

the Old Serpent, Satan, and the Devil, is the arch deceiver and chief enemy of God and man. Both Satan and his ministers claim to be the enlighteners of the people and often pose as the representatives of Christ, and thereby deceive and practice fraud upon credulous persons. Concerning this it is written in the Bible: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, trans-

forming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."—2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

(To be continued)

[The foregoing is one of a series of recorded talks by Judge Rutherford on important issues of this day. The phonograph records may be run on the ordinary type of machine and are being widely used for passing important information on to relatives, friends, and neigh-

bors near and far. The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., are the distributors of these unusual records, and inquiries may be addressed to them direct or in care of *The Golden Age*.]

Why Salter* Lost His Job

ODDLY enough, it just so happened that the editor of *The Golden Age* was present when Salter lost his job. Now is an opportune time to narrate the essential facts. This is done with no malice. It is done without either the knowledge or consent of Judge Rutherford, and without his suggestion. It is done in the interests of Jehovah's kingdom, of justice, peace and truth—earth's only hope.

Salter lost his job, not because of attempted (but foiled) sequestration of funds of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, nor because of the purchase of a fur coat for his ladyfren with a portion of those funds. Either one of those reasons would have been ample. He was in a position of trust; he proved that he was not to be trusted. That is enough.

He lost his job because he was lazy and unfaithful and treacherous. That was the real reason.

Nobody is big enough, in the Lord's organization, or in any other organization, in these days, to lie down on his job and expect to get away with it. Only the other day the stockholders of the Bethlehem Steel Company, some of them, wanted to fire Charles M. Schwab (once accounted one of the greatest men in the United States) because, so they thought, he was no longer of use to the company of which he is the head. Salter would not work.

At the time he was fired, employees who were

supposed to be working under Salter's direction testified repeatedly that they did not know what his duties were; that he did not show up until around 10:00 in the morning; quit work promptly at noon; slept until 3:00 or sometimes 4:00 in the afternoon, and sometimes was not seen after the noon whistle blew, the rest of the day. Sometimes he spent the afternoons dictating personal letters to his ladyfren stenographer. They were read at the hearing, many of them.

The letters were largely to faithful or supposedly faithful persons in the Lord's organization, lauding himself, defending himself, justifying himself. Or they were to unfaithful persons, already out of the organization, commending them for their unfaithfulness and expressing his regret that, on account of his position, he could not speak as freely as he would like.

The Letters Were a Scream

The letters were a scream. At the hearing, the ladyfren stenographer was so seated in the room that, as she read the letters, there was no way in which Salter could give her the wink, or shake his head in disapproval, or steer the matter in any way. (She read her stenographic notes.)

As she read aloud, when she came to a particularly bad place, where it was very apparent that the cat was being let out of the bag, she tried to omit a sentence or a paragraph. With kindness in speech and manner, Judge Rutherford called her attention to the omission, and asked her to reread. It only helped to emphasize

* Formerly of the Canadian Branch of Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society.

the fact that nobody can be unfaithful to God and cover it up. This happened repeatedly.

It was perfectly apparent to everybody present that Salter was unfit for his place. He was given the opportunity to resign, before the letters were read. Not knowing Judge Rutherford had transcriptions of all his ladifren's stenographic notes, he tried to bluff his way through. He failed.

After one of his letters had been read in which Salter had admitted that he does not believe the Lord is present, and that he counts those who have broken with the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society as his real brethren in Christ, the writer of this memorandum suggested that it was unnecessary to go further, and that Judge Rutherford should husband his strength for the great tasks the Lord has entrusted to him.

But although, as this writer personally chanced to know, Judge Rutherford was under a great nervous strain in parting with this man who had been counted a friend (Psalm 41:9; John 13:18), he preferred to proceed so that Salter could never say he had not had a fair hearing.

At the conclusion, and long before the conclusion, one with any manhood or honesty in his make-up would have thought Salter would have honestly admitted that he had been dishonest, deceitful, treacherous and lazy, and unworthy of employment in any enterprise where the sterling qualities of honesty, industry and truthfulness, to say nothing of courage, are absolutely essential.

But he bluffed it through to the end. When nothing more could be done, he was dismissed, and properly so. After Salter's dismissal Judge Rutherford, still moved with kindness toward

the erring, invited him to dine with the family, and Salter accepted the invitation.

You Have Seen the Salter Letters

After his position was gone, Salter attended the Canadian convention where Judge Rutherford gave the address on "Work" which appears in *The Watchtower* for October 15, 1936. It was good to hear. That address, every word of it, was prepared in the forenoon of the day Salter was given his hearing. That is how busy men have to conserve their time.

