godship; and, whatever other gods he might possess, every Roman citizen was obliged, as part of his citizenship, to worship the emperor as god. The Roman senate decreed a statue in bronze to Julius Caesar, standing upon a globe, and bearing the very word (Italian "mito") which the senate gave Mussolini, after the attempted assassination—Caesar the Demigod; and placed the statue over against that of Jupiter in the Pantheon. We do not, yet know whether Mussolini (the only great surviving personality thrown up by the greatest war of all history) is the coming Seventh Emperor; but Rome is even now crammed with an apocalyptic atmosphere. Mussolini has been presented with a gigantic bust of himself, displayed in an exhibition sponsored by the Italian government; the statue is ten times life size, and on the dictator's is carved the wreath of a Roman emperor. Nor is the coming White Terror any more tender or merciful than the Red. "The tyranny of the Fascist organization," says the Times (Oct. 28th, 1922), "is complete, and it is a brutal and intolerant tyranny."

I know plenty of White officers," says Mr. Arthur Ransome, "who were captured by the Reds and are working in Russia today: I do not know one single Communist who has survived being captured by the Whites." Such is the nameless horror (compound of both terrors) foretold by Daniel—"terrible and powerful, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet" (Dan. 7:7).

**Postscript**

Since this article was written, authoritative confirmation is forthcoming on the paradoxical relations between the Roman state and the Roman church. So bitter is Fascist antagonism to the Popular party, which is described by its leader, Don Sturzo (Contemporary Review, June, 1926)—himself now a hunted fugitive—as "the entry of the Catholic masses into the political life of Italy under the party banner," that a Fascist leader, Signor Finzi, exclaims: "Better Communists than Popolari!" Nevertheless, Jesuit support of Fascism has deep roots in papal philosophy. "Those who take the trouble," says an article which has received beforehand the approval of Signor Mussolini, "to peruse the pages of St. Thomas Aquinas, and more especially of the Jesuit Suarez, will find Fascism as a theory of state already very clearly expounded" (National Review, June, 1926).

Private advices, also received since this article was in type, reveal the Gospel's peril in Italy as few people yet conceive it. "Men have been stoned to death on the streets for selling or giving away Scriptures. All have to bow on one knee as Mussolini passes and raise the right arm. Postage stamps do not now bear the king's head. It is truly a Reign of Terror."—D. M. Panton, B. A., in The Dawn.

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