

robbed by people who don't care for the welfare of others. Greed is their god.—Frank Smith.

**GOVERNMENT BY FORCE.**—The chief of police asks for 1,392 additional policemen. If the theory of government that prevails generally, that repression is the way and force the foundation, is to continue, three times that number will not be enough.

The philosophy that government must rest upon force—a force that does not discriminate between right and wrong, but takes life, liberty and property at the whim of a legislature or the mistaken opinion of a judge, must ever and ever increase its demands for more policemen, more soldiers, more munitions of war and more of everything that is embraced in the arms of government by force.

This philosophy makes the standing of the policeman depend upon the number of arrests; the efficiency of the prosecutor upon the number of convictions, and not upon their success in preventing crime. The result is overcrowded jails, overworked judges and excessive taxes and increasing crime. Some day the philosophy may change. It may seek the cause of crime. It may cease to make by law innocent actions into crime. It may tear the mildewed framework of law itself into fragments and rebuild it upon a foundation of justice.

If so the need of policemen will diminish. At present law is founded mainly upon the preservation of privileges which deny justice. Hence the failure of force to preserve peace. Privilege forces the continuance of war and war demands more soldiers and policemen.

When lawmakers and the makers of lawmakers, the people themselves, shall perceive justice and change government from a repressive agent into a constructive agent that recognizes equal liberty and equal oppor-

tunity for each and every individual peace will come of itself.—George V. Wells.

**VERY ENCOURAGING.**—At present appearances are quite foreboding. Yet there is a ray of light shining through the darkness. One can easily see the old death mask falling from the face of the deceptions worshiped by our ancestors, and of which we also are victims. I am very young, not more than half the age of Methusalem, when at 960 some years he was called to his fathers. Yet in my brief day I have noted the death mask dissolving from that old death-head, theology, and now note the life of Christ shining in its stead.

Within the past month a leading theologian admitted that for 500 years Christianity had been a denial of Christ, or words to that effect. The applause given him was evidence that the preacher, who is truly a noble type of man, is growing up to the lead of his congregation. From such instances — and their number is growing—the inference is at least reasonable that Christianity may yet become Christian.

But more amazing still to one of my tender years is the fact that from the putrid carcass comes man-made laws and government. Those blinky-eyed, forked-tongued, wriggling bodies of antique villainy are slyly slipping back into their native habitat, the sewers of hell, and Socialism is spreading the aroma of peace and good will over the festering putrescence.

Wonders will never cease. Lawyers are becoming Socialists, proving beyond doubt the pardoning power and mercy of the Lord.

If in my fervid, youthful enthusiasm over the demise of the above stenches from primal nothingness I have painted their virtues in too glowing colors I am ready at any time to apologize to their papa, the devil, who according to late reports regrets their return to their native