When the discourse was delivered Salter came around saying, in effect, that he now saw his error; that he had been all wrong; that he was convinced it is the duty of Jehovah's people to really work in the interest of the "great multitude", the "Jonadabs", those 'marked in their foreheads', those 'with Noah in the ark', those 'fleeing to the cities of refuge', those seeking Jehovah, meekness and righteousness, Jesus' "other sheep", the "sheep" divided from the "goats", those that

hear and say "Come", the 'ten men taking hold on the Jew', those 'fleeing to the mountains', the 'many nations going up to Jehovah's mountain', the "Ebed-melech" class, those that "go down to the sea in ships", the lately delivered "prisoners", the 'virgins her companions that follow the Bride', the "mixed multitude" of the Exodus, the "Nethinims", the "Gibeonites", the 'strangers at the feast of tabernacles', and, one of the best of all, "Joseph's ten brethren."

But don't imagine, for a minute, that Salter had any grasp at all of any or all of these great truths, which he could have had from the Lord through *The Watchtower*, had he been willing to be honest and industrious. He was merely trying to regain his hold on Judge Rutherford's

WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY

OFFICE OF
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Every cent received by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society is accounted for by this office.

Not one cent of the funds of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society went into the construction of the house at San Diego where Judge Rutherford does his winter work. It was a gift of friends. I did not know of the existence of the house until I read of it in *The Golden Age*.

Not one cent of the funds of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society went into either of the Cadillac cars used by Judge Rutherford at San Diego and Brooklyn. They were gifts of friends.

As to the property at Staten Island, the location of WBBT, while this property was bought for the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society by its President, J. F. Rutherford (and is now worth several times what he paid for it), yet it never belonged to him for one minute and he never made one cent of profit by the transaction.

I know of nothing in Scripture or in reason that should hinder any man from receiving gifts from those who love him, more especially when those gifts are used entirely in the interests of the Lord and His people.

In the interests of truth and justice,

Very sincerely yours,

H. E. Campbell
Secretary and Treasurer.

Salter knew all the above facts. Why, then, object?

esteem and confidence. At heart he despised all these instructions of the Lord, and now says so plainly in the letters which you have probably seen by the time this reaches you.

None of Jehovah's People Will Be Moved*

None of Jehovah's people will be moved by anything that a man like Salter could say. They know that this work is Jehovah's own work and nothing can overthrow it. If for no other reason, they are comforted, blessed, strengthened by the bread of life from God's own Word, as it comes to them through the columns of *The Watchtower*. When a man is constantly supplied with more food than he can eat, why try to tell him he is starving? God is fulfilling His promise to those who have 'brought all their tithes into His storehouse'. The blessings are more than they can receive, i.e., retain and remember.

It is nothing new that Jesus and His followers are accused of being winebibbers. Did that charge affect in any way Jesus' standing with His heavenly Father? Not an iota. Why did Jesus use it? He was under great nervous strain. It provided a perfect nutrient, immediately assimilable. A chiropractor, once treating Judge Rutherford and the writer at the same time, said to the judge, as he saw his back suffering from ankylosis (six vertebrae fused together by pneumonia), "You are a miracle of God's grace." At the same time he said to the writer, "He is bearing a burden that would utterly crush you." Read that paragraph twice, and make the most of it, all you hypocrites that wish to remain hypocrites to the end. You will get your wish, and your reward.

When it comes to work, there are plenty of people in Jehovah's organization who are doing all they can do. Some of them, occasionally, turn all night, over and over, too tired to sleep. Judge Rutherford does that, too, for you, if you love God. If you don't, it is all O.K. with him. He is just a "sheep", trying to do his Master's will.

*This was illustrated by S. M. Godfrey, of Pennsylvania, a faithful and intelligent company servant in the Keystone State, who, immediately on receipt of Salter's infamous diatribe against the Society which had supported him for twenty years, wrote him as follows:

Sir:—I received one of the circular letters which you sent out, and these few lines are to express my contempt for one who would take the course that you have taken. I refer espe-

If you are a "goat", just go right ahead and make all the goat noises and goat odors that you wish. Nobody will hinder you.

