

STUDY VIII

THE CRIES OF THE REAPERS

- (1) In our study of the labor situation, have we not overlooked a large conservative element in society, namely, the farmers? Give four reasons why the farmer class has been called "the back-bone" of society. Page 385
- (2) What remarkable changes in farm conditions have been witnessed during recent years, both in this country and in Europe? Page 386, par. 1 to Page 387, par. 1
- (3) How have the changes along religious lines affected the farmers? Page 388, par. 1
- (4) What mighty influence has been steadily undermining the prosperity of this conservative class in America and Europe? And how has it been accounted for by statesmen, philosophers and scientists? Page 388, par. 2, to Page 391, par. 1
- (5) As a result of depression in prices of farm products, what is the condition of the farmers, both in Europe and in America? Page 391, par. 2
- (6) Is there any Scriptural explanation for this situation? Page 392, par. 1 to 3
- (7) Does this prophecy apply to farm laborers, or to farmers in general, the world's "reapers"? What world-wide legislation has affected farmers everywhere? Page 392, par. 4
- (8) If silver were restored to its former monetary power, would it be a panacea for all present troubles? Page 393, par. 1
- (9) Explain how the demonetization of silver has disadvantaged the farmer. Page 393, par. 2, to Page 394, last par.
- (10) What classes have been greatly advantaged by the demonetization of silver? Page 395, par. 1
- (11) When the farmers had discovered the cause of their trouble, why did not the people of the United States restore silver to its former value as money? Page 395, par. 2, 3
- (12) How did the demonetization of silver come about? When did Great Britain demonetize silver, and for what purpose? Why did she not fully succeed in attaining her objects? What was the premium of silver above gold in 1872? Page 396, par. 1, to Page 397, par. 1

(13) When British financiers realized that by themselves they could not control gold or manufactures, what was their next step, and with what objects in view? Page 398, par. 1, to Page 399, par. 1

(14) What is the relation between "supply and demand," so far as wheat is concerned? What are the facts with respect to the constantly decreasing price of wheat compared with other products, excepting cotton and silver? Page 399, par. 2, to Page 400, par. 1

(15) Is it not possible that the demonetization of silver may have been forced upon Christendom by the law of "supply and demand"? What is the estimated total amount of gold in the world, and how is this sum related to the world's business demands? Page 400, par. 2, 3

(16) Is it conceivable that the representatives of all the nations of Christendom deliberately entered into a conspiracy against the heathen nations and against their own farmers? What statements have been made by prominent statesmen as to the facts re the demonetization of silver? Page 401, par. 1, to Page 407, par. 3

(17) What evidence is there that the farmers' cry, that reward for toil is kept back by fraud, is general to all gold-standard countries? Page 408, par. 1, to Page 409, first half

(18) Give two reasons why the present extreme depression of silver and of all commodities sold on a silver basis came about very gradually. Page 409, last par.

(19) In resume, then, what are the indisputable facts with respect to the "reapers," and the social and financial outlook? Page 410

(20) Show the remarkable corroboration of the foregoing facts with the prophecy of James 5:1-9. Page 411