Despicable Methods, Judas-like

In mailing out his letters Salter used despicable methods, the most Judas-like of anything this writer has ever seen. One method was to try to communicate with company servants by communications mailed from Brooklyn in envelopes bearing in the upper left corner what would lead the recipient to believe the letter was from "Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, 117 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y." The tan envelopes used were never purchased by the Society; the imprint in the corner is a forgery; the contents, ostensibly from the Society, were and are from the Devil, with Walter Salter as the tool used by him to endeavor to hoodwink some into leaving the Lord and His truth and coming over into some unnamed organization where their nickels and dimes would help feed a man that was too lazy to honestly feed himself.

That Brings Up the Subject of Money

Money is of the Devil. Everybody knows it, and everybody with any sense looks forward to its Divine destruction. While God's people are in the Devil's world it is necessary in the Lord's work. It is useful in building and operating printing plants and office buildings, homes, gardens, shiploads of paper, world-wide radio hookups, and a thousand and one other things not necessary to be named. The Lord called it "the mammon of unrighteousness" and urged that it be used to God's glory.

Salter, forgetting the funds which he tried to sequester from the Society, professes to be aggrieved because Judge Rutherford has quarters in San Diego where (on account of having had pneumonia at least twice) he does his work in winter. It is a permanent home, deeded to King David, in the interests of Jehovah's kingdom.

cially to the letter sent by you or one of your associates enclosed in a Watch Tower envelope and purporting to be from the Society, in which the company servant is instructed (instructed by one who has manifested that he has become a servant of Satan) to have this letter read and discussed at company meetings.

Your estimate of the intelligence of Jehovah's witnesses is all wrong if you think they will be misled by your methods. You should join with the Roman Catholic Hierarchy: they would welcome you with open arms and you could show them some new tricks. Jude 11-16, to my mind, seems to fit your present condition.

Meantime it is occupied by one of the hardest-working men in the world, Judge Rutherford. It isn't a shanty; it is a real home; and nobody but a Judas would object to its erection or occupancy.

The same can be said of the other places mentioned. Salter was even mean enough to mention the headquarters at Magdeburg, Germany, which Judge Rutherford built for the comfort of all the workers there before Hitler the Madman took over the country. There is no information in this office that Judge Rutherford ever reserved a room for himself at the Magdeburg home. But, suppose he did; whose business is it? At no time could he ever have been there more than a week or so in any one year. Was it not all right for him to have a place to sleep?

Or is it so that, having, like Abraham, given up all, and confessed that he is a stranger and pilgrim in the earth, now in Brooklyn, now in London, now in San Diego, now in Paris, now in Berne, now somewhere else, he should have no creature comforts, but give them all up so that some flatfoot that never knew what real work is could sleep from noon till four o'clock in the afternoon, digesting a dinner he did not earn?

That's About All There Is to It

That's about all there is to it. Salter was fired because he is unfaithful and lazy. He tries to make a hit by referring to Judge Rutherford in capitals twelve times in one letter as "THE PRESIDENT". Well, he is that; isn't he? And a real one, too. Just make a slip of any kind in your work, and see how long it is before you know that the one that should know about it does know about it. He directs the entire work, and should. He is the elected president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, as, for example (and with his nomination), C. J. Woodworth is president of the Golden Age Publishing Company.

Why be so small?

Oh, yes, one more little item. Just for a laugh. Salter pans *The Golden Age*. He disapproves of it—now. He used to write inane items from Canada. Nobody found them very interesting. But they were all neatly typed. Somebody at the hearing said that was about all he did. He didn't do the typing; somebody else did that. But he picked out the newspaper clippings that were to be copied. And it was brought out that he sometimes held them over for as long as five

months so that he could have something to send in each month.

When this was brought to Judge Rutherford's attention, he said, "Now wouldn't that stop your grandmother's clock?"

Salter says *The Golden Age* uses "blood-curdling stuff and obscene language", meaning, of course, the cartoon where is illustrated the statement of Jehovah God:

They give gifts to all whores; but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom. And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee; therefore thou art contrary.—Ezekiel 16: 33, 34.

Access to Stenographic Report

Salter's above sneer at Jehovah God was intended to be the end of the foregoing article, but since then access was unexpectedly obtained to the full stenographic record of the hearing.

The records show that Salter persisted in doing things his own way, instead of as instructed by the president of the Society. Thus: When the president instructed him to wait regarding certain building operations, he went ahead without delay. When he was asked to remove the partition he had caused to be constructed, to shut himself off from the rest of the office, he never removed it. When he was instructed not to submit transcription records to the Canadian Broadcasting Commission, he submitted them for censorship, resulting in dishonor to Jehovah's great and holy name, and, incidentally, imposing a great additional expense and inconvenience upon the Society. It was an act of disloyalty to the Lord.

In the Brooklyn office, the one then directing the office work there, R. J. Martin, had his desk in the middle of the office, accessible from every direction. The desk of his successor is there to this day. On account of Salter's tendency to perverseness, Martin had no confidence in him, ever.

Subsequent to his submission of the transcription records to Ottawa censorship, Salter, in a class meeting, falsely claimed that when Judge Rutherford filed with the Paris radio authorities a verbatim statement of his address, he was submitting to censorship. Such was wholly false. At no time has Judge Rutherford ever permitted any of his addresses to be censored by any-

body. Filing a record is one thing; submitting records to be approved or disapproved or censured is quite another and a different thing.

And, in any event, since Salter was appointed to his position by Judge Rutherford, what kind of business was it for him to mention in the presence of others what he considered to be a mismove on the part of his superior? Such would not be permitted in any worldly organization.

Who Wants a Disorganizer?

Nobody wants a disorganizer; everybody tries to get rid of disorganizers as soon as they develop malcontent in themselves or in others. It is hard enough work building up an organization, and keeping it up. It doesn't take any brains or any heart to tear it down. Any fool can do that.

The central theme of Jehovah's organization today is to do the will of God by proclaiming from door to door that Jehovah's kingdom, now present, is the one and only hope of the world. The literature of the Kingdom flows from God's Word, through the pen of Judge Rutherford, over the Watch Tower printing presses, and out by the millions of copies at the hands of faithful servants of the Most High God in every land and in every language.

The books going out at the rate of 24,457,111 last year, and with a total up to last October of 229,675,028, Salter has advertised (as widely as he dared) that Jehovah's people are "getting nowhere" with the work God has entrusted to them. Before being dismissed he did not engage in the service work to any extent, except when out with his ladifren at week ends. He seldom gave words of encouragement to those who did go out.

The man who said that "to damn a thing with faint praise is to give it the damndest kind of a damning" sized it up pretty well. Salter damned the service work with faint praise: 'It was for others, if they wished, but it did not actually amount to anything. The real work was far ahead.'

Enlargement of the Gall Bladder

Can you imagine any man, appointed to a job by another man, and then evil enough, foolish enough, conceited enough, to say in the presence of others that he is confident that the man who appointed him will die, an object of God's wrath at Armageddon, and he, the great, the wise, the

prudent, the capable, will take his place and do what Rutherford tried to do and couldn't? The man needs to be pruned. He should submit himself to the specialists and let them excavate his gall bladder and remove his inordinate self-esteem. He said to a fellow employee that his hands were tied. That is just what the Lord said, "Bind him hand and foot, . . . and cast him into outer darkness."—Matthew 22:13.

When R. J. Martin, then directing Brooklyn office work, died, Salter said to a fellow employee, "I feel there is something in this for me. It is going to make a change for me." "If a man thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." (Galatians 6:3) W. F. Salter never will see the day at his best when he could show the good judgment of R. J. Martin at his worst.

Interspersed with his extravagant egotism Salter had gleams of sanity. In a letter to Judge Rutherford, February 24, 1936, he said, truthfully, "I make no claim to being a student or speaker. I am a rotten reader." Again, he said, "I have never aspired to any big position in the organization."

Yet this man, in an organization where men must be students, must be speakers, must be intelligent and eager readers, had the hardihood to state to others that the Lord would kill Judge Rutherford at Armageddon because he had usurped the Society, and that then a great work would be done. And who would do it? Why, bless your innocence! "I will be about his present age at that time. I have a great work to do, but I am handicapped; my hands are tied." If that is wisdom, may God deliver *The Golden Age* from having any. And the mighty Salter thinks it doesn't have any, at that.

Personal Hatred of His Benefactor

A mean person, a low person, hates his benefactor, for the same reason that Lucifer hated Jehovah God. Walter F. Salter is on record as saying that in 1918 Judge Rutherford was imprisoned because of his own fault. What a lie! He was imprisoned for being a Christian in wartime.

He accused him, to the Toronto Bethel family, as being a severe autocrat. This disturbed the whole office force; and it is not true. He stated that he coveted flattery; that also is a lie. In a letter to one of the regional servants he said of his benefactor, "I have sensed for a long time

that he is longing to get something on me, for some reason." Imagine the disorganizing influences of such a letter. And in the meantime he wrote to Judge Rutherford never a word of these suspicions so eagerly peddled to others. Moreover, if he had the least common sense, he could have reasoned accurately that Judge Rutherford could discharge him at a moment's notice.

He foolishly stated that Judge Rutherford had fixed himself so that no man could give him an order. Judge Rutherford never cast a vote for himself in his life, not one, nor did he ever ask anybody else to vote for him. In the fall of 1917 Jehovah's people throughout the earth voted that he should be their president. As a matter of fact, Judge Rutherford rarely attends the annual meetings of the Society.

What peculiar animus against his benefactor must have urged Salter to seek to discredit Judge Rutherford because of the gift of automobiles mentioned in the letter of W. E. Van Amburgh reproduced in this issue! At no time were the Society's funds ever used to purchase automobiles for J. F. Rutherford; his cars were always gifts from friends.

But here is the strange entry on the other side of the ledger, that the Society did purchase a car for Salter, and whereas Judge Rutherford uses his cars in the Lord's work, Salter wore his out driving about the country doing things other than serving the Lord. In fifteen years, doing identical work in a much larger field, Robert J. Martin never owned a car nor wanted one.

Disloyal to God's Organization

Salter was disloyal to God's organization. He did not hesitate to refer to the Brooklyn office in contemptuous language. They (Brooklyn office men) were young fellows with no experience; he could not afford to follow them. As he put it, "We have to work with the organization, but we don't have to think with it." That's loyalty for you.

When Percy Chapman was put in his place, Salter raised his hand in pledge that he would be absolutely loyal and obedient to the Society's instructions under the new Canadian administration. You know now what was in his mind at the time. When dismissed he told Judge Rutherford, "I would have done the same thing myself," and, "I did not resign for the pure reason that I believe it is the Lord's organization and I

would not resign therefrom." Now he says he has known for a long time that it is not the Lord's organization. Believe whichever story you like.

No Confidence in The Watchtower

Persons in the Toronto Bethel family discerned many months ago that it was apparent Salter did not accept many *Watchtower* articles; at times he seemed bored, and showed enthusiasm only when something came up that called the *Watchtower* presentations in question.

In private conversations and even from the public platform he advised against accepting what is in *The Watchtower* as from the Lord; they were merely "plausible explanations"; they merely represented Judge Rutherford's thoughts on the matter. In one public discourse he dismissed these thoughts of Judge Rutherford as "thinks of men".

Once, in the office, holding *The Watchtower*, he pointed to an article and said heatedly, so that several heard him, "That is childish reasoning, childish reasoning." Well, thank God, He still has some children, some that reason as He reasons. Judge Rutherford is one of those "little ones". Jesus said, for JUST SUCH: "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth."—Matthew 11:25.

In a letter to one who denies the second presence of the Lord, Salter said that while he still, at that time, recognized the Watch Tower as the Lord's organization, because he could not deny, then, that it was doing God's work in the earth, yet he denounced the work as being done "in a very crude and erratic manner". This from a man who truthfully admits that he is no student, no reader, no speaker, and that others admit is no thinker, no Christian and no real man.

He showed an unwillingness to accept and apply the later truths regarding the Memorial, that it is primarily to the great name of Jehovah God. To two he stated that "the Memorial used to have so much more significance, but seems so empty now, since so many new thoughts have been brought out". In other words, he took the cup of new wine handed to him by the Lord, and threw it back in his Savior's face with contempt, because he hated the means by which it came to him.

Upsetting the Faith of Others

It seems that when a man surrenders to the Devil he is not content with going himself, but

wants to take others with him. Hence Salter tried to undermine the faith of others in Jehovah's direction of His work in the earth. To a regional servant he said that the *Watchtower* committee should never have been discharged, but *The Watchtower* should still be edited by a committee, and not by one man. Judge Rutherford Scripturally sets out that no man or men edit *The Watchtower*, but that the Lord Jehovah is the Teacher through it.—Isaiah 54:13.

On one occasion, at a certain lecture to the Toronto Bethel family Salter made the statement that, even in cases where it seemed that a person is not in line with the truth, it was none of the business of any member of the family to interfere or call a halt. Why, that is identically the way the Devil would talk and the way he always does talk. He wants to be let alone.

One of the office force said of that talk, "When he talks like that I feel so depressed. I feel like a ship without a rudder. It seems to undermine one's faith; doesn't it?" And the answer is that it does, and was so designed and intended.

Salter made statements to many that the Watch Tower literature is not easy to understand, is often contradictory, and is over the heads of the people. None of these statements is true. What was his object in making them? His own good wife, not his ladifren, said that if she were to listen to him she would not be in the truth any time at all.

Painful to Call a Man a Liar

It is painful to call any man a liar and a son of the Devil, but that is what Jesus did, and backed it up with the evidence. So here goes for Salter, and you just get out your notebook and see if you can chart what was going through his mind when he made the following statements. One lie follows another. He lied one way to one kind of people and another way to another.

February 24, 1936, to Judge Rutherford: "I have misapplied *The Watchtower*. I confess this to the Lord and to you, and am sorry, and have taken the matter to the Lord in prayer and asked

his forgiveness. This has taught me more clearly than ever the great necessity of reading everything with greater care and diligence."

February 28, 1936, to a man who does not believe the Lord is present: "I am fully persuaded that there must be a very great revision of much that we have been taught to believe was the truth in recent years. I am prone to believe that when Armageddon breaks it will so completely break up our present organization that it will make the experiences of 1917 and 1918 appear as nothing. After that our great and mighty work."

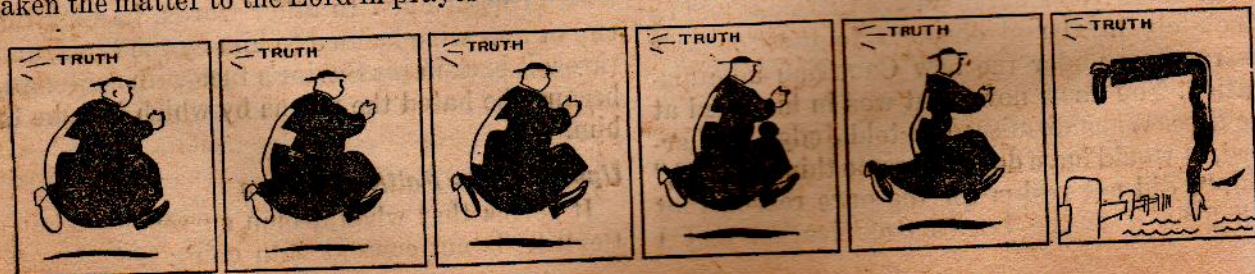
March 4, 1936, to a regional servant in Europe: "We are up against a brick wall over here, and from the last *Director* [Informant] there are 90 less workers in the field than there were for the corresponding year previous."

April 16, 1936, to a traveling representative in the United States: "I am firmly convinced that a mighty test is ahead for the church that will shake it from stem to stern. This I conclude from conditions as I see them in various companies of this land, and from reports I have concerning companies in the States, where I understand they are on the edge of a volcano."

April 20, 1936, to another traveling representative of the Society: "Everything in this office and throughout the entire country is in excellent condition." (Ready to blow up one day and perfectly all O.K. four days later.)

May 11, 1936, to the president: "The results for the seven months this year are still well ahead of the corresponding period of last year. The number of publishers in the field shows also a decided increase, there being 2940 as compared with 2570 last year."

Salter was not foursquare with Jehovah God. He was unfaithful to God and a traitor to God's cause. He connived with the enemy to overthrow the Society and its work. It was Judge Rutherford's duty to discharge him; he could do nothing less. "The time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God." The judgment day is here; "the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."



A Personal Statement Regarding Salter*

April 16, 1937

DEAR BROTHER RUTHERFORD:

I have just received a copy of Salter's latest tirade, which, for pure hypocrisy and deceit, has no equal. It is a series of deliberate perversion and misapplication of facts which brands it, without a question of doubt, as of the Devil, and his sole intention is to poison the brethren and lead them astray.

I have known this man for the past twenty or more years. We were "elders" together in the hectic days of 1917 and 1918. I have seen the man in his native "heather" with all his bombastic arrogance and conceit manifested from one end of Canada to the other. I have seen him here at Brooklyn, suave, deceitful and an entirely different man from outward appearance. I do not believe the man was ever in the truth, but was and is one of the biggest hypocrites I know.

During the number of years that he has represented the Society I have never known him at any time to give a talk on *The Watchtower* or any of the Society's publications, but he has always endeavored to use some *Tower* article or book to substantiate some rattle-brain scheme or theory of his own, an exact reproduction of the ministers who take a text of the Bible as a basis for their devilish theories. I am glad that the Lord has now torn the mask off and revealed the man for what he really is.

In the entire mass of junk that he is sending out there is but one accurate statement, and that is, that he was not capable of answering the party who is reported to have given him the material on our Lord's return and the resurrection of the saints. The man was at no time capable of giving an answer for the hope that was within him because he has really never seen the Lord's organization nor properly discerned the body of Christ.

His covering letter sending out this trash to the brethren is devilish in the extreme. He encloses it in one of the regular Watch Tower envelopes with the return address of 117 Adams Street, which was calculated, of course, to deceive the brethren and lead them to believe that the material was forwarded from the Society's headquarters. By referring to himself as "Salter" and you as "Brother Rutherford" he in-

tended to further his satanic scheme by creating the impression that this was submitted to the brethren for their consideration by the Society, and in order to further develop the deception he then created the impression that these were organization instructions which were not discretionary but entirely mandatory.

All of this reveals the man in his true position as one governed by deceit, hypocrisy, and as a willing tool of the adversary. The implication of his own action is that he is doing this to further the interests of the Lord's work. This would also imply, then, that the Lord was the author of this hypocritical and devilish procedure and would approve such a course of action. His god undoubtedly would, but Jehovah would not.

Salter "raises holy hands in horror" at the pictures and statements appearing in *The Golden Age* against the Hierarchy and the various other elements of the Devil's organization, but at the same time he is willing to defame and degrade the name of Jehovah God by implying that the course that he is following is approved before the Lord.

Regarding this tirade against you personally: I have never at any time seen such a manipulation, misapplication and perversion of simple facts with such devilish intent. His reference to your homes or offices at Columbia Heights, Staten Island, California, and in other places, as palatial residences with luxurious furnishings, etc., is a deliberate falsehood, and he knows it to be so. He knows that the furnishings of all three places are practical, business-office furniture intended for the furtherance of the Lord's work. In fact, it has often occurred to me, when I had occasion to be in your office for any length of time in the Lord's business, that it could be much more comfortable without taking away in the least from the efficiency of the Lord's work.

However, the fact that impresses me is that he deliberately lies and misrepresents conditions he knows of in order to interfere with the Lord's work. He knows that it is a physical impossibility to settle down and do the studying and research work necessary for the purpose of preparing the *Watchtower* and book material and other necessary Kingdom service at the office at 124 Columbia Heights, because of the innumerable interruptions of all sorts that occur there from the telephone, the various brethren call-

* At the last minute, just before going to press, a copy of this letter of T. J. Sullivan to Judge Rutherford was shown to the editor by its author. Its use was begged for this issue. All lovers of truth and justice will enjoy it.

ing up about this, that and the other thing. He also knows of your physical condition making it impossible for you to live in the eastern part of the United States during the winter months and look after the direction of the Lord's work and prepare the necessary material that should be prepared; that Staten Island affords an opportunity for you to get away and do this research work and prepare the material that is necessary to be prepared, and quiet, for proper thought and consideration to be given to it without the many interruptions; and that California enables you to work throughout the winter without the physical handicaps that you would have in the east. And, above all this, the manifest blessing of the Lord upon the tremendous amount of work that has been turned out under this arrangement is of itself sufficient answer to the foul charges made by this man. The Lord himself has blessed it and manifested His approval on the setup as it exists, and if Salter were not blinded to all honesty, justice and common decency, he would include these known facts in his letter, that the brethren might get a more accurate picture of the true situation.

His reference to your cars at Brooklyn and San Diego is similarly misleading. In the first place, he knows that these cars were not purchased by yourself or with the Society's resources, but were a present to you. In the second place, he does not tell the friends that this car is used in Brooklyn in the service when you are away.

His reference to the Society's resources is devilish in itself, because it is such a deliberate misrepresentation of facts that he is familiar with. The man knows he is lying and creates a false impression when he presents it the way he does. He refers to the fact that there is a difference between the cost of production of the literature and the amount at which the companies receive the literature, but he does not say that well over fifty percent of the literature placed is placed by pioneers at less than cost of production. He does not say that a very large percentage of this literature is shipped to foreign countries at even less than cost of production. He does not remind the friends of the thousands upon thousands of dollars that are spent every year on broadcasts and for the recorded programs on the different stations throughout the world. Nor does he call attention to the thousands more that are given to pioneers in con-

vention allowances and other provisions each year, nor the thousands that are sent throughout the earth to foreign lands to extend the Kingdom work in these places which are not self-sustaining. His letter implies that the difference in these amounts is something that you personally receive and use for your own pleasure, despite the fact that he knows that all monies received by the Society are received by the treasurer, banked by the treasurer, and that you could not, even if you wanted to, draw a personal check upon them.

If Salter were really halfway honest and wanted to give the brethren an accurate picture he would give them these facts; but that would not suit his purposes or the purposes of his father, and, as a willing tool, he confines his remarks to the limitations placed upon him to advance the interests of his Satanic majesty.

I am surely thankful to the Lord that during the past twelve years I have been enabled to be in a position to know the true facts regarding these situations, although even without that knowledge there would be no justification for accepting Salter's vilification of yourself.

The Lord's blessing upon the Kingdom service throughout the earth during the past twenty-odd years that you have served as president of the organization is the greatest proof, of course, of His favor and blessing, but this willful and deliberate misrepresentation of facts with such devilish ingenuity, which I know to be false, established beyond any shadow of doubt in my mind that the other things he brings up in his letter, which I do not happen to be familiar with, are just as false and misleading and instigated by the Devil for the purpose of opposing the Lord and the advancement of His organization.

Relative to his "crackpot" theories on our Lord's return and the resurrection of the saints, and Armageddon: These are not worthy of receiving any consideration. Anyone who has read *The Watchtower* during the past fifteen or more years will readily see that his play on words to set aside the mass of Scriptural evidence is worse than childish and is nothing but the babbling of one who, if he ever had any truth in him, has now turned into darkness.

The mass of evidence appearing in the parables of the "Pounds", "Talents", "Wise and Foolish Virgins", "Sheep and Goats", Lord's Coming to His Temple, in "Birth of The Nation", revealing the two organizations, and, in fact,

all the Kingdom literature, up to and including the "Joseph" articles and "Song of the Harlot", so definitely repudiates the position taken by Salter and his associates that anyone with the mind of the Lord will have no trouble in discerning the truth on this matter. But the colossal audacity of the man is manifest in expecting you to set aside the columns of *The Watchtower*, which the Lord is using to bring forth such vital truth as contained in the "Joseph" articles, "Malachi," "Song of the Harlot," and devote its pages to the discussion of his theories on Armageddon and the Lord's return. I and all the rest of the Lord's people truly thank the Lord that you have the vision, courage and uncompromising devotion to the Lord that will not consider

such a compromise under any circumstances.

I feel better that I have gotten this off my chest, and I want you to know that I am convinced that the Lord's people throughout the earth appreciate your loyalty and devotion to Him and His cause and that such inconsistent vilification and misrepresentation as Salter and his associates distribute only more clearly manifest your true integrity and devotion to the Lord and His cause.

May Jehovah continue to preserve and direct you in the vindication of His name and to the comfort and aid of His people in this great battle that we are privileged to be in.

Your brother and fellow servant,

T. J. SULLIVAN.

The American Medical Liberty League

THE American Medical Liberty League, Inc., 404 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., has for twenty years been waging a fight against the domination of the American Medical Association.

People have been and are being educated to know that it is NOT necessary to submit to injections, vaccinations and serumization. The protests against these practices are growing stronger continually.

There are now six states where compulsory vaccination is prohibited by law, and thirty-nine states where they have no compulsory statute; seven where compulsion is optional with the local authorities, and but nine where vaccination is compulsory.

The object of the Medical Liberty League is to educate the public so that they may be allowed to say what shall be done with their bodies and the bodies of their children and that these rights may be protected by law.

The dues of the League are three dollars a year, which includes a subscription for the official organ, *The Truth Teller*, published semi-monthly. Its membership exerts an influence for good in that the object of the League is the prohibition of compulsory inoculation or other medical imposition upon individuals. Many of the *Golden Age* readers have been referred to the League and received valuable advice therefrom, and the secretary of the League informs *The*

Golden Age that not one of them has ever contributed a cent for such information.

Those Terrible Cartoons!

A SUBSCRIBER, grieved because she had obtained two new subscribers, and then they would see the cartoon on page 201 of the issue of December 30, wanted all cartoons stopped forthwith. She still has the idea that *The Golden Age* is trying to make converts out of goats. Nothing doing. Let the goats be—er—goats. The lady was advised, in part, regarding the cartoon in question:

It is not clear why it is so terrible, unless it be that it discloses the evidently terrible truth concerning that murderous organization, the Hierarchy. Unfortunately a good many people do not realize, and seemingly do not wish to realize, the wickedness of that system, and seem to resent the fact that *The Golden Age* is, to some extent at least, defending their liberties and their lives. If the Hierarchy gets control of this country, such people may shortly have something to complain about.

Twelve Villages Swallowed by Earthquakes

TWELVE villages in Transcaucasia were swallowed by fissures in the ground when earthquakes there caused a profound disturbance of the surface. A new river burst out of the mountainside. See *The Watchtower*, July 1, 1935, pages 195 and 196, for a hint as to what is ahead.